Senate Bill 611

Sponsored by Senator FREDERICK (at the request of Donald E. Clark and Dick Feeney) (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure as introduced.

Modifies membership and purpose of Board on Public Safety Standards and Training.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training; amending ORS 181A.360 and 181A.405.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. ORS 181A.360 is amended to read:

ORS 181A.360. (1) The Governor shall appoint a Board on Public Safety Standards and Training [consisting of 24 members as follows:]; The membership of the board must reflect the makeup of Oregon communities served by public safety organizations and include minority communities, especially those of color and language, and members with economic, geographic and gender diversity. The board consists of 38 members as follows:

(a) [Two members who are chiefs of police] One member who is a chief of police in a small community recommended to the Governor by the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police;

(b) One member who is a chief of police in a small, rural community recommended to the Governor by the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police;

[(b)] (e) One member who is a sheriff recommended to the Governor by the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association;

[(c)] (d) One member who is a fire chief recommended to the Governor by the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association;

[(d)] (e) One member who is a representative of the fire service recommended to the Governor by the Oregon Fire District Directors Association;

[(e)] (f) One member who is a member of the Oregon State Fire Fighters Council recommended to the Governor by the executive body of the council;

[(f)] (g) One member who is a representative of corrections personnel recommended to the Governor by the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association;

[(g)] (h) One member who is a representative of the fire service recommended to the Governor by the Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association;

[(h)] (i) One member who is a representative of public safety telecommunicators;

[(i)] (j) One member who is a district attorney recommended to the Governor by the Oregon District Attorneys Association;

[(j)] (k) One member who is the Superintendent of State Police;

[(k)] (L) One member who is the Chief of the Portland Police Bureau;

[(L)] (m) One member who is the State Fire Marshal;

NOTE: Matter in boldfaced type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in boldfaced type.

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(m) One member who is the Chief of the Portland Fire Bureau;

(o) One member who is the Director of the Department of Corrections;

(p) One nonvoting member who is the Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for Oregon;

(q) One member who is an administrator of a municipality recommended to the Governor by the executive body of the League of Oregon Cities;

(r) Two members who are nonmanagement representatives of law enforcement;

(s) One member who is a public member. Thirteen members who are public members.

A person appointed as a public member under this section:

(A) May have no personal interest or occupational responsibilities in the area of responsibility given to the board; and

(B) May have no immediate family members who are or were law enforcement personnel;

and

(B) Must represent the interests of the public in general;

(t) Two members recommended by and representing the private security industry;

(u) One member who is a representative of the collective bargaining unit that represents the largest number of individual workers in the Department of Corrections; and

(v) One member who is a nonmanagement parole and probation officer employed by a community corrections program.

(w) One member who is a school principal;

(x) One member who is a school counselor; and

(y) One member who is a drug and alcohol counselor.

(2) The term of office of a member is three years, and no member may be removed from office except for cause. Before the expiration of the term of a member, the Governor shall appoint the member’s successor to assume the member’s duties on July 1 next following. In case of a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment, effective immediately, for the unexpired term.

(3) Except for members who serve by virtue of office, no member shall serve more than two terms. For purposes of this subsection, a person appointed to fill a vacancy consisting of an unexpired term of at least one and one-half years has served a full term.

(4) Appointments of members of the board by the Governor, except for those members who serve by virtue of office, are subject to confirmation by the Senate in the manner provided in ORS 171.562 and 171.565.

(5) A member of the board is entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.

SECTION 2, ORS 181A.405 is amended to read:

181A.405. (1) It is the intent of the Legislative Assembly in creating the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training to provide for [the coordination of training programs for police officers, certified reserve officers, corrections officers and parole and probation officers and to set standards.] the establishment of policies that govern training, procedures and police agency protocols in this state that:

(a) Emphasize the prevention of crime and disorder as an alternative to force and punishment;

(b) Recognize that police authority is dependent on public approval and respect; and

(c) Recognize that to maintain respect requires the willing cooperation of the public.
(2) The Legislative Assembly finds that:

(a) Providing high quality training for public safety personnel enhances the quality of public safety services provided to communities, contributes significantly to the safety of public safety officers and reduces state, local and individual liability;

(b) Basic training for public safety personnel provides a consistent foundation of best practices knowledge and skills necessary for public safety officers throughout the state;

(c) Advanced, leadership and continuing training preserve and build on the knowledge and skills acquired during basic training, ensuring that communities continue to have well-trained professional public safety officers;

(d) Advanced, leadership and continuing training should be consistent with recognized best practices while meeting specific local needs; and

(e) Course and instructor accreditation help to ensure that advanced, leadership and continuing training programs are consistent with recognized best practices and are legally sufficient.

(3) The Department of Public Safety Standards and Training may continue to accredit advanced, leadership and continuing training courses and programs consistent with ORS 181A.590.