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<b>Bill Number:</b>	H. 4247 Introduced on April 22, 2021
Author:	Chumley
Subject:	African American Confederate Veterans Monument
Requestor:	House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s):	Coomer, Gallagher, and Williams
Impact Date:	July 8, 2021 Updated for Additional Agency Response

## **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill requires an African American Confederate Veterans Monument to be placed on the State House grounds and creates the African American Confederate Veterans Monument Commission to determine the design and location of the monument.

This bill will have no expenditure impact on the Department of Administration (DOA), the House of Representatives, or the Senate since the duties of this bill can be accomplished using existing appropriations and staff.

To fulfill the duties enumerated in this bill, the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum anticipates the need to hire 1.0 FTE as a Band V Curator II, resulting in a recurring General Fund expenditure of \$49,595 beginning in FY 2021-22. Additionally, the agency indicates this bill will increase non-recurring General Fund expenditures by \$75,000 in FY 2021-22 for initial research expenses, associated travel, and general office equipment for the new FTE. In total, this bill will increase General Fund expenditures by \$124,595 in FY 2021-22 for the new FTE and initial research expenditures.

*This fiscal impact statement has been updated following a response from the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum.* 

## **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

#### Updated for Additional Agency Response on July 8, 2021 Introduced on April 22, 2021 State Expenditure

This bill requires an African American Confederate Veterans Monument to be placed on the State House grounds. The bill further creates the African American Confederate Veterans Monument Commission (commission) to determine the design and location of the monument. The commission is empowered to raise private funds to carry out its purpose and is able to create a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation for the purpose of receiving and disbursing funds for the monument. The commission is composed of five members from the House of Representatives, five members from the Senate, and the Chairman of the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum or their designee, who serves as chairman of the commission. The commission must

report the proposed design and location of the monument to the State House Committee for approval by July 1, 2022. Unless the duties of this bill are completed beforehand, the commission will be dissolved on January 1, 2026.

**Department of Administration.** This bill requires the staff of DOA to assist with the preparation and maintenance of financial records as they relate to the funding for the monument. DOA indicates that the duties of this bill can be accomplished using existing resources.

**House of Representatives and Senate.** This bill will require five members of the House of Representatives, as appointed by the Speaker of the House, to serve on the commission. The House of Representatives indicates they anticipate being able to accomplish the duties specified in this bill using existing appropriations and staff. It will also require five members of the Senate, as appointed by the President of the Senate, to serve on the commission. The Senate also indicates they anticipate being able to accomplish the duties specified in this bill using existing appropriations and staff.

Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum. This bill requires the Chairman of the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum, or their designee, to serve as chairman of the commission. Further, the commission is directed to consult with the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum to determine and confirm the names of African American Confederate veterans to be placed on the African American Confederate Veterans Monument. To fulfill the duties enumerated in this bill, the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum anticipates the need to hire 1.0 FTE as a Band V Curator II, resulting in a recurring General Fund expenditure of \$49,595 beginning in FY 2021-22. This employee will be responsible for researching and compiling documentation on African American Confederate pensioners and examining legislative records from the civil war era to identify African American Confederate veterans. Additionally, the agency indicates this bill will increase non-recurring General Fund expenditures by \$75,000 for initial research expenses, associated travel, and general office equipment for the Band V Curator II. In total, this bill will increase General Fund expenditures by \$124,595 in FY 2021-22 for the new FTE and initial research expenditures. This section of the impact statement has been updated following a response from the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum.

State Revenue N/A

Local Expenditure N/A

Local Revenue N/A

#### Introduced on April 22, 2021 **State Expenditure**

This bill provides for the establishment of an African American Confederate Veterans Monument on the State House grounds. The bill further provides for the creation of the African American Confederate Veterans Monument Commission (commission) to determine the design and location of the monument. The commission is empowered to raise private funds to carry out its purpose and is able to create a tax-exempt nonprofit corporation for the purpose of receiving and disbursing funds for the monument. The commission is composed of five members from the House of Representatives, five members from the Senate, and the Chairman of the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum or their designee, who serves as chairman of the commission. The commission must report the proposed design and location of the monument to the State House Committee for approval by July 1, 2022. Unless the duties of this bill are completed beforehand, the commission will be dissolved on January 1, 2026.

Department of Administration. This bill requires the staff of DOA to assist with the preparation and maintenance of financial records as they relate to the funding for the monument. DOA indicates that the duties of this bill can be accomplished using existing resources.

House of Representatives and Senate. This bill would require five members of the House of Representatives, as appointed by the Speaker of the House, to serve on the commission. The House of Representatives has indicated they anticipate being able to accomplish the duties specified in this bill using existing appropriations and staff. It would also require five members of the Senate, as appointed by the President of the Senate, to serve on the commission. The Senate has also indicated they anticipate being able to accomplish the duties specified in this bill using existing appropriations and staff.

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The expenditure impact of this bill is pending contingent upon a response from the Confederate Relic Room and Military Museum.

**State Revenue** N/A

**Local Expenditure** N/A

Local Revenue N/A

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