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SYNOPSIS:

Under existing law, the Alabama State Council on the Arts is charged with providing services that enhance Alabama's quality of life and support the arts within the state.

This bill would require the Alabama State Council on the Arts to oversee the design and construction of a statue of civil rights leader John Lewis to be placed at the entrance to the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to monuments; to require the Alabama State Commission on the Arts to oversee the construction of a statue of John Lewis at the entrance to the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. The Alabama State Council on the Arts shall commission the design and construction of a life-size statue in dedication to, and in recognition of, Civil Rights leader John Lewis. The statue shall include a protective barrier and pedestal base and shall be placed near the Northwestern



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29 entrance to the Edmund Pettus Bridge on a street corner at the  
30 intersection of Broad Street and Water Avenue. The council may  
31 accept public or private gifts, grants, and donations,  
32 including in-kind services, for use in commissioning the  
33 statue, and may also use funds appropriated to the council by  
34 the Legislature, if necessary. The statue may not be  
35 relocated, removed, altered, renamed, or otherwise disturbed  
36 without the prior permission of the council.

37 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the first  
38 day of the third month following its passage and approval by  
39 the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.