

HB 1322 -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON POLICE DEPARTMENT OVERSIGHT

SPONSOR: Curtis

This bill establishes the Joint Committee on Police Department Oversight in the General Assembly. The committee will consist of seven members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House and the Minority Floor Leader and seven members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tem and the Minority Floor Leader. A party may not be represented by more than four members from the House of Representatives or four members from the Senate.

The joint committee will be responsible for ensuring that law enforcement agencies implement recommendations by the Department of Justice or the U.S. Attorney General and that the state offers assistance whenever possible for the implementation of the recommendations.

The committee's first meeting must be within 30 days after its creation and the committee must meet at least twice a year. By December 31, 2015 and every year thereafter the committee must file a report with the General Assembly that includes its activities, findings, or recommendations the committee may have for legislative action.