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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Transfers custody and control of historical statues and monuments that are removed from public display to the office of state parks within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Proposed law provides the following definitions:

- (1) "Public entity" means the state or any political subdivision, including any agency, board, or commission thereof.
- (2) "Historical statue or monument" means any statue, memorial, marker, or commemorative structure owned by a public entity and located on public property for the purpose of commemorating a historical person, event, or era.
- (3) "Office of state parks" means the office of state parks within the Dept. of Culture, Recreation and Tourism.

Proposed law requires any publicly-owned historical statue or monument that is removed from public display on or after the effective date of proposed law to be transferred to the office of state parks, including all rights of custody and control.

Proposed law requires the office of state parks to designate and maintain a location within the state park system for the placement of historical statues or monuments transferred pursuant to proposed law. Requires the office to determine the placement and manner of display with due regard for preservation and public access. Requires the office to provide signage or materials that provide accurate historical context, including the subject commemorated and the circumstances of its original placement and subsequent removal.

Proposed law authorizes the office of state parks to promulgate rules in accordance with present law (Administrative Procedure Act) to implement the provisions of proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 25:915)