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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Government, Technology and Security

From: Kyle Hamilton, Assistant Revisor of Statutes

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Subject: Bill Brief on HB 2556

HB 2556 would establish the statewide interoperability council. In 2007, executive order 07-27 established the statewide interoperability executive committee. This bill would put that entity into law and allow it to establish working groups.

Section 1, subsection (a) is a definition section for certain terms used throughout the bill.

Subsection (b) would establish the statewide interoperability council and outlines the council's authority, which would include developing statewide policies and policy recommendations for increasing communications and interagency coordination for the purpose of safeguarding and informing the public of public safety risks and operations.

Subsection (c) would make the state homeland security director the head of the council. The director would appoint a statewide interoperability coordinator to administer the council's business. The director would also appoint the chair and vice-chair of the council.

Subsection (d) lists the members of the council.

Subsection (e) would require, in paragraph (1) that all members of the council be appointed on or before August 1, 2018, and, in paragraph (2), that the council meet prior to September 1, 2018, and then quarterly after that.

Subsection (f) would establish an executive committee to assist in the administration of the council's business when the full council is not meeting.

Subsection (g) would require the council to establish four initial working groups: Food and health safety, public safety, local governance, and technology innovation. Working groups could be modified or added by the council, as necessary. Under paragraph (3), council members shall not also be working groups members. All working group members would have to be appointed on or before October 1, 2018, and each working group would have to meet prior to November 1, 2018, and then quarterly after that.

Subsection (h) lists the types of recommendations the working groups would have to give to the council. Subsection (i) would require the adjutant general's office to provide staff for the council and the working groups. Subsection (j) would allow members to be reimbursed at the discretion of their appointing authority. Subsection (k) would require the council to submit an annual report to certain legislative committees on or before the first day of each regular session.

HB 2556 would become effective upon publication in the statute book.