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SB 277 Reengrossed	DIGEST 2016 Regular Session	Bishop
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Proposed law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to employ law enforcement officers for state museums. Provides that in addition to the authority otherwise conferred by law, the officers will be vested with the same authority and powers conferred by law upon regular law enforcement officers when acting within the course and scope of their duties, within the limits of their jurisdiction. Also authorizes officers to carry concealed or exposed weapons while acting within the course and scope of their duties.

Proposed law requires state museum police officers to complete a basic certified training program approved by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and to fulfill all requirements for basic firearms training.

Proposed law provides that state museum police officers shall have the right to exercise the power of arrest when discharging their duties on property under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and on all streets, roads, and rights-of-way within or contiguous to the perimeter of the property.

Present law authorizes the secretary of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism to appoint state park wardens to be vested with the same authority and power conferred upon regular law enforcement officers.

Present law provides that state park wardens shall enforce all rules and regulations of the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, and may carry concealed or exposed weapons while acting in the course and scope of their duties.

Proposed law retains present law and requires state park wardens to complete a basic certified training program approved by the Council on Peace Officer Standards and Training and fulfill all requirements for annual basic firearms training.

Proposed law requires that an archaeologist is employed in a full-time capacity at the Poverty Point State Historic Site.

Effective January 1, 2017.

(Adds R.S. 36:204(B)(8) and R.S. 56:1685.3 and 1688(E))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the original bill

1. Adds requirement that state museum police officers complete a basic certified training program and all requirements for annual basic firearms training.
2. Adds authorization for state museum police officers to make arrests when discharging their duties on property under the jurisdiction of Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.
3. Adds requirement that state park wardens complete a basic certified training program and fulfill all requirements for annual basic firearms training.
4. Changes effective date from August 1, 2016 to January 1, 2017.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Requires that an archaeologist is employed in a full-time capacity at the Poverty Point State Historic Site.