

## 1 SENATE BILL NO. 1357

## 2 AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

3 (Proposed by the House Committee on Rules

4 on February 17, 2023)

5 (Patron Prior to Substitute--Senator Norment)

6 A BILL to amend and reenact § 30-194 of the Code of Virginia, relating to the Capitol Square Preservation  
7 Council; powers and duties; review and approval of plans for changes to artifacts contained within  
8 the Capitol Building.

9 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**10 **1. That § 30-194 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**11 **§ 30-194. Powers and duties of the Council; Chief Administrative Officer; annual report.**

12 A. With regard to the architectural, historical, archeological, and landscape features of Capitol  
13 Square and antiquities contained therein, the Council shall:

- 14 1. Inventory and assess their condition;
- 15 2. Develop plans and recommendations for their maintenance and preservation and for the  
16 enhancement of their historical and architectural integrity;
- 17 3. Develop recommendations for the promotion of activities and efforts that will enhance  
18 interpretive and educational opportunities; ~~and~~
- 19 4. Review all plans or proposals for alterations, improvements, additions, renovations, or other  
20 disposition that is structural or architectural in nature. No implementation of such plans or proposals shall  
21 take place prior to review by the Council. The Council shall report its findings on each plan or proposal  
22 to the Governor and the agency responsible for the plan or proposal. However, the Council's Chief  
23 Administrative Officer and the Director of the Department of General Services shall enter into a  
24 memorandum of agreement describing the type of plans and proposals that are of such a routine or  
25 operational nature to not require review by the Council; and

26 5. Review and approve all plans or proposals for alterations, improvements, additions, or  
27 renovations to, or other disposition of, any monuments, statuary, artwork, or other historical artifacts  
28 contained within the Capitol Building, including within the Rotunda, the old Senate chamber, and the old  
29 hall of the House of Delegates, and excluding the new Senate chamber and the new hall of the House of  
30 Delegates, office space, and any other area designated as legislative space that is not open to the public.  
31 Nothing in this subdivision shall apply to the personal belongings of any employee or elected or appointed  
32 official working within the Capitol Building.

33 B. The Council may employ a Chief Administrative Officer and determine his duties and  
34 compensation within the amounts appropriated therefor. The Chief Administrative Officer shall be  
35 qualified to carry out the duties to which he is assigned and shall work at the pleasure of the Council. The  
36 Council may also obtain such assistance as it may deem necessary, and may employ, within the amounts  
37 appropriated therefor, experts who have special knowledge of the issues before the Council.

38 C. The Council may enter into partnerships, joint ventures, and other collaborative relationships  
39 with organizations in furtherance of the Council's duties.

40 D. The Council may, unless otherwise restricted by the Governor or the General Assembly, under  
41 terms approved by the Attorney General, accept gifts and grants in furtherance of its duties. This provision  
42 shall be deemed to be in addition to and not in conflict with any other powers or authorities related to the  
43 acceptance of gifts and grants under other provisions of this Code.

44 E. The Council may enter into contracts in the furtherance of its duties in accordance with the  
45 Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.).

46 F. Neither the Council nor its staff in fulfilling their responsibilities shall act in a manner  
47 inconsistent with subsection A of § 2.2-1144.

48 G. The Council shall make a report on its activities and recommendations, if any, annually by  
49 December 1 to the Governor and the General Assembly. The Council shall make such further interim  
50 reports to the Governor and the General Assembly as it deems advisable or as required by the General  
51 Assembly.

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