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Senate Bill 55 (Substitute S-1 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator Richard D. Fessler

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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 qualification 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 20 and specify that the additional members would be appointed by the Governor from lists of names (three names on each list) submitted by the following organizations:

- the Police Officers Association of Michigan
- the Michigan Association of Police
- the Women Police of Michigan, Incorporated
- the Wayne County Association of Chiefs of Police
- the Wayne County Deputy Sheriffs Association

- the Detroit Lieutenants and Sergeants Association
- the Michigan State Police Troopers Association
- the Deputy Sheriff's Association of Michigan
- the Michigan Law Enforcement Training Director's Association.

MCL 28.603

FISCAL IMPACT

According to the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Training Council, total annual reimbursement costs for members traveling to meetings average \$6,500. This is based on an eleven-member committee from which 10 usually are in attendance at Council meetings. Annual reimbursement costs per member, therefore, are approximately \$650. Adding nine additional members could represent an increase in cost of \$5,850 annually.

ARGUMENTS**Supporting Argument**

By adding members from organizations that have been founded since the Council was established in 1965, 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 Officers Training 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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