Department of Legislative Services

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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 263

(Chair, Judiciary Committee)(By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)

Judiciary

Judicial Proceedings

Police Training Commission - Membership and Chairman

This departmental bill changes the chairmanship of the Police Training Commission from the Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services (or representative) to the Secretary of State Police. The bill also specifies that the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services serves on the commission, rather than the Deputy Secretary.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would not materially affect State activities.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

Analysis

Current Law: The commission is already chaired by the Secretary of State Police as the designee of the Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

Background: The current practice of the Secretary of State Police serving as chair dates back to when the State Police as a unit of government was within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The Department of State Police was changed to cabinet level, departmental status in 1997.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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