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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Establishes the La. Urban Search and Rescue Program within the office of state fire marshal.

Proposed law creates the La. Urban Search and Rescue Program in the office of state fire marshal within the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, which shall exercise the functions of the state for the development, coordination, response, and provision of resources to locate and extricate victims entrapped by man-made or natural disasters.

Proposed law provides for the selection and employment of a director of the program, an assistant to the director, and other personnel who may be needed to implement the program.

Proposed law directs the office of state fire marshal to develop policies and procedures related to the staffing, organization, and logistics of the program.

Proposed law directs the office of state fire marshal to promulgate rules and regulations for reimbursement of agencies participating in the program for expenses related to response team deployment and any other issues concerning the program's operation.

Proposed law creates the La. Urban Search and Rescue Program Fund within the state treasury, and provides that the source of monies deposited into the fund shall be legislative appropriation.

Proposed law provides for the treatment of unexpended or unencumbered monies in the fund and interest earned on investment of fund monies.

(Adds R.S. 40:1664.21 and 1664.22)