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SYNOPSIS: This bill would create the Alabama Council on Law Enforcement Policy and provide for its powers and duties as an advisory council within the office of the Lieutenant Governor.

A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to the office of the Lieutenant Governor; to establish the Alabama Council on Law Enforcement Policy as an advisory council within the office; and to provide for the powers and duties of the advisory council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) There is established the Alabama Council on Law Enforcement Policy within the office of the Lieutenant Governor. The members of the advisory council shall consist of all of the following:

(1) Each of the following members, appointed by the Lieutenant Governor:

1           a. One member from each of the congressional  
2 districts of the state.

3           b. One member appointed from a list of three names  
4 submitted by the Attorney General's Office.

5           c. One member appointed from a list of three names  
6 submitted by the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency.

7           d. One member appointed from a list of three names  
8 submitted by the Alabama Sheriff's Association.

9           e. One member appointed from a list of three names  
10 submitted by the Alabama Peace Officers' and Standards  
11 Training Commission.

12           f. One member appointed from a list of three names  
13 submitted by the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police.

14           g. One member appointed from a list of three names  
15 submitted by the Alabama District Attorneys Association.

16           h. One member appointed from a list of three names  
17 submitted by the Alabama Department of Conservation and  
18 Natural Resources.

19           i. One member appointed from a list of three names  
20 submitted by the Alabama Department of Corrections.

21           (2) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the  
22 House of Representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the  
23 House of Representatives.

24           (3) Two members appointed by the President Pro  
25 Tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be a member of the  
26 Senate.

1 (b) The chair of the advisory council shall be  
2 selected annually by the Lieutenant Governor from among his or  
3 her appointments.

4 (c) (1) The appointing authorities shall coordinate  
5 their appointments to assure that the membership of the  
6 advisory council is inclusive and reflects the racial, gender,  
7 geographic, urban, rural, and economic diversity of the state.

8 (2) To the extent possible, each advisory council  
9 member shall have a law enforcement background. A vacancy for  
10 any reason shall be filled by the original appointing  
11 authority for the remainder of the unexpired term.

12 (d) Advisory council members shall serve a term of  
13 two years, and no member may serve more than two consecutive  
14 terms.

15 (e) (1) The Lieutenant Governor shall be responsible  
16 for the administrative functions of the advisory council  
17 including, but not limited to, the organization of meetings,  
18 the preparation of annual reports, and other functions deemed  
19 necessary by the Lieutenant Governor.

20 (2) Not later than 60 days after the passage of this  
21 legislation, the Lieutenant Governor shall call the first  
22 meeting of the advisory council. Following the first meeting,  
23 the advisory council shall meet upon the call of the chair or  
24 upon the request of a majority of the advisory council  
25 members.

26 (f) The advisory council shall have both of the  
27 following duties:

1                   (1) Advise the Legislature and executive branch on  
2 policies related to law enforcement.

3                   (2) Prepare and submit an annual report to the  
4 Legislature no later than the third legislative day of each  
5 regular session. The annual report shall contain the  
6 activities of the advisory council and advise the Legislature  
7 on policies related to law enforcement.

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