

House \_\_\_\_\_ Amendment NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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1 AMEND House Bill No. 2042, Page 1, in the Title, Line 3, by deleting the words "of audits conducted by the  
2 state auditor's office" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "committees"; and

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4 Further amend said bill and page, Section 21.437, Line 10, by inserting the following after all of said line:

5 "21.818. 1. There is hereby established a joint committee of the general assembly to be known as  
6 the "Joint Committee On Police Practices" to be comprised of seven members of the house of representatives  
7 appointed by the speaker and minority floor leader of the house of representatives and seven members of the  
8 senate appointed by the president pro tempore and the minority floor leader of the senate. The appointment  
9 of each member shall continue during the member's term of office or until a successor has been appointed to  
10 fill the member's place when his or her term of office as a member of the general assembly has expired. No  
11 party shall be represented by more than four members from the house of representatives or more than four  
12 members from the senate. A majority of the joint committee shall constitute a quorum, but the concurrence  
13 of a majority of the members shall be required for the determination of any matter within the joint  
14 committee's duties.

15 2. The joint committee shall:

16 (1) Determine resources law enforcement need to effectively serve and protect when citizens are  
17 exercising their constitutionally protected rights;

18 (2) Determine how to approach maintaining order during first amendment protected events;

19 (3) Determine the best tools and practices to help peace officers maintain public safety while  
20 safeguarding constitutional rights;

21 (4) Determine and recommend outreach efforts to ensure effective neighborhood policing, peace  
22 officer safety, and community health;

23 (5) Make recommendations as to how law enforcement can work with the community to minimize  
24 needless confrontation;

25 (6) Determine whether consistent racial profiling should be required throughout the state;

26 (7) Investigate the disparity directed at minorities by law enforcement, including racial profiling;

27 (8) Study and make recommendations for the demilitarization of peace officers and determine  
28 suitable occurrences to warrant militarization of peace officers;

29 (9) Request the presence of the director of the department of public safety and the police chiefs in a  
30 county with a charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, a city  
31 not within a county, a home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more  
32 than one county, a county with a charter form of government and with more than three hundred thousand but  
33 fewer than four hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, a county with a charter form of government and with  
34 more than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants, and a home rule city

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1 with more than one hundred sixteen thousand but fewer than one hundred fifty-five thousand inhabitants be  
2 present at meetings to answer questions;

3 (10) Determine the feasibility of requiring all law enforcement deployed to protests to wear clearly  
4 identifiable name tags;

5 (11) Determine the need for legislation prohibiting the use of tear gas unless a state of emergency is  
6 declared and a neutral third party is present to oversee its humane use;

7 (12) Make a continuing study and analysis of the department of public safety and a county with a  
8 charter form of government and with more than nine hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, a city not within a  
9 county, a home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one  
10 county, a county with a charter form of government and with more than three hundred thousand but fewer  
11 than four hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, and a county with a charter form of government and with more  
12 than six hundred thousand but fewer than seven hundred thousand inhabitants, for bias;

13 (13) Address the need for additional resources to improve the quality of fairness provided to  
14 minorities and law enforcement;

15 (14) Devise a plan for improving the structured decision- making process in times of unrest;

16 (15) Determine the additional personnel and resources needed to adequately protect minorities;

17 (16) Determine the need for changes in statutory laws;

18 (17) Investigate the operations, effects, and administration of the department of public safety;

19 (18) Make every effort to meet in at least three urban regions of the state to seek public input from  
20 minorities in those regions and their needs and existing resources;

21 (19) Make any recommendation to the general assembly necessary to provide adequate protection  
22 for minorities in this state regarding due process and equal protection rights;

23 (20) Compile a full report of its activities for submission to the general assembly by January  
24 thirtieth of each year the general assembly convenes in a regular session; and

25 (21) Meet within thirty days after its creation and select a chairperson and a vice chairperson and  
26 meet quarterly thereafter.

27 3. As used in this section, "minorities" means individuals of African, Hispanic, Native American, or  
28 Asian decent.

29 4. The provisions of this section shall expire on January 30, 2021. "; and

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31 Further amend said bill by amending the title, enacting clause, and intersectional references accordingly.