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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT DIGEST

House Bill No. 495 by Representative Adams

Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

FIRE PROTECT/FIRE MARSHAL: Provides relative to the authority to investigate and make arrests for certain crimes

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Made technical changes.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Make technical corrections.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

<u>Present law</u> provides for specific offenses for which a fire marshal, the first assistant fire marshal, each deputy fire marshal, certified local authorities, and state or municipal arson investigators, while engaged in the performance of their duties, are authorized to investigate and make arrests.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the crime of simple arson.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds the crime of simple arson of a religious building to the list of offenses.

(Amends R.S. 40:1563.1(A))