

## **Ad Astra Plaza; SB 11**

**SB 11** authorizes the Capitol Preservation Committee to develop and approve the Ad Astra Plaza (Plaza) on capitol area grounds. The Plaza will include a life-size sculpture of the Ad Astra statute that tops the State Capitol Building, bronze plaques, and donor bricks.

The Ad Astra Sculpture Fund (Fund) was initially established in 1995. The bill designates the Fund as a no-limit special revenue fund until June 30, 2023, under the Department of Administration. The bill also amends funding provisions to indicate the Fund may be expended on the Plaza rather than the pedestal and sculpture alone.

The bill authorizes the Secretary of Administration to receive and expend moneys from grants, gifts, contributions, or bequests made for the purpose of creating, constructing, or maintaining the Ad Astra sculpture and Plaza. The bill also specifies no public moneys can be expended for the purpose of creating, constructing, or maintaining the plaza.