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~~Mich. State Law Library~~**Senate Bill 720 (as passed by the Senate)****Sponsor: Senator Richard D. Fessler****Committee: State Affairs, Tourism, and Transportation****Date Completed: 12-5-88*****RATIONALE***

The Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council generally is responsible for preparing and publishing minimum employment standards and basic training requirements for police officers and minimum courses of study, attendance requirements and qualifications for instructors at police training schools; inspecting training schools; and issuing diplomas to graduates of the schools. To date, membership on the Council has been limited to representatives from law enforcement groups that existed when the Council was established in 1965. Since then several other law enforcement organizations representing police officers throughout the State have been formed and some feel it is only fair that these groups also be represented on the Council.

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council Act to increase membership on the Council from 11 to 16 and specify that the additional members would be appointed by the Governor from lists of names (three names on each list) submitted by the Police Officers Association of Michigan, the Michigan Association of Police, Women Police of Michigan, Inc., the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Michigan, and the Wayne County Association of Chiefs of Police.

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FISCAL IMPACT

According to the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council (MLEOTC), annual reimbursement costs for members traveling to meetings average \$6,500. This is based on an 11-member committee from which 10 usually are in attendance at council meetings. Therefore, annual reimbursement costs are approximately \$650 per member. Adding five additional members to the committee would result in a cost to the State of \$3,250 annually.

ARGUMENTS***Supporting Argument***

By adding members from the Women Police of Michigan, Inc., the Michigan Association of Police, the Police Officers Association of Michigan, the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Michigan, and the Wayne County Association of Chiefs of Police, the bill would help ensure that all law enforcement officers throughout Michigan were adequately represented on the Council that is responsible for establishing their employment standards and training requirements.

Opposing Argument

The Law Enforcement Council has done a fine job of representing the interests of all law enforcement officers for over 20 years. Adding members to an already large council could make it difficult to organize and conduct meetings and make recommendations on police training, education standards, and employment policies.

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