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House Bill 5600

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Committee on Government Organization]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §30-29-2 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating to
 2 law enforcement training and certification; and adding representation of the West Virginia
 3 Fire Marshal's office to law-enforcement professional standards subcommittee.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 29. LAW-ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION.

§30-29-2. Law-enforcement professional standards subcommittee.

1 (a) The Law-Enforcement Professional Standards Subcommittee is continued as a
 2 subcommittee of the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency and Correction. The
 3 subcommittee has the following responsibilities:

4 (1) Review and administer programs for qualification, training and certification of law-
 5 enforcement officers in the state; and

6 (2) Consider applications by law-enforcement officers whose certification is deemed
 7 inactive as a result of his or her separation from employment with a law-enforcement agency.

8 (b) The subcommittee shall be comprised of eleven members, including one
 9 representative of each of the following:

- 10 (1) West Virginia State Police;
- 11 (2) Law-enforcement section of the Department of Natural Resources;
- 12 (3) West Virginia Sheriffs' Association;
- 13 (4) West Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police;
- 14 (5) West Virginia Deputy Sheriffs' Association;
- 15 (6) West Virginia State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police;
- 16 (7) West Virginia Municipal League;
- 17 (8) West Virginia Association of County Officials;
- 18 (9) Human Rights Commission;
- 19 (10) West Virginia Troopers Association; and
- 20 (11) Office of the State Fire Marshal; and

21 (12) The public at large.

22 (c) The subcommittee shall elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson. Special meetings
23 may be held upon the call of the chairperson, vice chairperson or a majority of the members of the
24 subcommittee. A majority of the members of the subcommittee who are present in person, by
25 proxy or designation, or by electronic means constitutes a quorum. Any member appointed to the
26 subcommittee who is a written designated representative has the full rights of a member, including
27 the right to vote, serve on subcommittees or perform any other function.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to add representation of the Office of the State Fire Marshal to the LEPS committee.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.