

- (8) Respond and act with regard to any security event within his area of jurisdiction.
- (9) Conduct investigations and affect lawful arrests.
- (10) Conduct research, analyze and interpret data, monitor compliance with administrative rules and regulations, make findings of fact, prepare reports, and recommend legislation, policies, and directives which relate to security.
- (11) Act as the legislature's principal point of contact for all law enforcement recommendations to the legislature.
- (12) Develop a comprehensive security plan for the state capitol.
- (13) Carry out all directives issued by either legislative house or the committees relative to security issues.

Proposed law provides that the offices of the director shall be domiciled in the state capitol complex.

Proposed law provides that the director shall be responsible solely to the legislature in his functions and duties and shall be the lead investigative officer in any security breach or occurrence in the state capitol building. Specifies that the designation of the director as chief capitol security officer shall not otherwise affect the duties of the sergeant at arms of the Senate or the House of Representatives.

Proposed law creates the Capitol Security Council composed of the president of the Senate, four members from the Senate appointed by the president, the speaker of the House of Representatives, and four members from the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker. Authorizes the presiding officers of each house of the legislature to select a chairman and vice chairman. Provides that the chairmanship and the vice chairmanship rotate between the Senate and the House of Representatives every two years. Provides that the council determines the qualifications of the director of capitol security.

Proposed law provides for the duties of the council and specifies that the council is responsible for adopting a comprehensive security plan for the parts of the state capitol building and state capitol complex used by the legislature. Requires the council to review and approve the annual budget for the operations of the director prior to submission of the budget to the president and speaker and to fix the salary of the director.

Proposed law invests the council with the power to hold hearings, administer oaths, take public testimony, and pursue punishment for contempt as provided by law.

Present law provides that the deputy secretary of public safety services shall issue a special officer's commission to the sergeant at arms or assistant sergeants at arms of the Senate or the House of Representatives when directed to do so by the president of the Senate or speaker of the House of Representatives.

Proposed law retains present law and further provides that capitol security officers shall also be issued a special officer's commission upon direction of the president of the Senate or speaker of the House of Representatives.

Proposed law adds the director of capitol security and security officers employed by the legislature upon his recommendation to the definition of peace officer.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 40:1379.1(N); adds R.S. 24:681-685 and 691-693 and R.S. 40:2402(3)(f))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Make technical changes.
2. Provide that capitol security officers are eligible to receive a special officer's commission.
3. Define the director of capitol security and security officers employed by the legislature upon his recommendation as peace officers.