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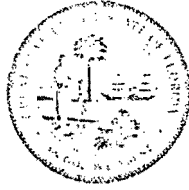
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Select Committee on State Law Enforcement Agencies
FROM: Staff, Committee on Criminal Justice
RE: HB 3740

The proposed reorganization of state law enforcement was drafted pursuant to instructions from the Select Committee on State Law Enforcement Agencies chaired by Representative Jack Shreve.

The bill creates a Department of Criminal Justice headed by the governor and cabinet with an executive director to be appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate.

The proposed reorganization encompasses the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Police Standards Board and the Florida Mutual Aid Act. There are four divisions established within the department to be named as follows:

- (1) division of law enforcement
- (2) division of criminal justice
information systems
- (3) division of standards and training
- (4) division of local law enforcement
assistance

Each division is supervised by a director who is responsible to the executive director. The division directors, with the exception of the division of standards and training, are employed upon the recommendation of the executive director. The director of the division of standards and training must be approved by the police standards and training commission.

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(1) The division of law enforcement is the investigative arm of the department of criminal justice and will function substantially the same as the division of operations under the current organization of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The division may investigate violations of any of the criminal laws of the state and in addition conduct investigations with reference to organized crime, vice, racketeering, rioting, and upon direction of the governor, the misconduct in connection with their official duties of public officials. The division shall provide and maintain the security of the governor, the governor's immediate family, and the governor's office and mansion. The crime laboratory bureau is established within the division to process and evaluate crime-related evidence in support of anti-criminal operations.

(2) The division of criminal justice information systems is created and directed to:

(a) establish a system of fingerprint analysis and identification

(b) establish a system of intrastate communication of vital statistics and information relating to crimes, criminals and criminal activity.

(c) establish a system of uniform crime reports.

A criminal justice information systems commission is established within the department to, pursuant to chapter 120, adopt rules and regulations relating to the exchange, physical security, purging, dissemination, and access of criminal justice information. The commission is composed of nine members consisting of the Attorney General, the chairman of the Parole and Probation Commission, the State Courts Administrator and six members to be appointed by the governor.

(3) A Police Standards and Training Commission is established within the department. The Commission is composed of twelve members consisting of the Attorney General, the Commissioner of Education, the special agent of the F.B.I. in charge of training in Florida, the director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, and eight members to be appointed by the governor.

The Commission shall have the authority to establish uniform minimum standards for police officers, approve institutions, issue certificates and establish minimum curricular requirements for police schools. In addition to recruit training,

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the Division of Standards and Training shall establish and supervise, as approved by the Commission, an advanced and specialized training program for the purpose of training police officers and support personnel in the prevention, investigation, detection and identification of crime. All funds which have accumulated to the Florida Police Academy fund will be made available to the department for implementation of training programs and training facilities.

(4) The Division of Local Law Enforcement Assistance is established to aid and assist all law enforcement agencies in the state. The division is authorized to adopt and recommend cooperative policies for the coordination of law enforcement work and upon request of a sheriff or a police chief may provide research and planning assistance, or field technical services. An advisory council to the division composed of three sheriffs and three police chiefs appointed by the governor shall develop and recommend policies to:

- (a) promote cooperation between all law enforcement agencies.
- (b) promote the elimination of duplication of effort.
- (c) promote economy of operation.
- (d) develop a program of crime prevention.
- (e) identify resources which may be shared with local law enforcement agencies.

The duties prescribed for the state law enforcement coordinator of the Florida Mutual Aid Act shall be exercised by the director of the division.

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PROPOSED ORGANIZATION

