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Senate Bill 441

(Senator Gladden, *et al.*)

Judicial Proceedings

Judiciary

Correctional Training Commission - Members

This bill adds two members to the Correctional Training Commission: one representative of the Department of Juvenile Services designated by the Secretary of Juvenile Services and one correctional officer of the State recommended by the exclusive representative for the officers and appointed by the Governor.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Altering the membership of the Correctional Training Commission does not materially affect governmental finances. Any additional expense reimbursements can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Correctional Training Commission consists of the following 14 members:

- the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services;
- the Secretary of Juvenile Services;
- a representative of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, designated by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services;
- a Deputy Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services;

- the president of the Maryland Correctional Administrators Association;
- the president of the Maryland Sheriffs Association;
- the president of the Maryland Criminal Justice Association;
- a designee of the Federal Bureau of Prisons;
- the Maryland Attorney General;
- the president of a university or college in the State with a correctional education curriculum, appointed by the Maryland Higher Education Commission; and
- four correctional officers or officials of the State appointed by the Governor.

The Governor must appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, four correctional officers or officials to be members of the commission, at least one of whom must be an employee or official of the Department of Juvenile Services. The four members appointed by the Governor must represent different geographic areas of the State. The term of each of these appointed members is three years and staggered. At the end of a term, such an appointed member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies. A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the remainder of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

Except for the four members appointed by the Governor, a member of the commission may serve personally at a commission meeting or designate a representative from the member's unit or association who may act at any meeting to the same effect as if the member were personally present.

Commission members may not receive compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the standard State travel regulations, as provided in the State budget.

Background: The Correctional Training Commission within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services has several enumerated powers and duties, including:

- to prescribe standards for the approval and continuation of approval of schools that conduct correctional, parole, or probation entrance level and in-service training courses;
- to approve and issue certificates of approval to correctional training schools;
- to inspect correctional training schools;
- to revoke, for cause, any approval or certificate of approval issued to a correctional training school;
- to prescribe the curriculum, courses of study, attendance and eligibility requirements, standards of operation, and other specified items for correctional training schools;

- to certify and issue appropriate certificates to correctional officers who satisfactorily complete training programs;
- to conduct and operate approved correctional training schools; and
- to develop and implement specific design and appropriate course curriculum and training for Department of Juvenile Services employees, subject to certain conditions.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 183 (Delegate K. Kelly, *et al.*) - Judiciary.

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