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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING THE CREATION OF AN ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR PERSONS**
102 **WHO ARE INCARCERATED.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill creates the legislation inside advisory council (council) to identify, examine, and discuss the issues, interests, and needs affecting people who are incarcerated and to formally advise and make recommendations to the general assembly regarding those issues, interests, and needs.

The bill:

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

- Requires the council, in conjunction with the director of the legislative council, to use a request for proposal process to contract with and designate a nonprofit organization to assist the council;
- Establishes membership requirements of the council;
- Outlines the duties of the council, including reporting requirements;
- Requires the council to report during the department of corrections' annual "SMART Act" presentation to the judiciary committees of the senate and house of representatives, beginning in January of 2027; and
- Creates an advisory review committee, consisting of 5 voting legislative members and 5 nonvoting council members to meet no more than 3 times during the interim and recommend no more than 3 bills during each interim.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 24 to article
3 2 of title 2 as follows:

4 **PART 24**

5 **LEGISLATION INSIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

6 **2-2-2401. Short title.** THE SHORT TITLE OF THIS PART 24 IS THE
7 "LEGISLATION INSIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL ACT".

8 **2-2-2402. Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS PART 24, UNLESS THE
9 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

10 (1) "CORRECTIONAL FACILITY" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET
11 FORTH IN SECTION 17-1-102 (1.7).

12 (2) "COUNCIL" MEANS THE LEGISLATION INSIDE ADVISORY
13 COUNCIL CREATED IN SECTION 2-2-2403.

14 (3) "DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION" MEANS THE NONPROFIT
15 ORGANIZATION DESIGNATED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-2-2405.

16 (4) "PRIVATE CONTRACT PRISON" HAS THE SAME MEANING AS SET
17 FORTH IN SECTION 17-1-102 (7.3).

1 (5) "REVIEW COMMITTEE" MEANS THE LEGISLATION INSIDE
2 ADVISORY COUNCIL REVIEW COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION 2-2- 2407.

3 **2-2-2403. Legislation inside advisory council - creation -**
4 **purpose.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH THE
5 LEGISLATION INSIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

6 (2) THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATION INSIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL IS
7 TO PROVIDE PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO
8 IDENTIFY, EXAMINE, AND DISCUSS THE ISSUES, INTERESTS, AND NEEDS
9 THAT DIRECTLY AFFECT THEM AND TO HAVE A RECOGNIZED OPINION ON
10 LEGISLATION AND POLICIES THAT AFFECT THEIR LIVES, THEIR FAMILIES'
11 LIVES, THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND THE PUBLIC. THEREFORE, THE PURPOSE
12 OF THE COUNCIL IS TO IDENTIFY, EXAMINE, AND DISCUSS THE ISSUES,
13 INTERESTS, AND NEEDS AFFECTING PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED AND
14 TO FORMALLY ADVISE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL
15 ASSEMBLY REGARDING THOSE ISSUES, INTERESTS, AND NEEDS.

16 **2-2-2404. Membership - selection - terms - repeal.** (1) THE
17 COUNCIL CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

18 (a) FOUR NONVOTING LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS, TWO OF WHOM ARE
19 MEMBERS OF THE SENATE AND TWO OF WHOM ARE MEMBERS OF THE
20 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; ==

21 (b) FORTY VOTING NONLEGISLATIVE MEMBERS, ALL OF WHOM
22 MUST BE INCARCERATED IN A CORRECTIONAL FACILITY OR PRIVATE
23 CONTRACT PRISON AT THE TIME OF THEIR APPOINTMENT AND FOR THE
24 DURATION OF THEIR TERM. THE NONLEGISLATIVE MEMBERSHIP DESCRIBED
25 IN THIS SUBSECTION (1)(b) MUST:

26 (I) INCLUDE PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED IN MEN'S
27 CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES OR PRIVATE CONTRACT PRISONS AND PEOPLE

1 WHO ARE INCARCERATED IN WOMEN'S CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES OR
2 PRIVATE CONTRACT PRISONS;

3 (II) INCLUDE PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED IN DIFFERENT
4 LEVELS OF SECURITY AT CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES OR PRIVATE CONTRACT
5 PRISONS; AND

6 (III) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, REFLECT THE DEMOGRAPHIC
7 DIVERSITY OF THE STATE; AND

8 (c) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 CORRECTIONS, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE.

10 (2)(a) LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE APPOINTED AS
11 FOLLOWS:

12 (I) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND ON OR BEFORE
13 DECEMBER 31 EVERY TWO YEARS THEREAFTER, THE PRESIDENT AND
14 MINORITY LEADER OF THE SENATE SHALL EACH APPOINT ONE MEMBER
15 FROM THE SENATE; AND

16 (II) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND ON OR BEFORE
17 DECEMBER 31 EVERY TWO YEARS THEREAFTER, THE SPEAKER AND
18 MINORITY LEADER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES SHALL EACH
19 APPOINT ONE MEMBER FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

20 (b) NONLEGISLATIVE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ARE APPOINTED
21 AS FOLLOWS:

22 (I) (A) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 15, 2025, THE DESIGNATED
23 ORGANIZATION SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 CORRECTIONS TO ADOPT AN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR INTERESTED AND
25 ELIGIBLE PEOPLE TO APPLY FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNCIL,
26 INCLUDING THE CONTENT AND AVAILABILITY OF THE APPLICATION FORM,
27 SELECTION CRITERIA, AND AN APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS.

1 (B) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2025, A PERSON WHO MEETS THE
2 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA SET FORTH IN THIS SECTION MAY APPLY TO THE
3 DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNCIL. ON OR
4 BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION SHALL
5 APPOINT NONLEGISLATIVE MEMBERS TO THE COUNCIL.

6 (C) THIS SUBSECTION (2)(b)(I) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
7 2027.

8 (II) (A) ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2026, THE COUNCIL SHALL
9 COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO ADOPT A
10 POLICY CONCERNING COUNCIL TERMS, INCLUDING TERM DURATION; TERM
11 LIMITS, IF ANY; AND REMOVAL PROCEEDINGS. BY OCTOBER 1, 2026, THE
12 COUNCIL SHALL APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP PURSUANT TO THE POLICY.
13 THE COUNCIL MAY AMEND THE POLICY.

14 (B) THE COUNCIL SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
15 CORRECTIONS TO ADOPT AN APPLICATION PROCESS FOR INTERESTED AND
16 ELIGIBLE PEOPLE TO APPLY FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COUNCIL,
17 INCLUDING THE CONTENT AND AVAILABILITY OF THE APPLICATION FORM,
18 SELECTION CRITERIA, AND AN APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS.

19 (C) THE COUNCIL SHALL COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
20 CORRECTIONS TO DEVELOP A POLICY AND PROCESS FOR SHARING
21 INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PART 24.

22 (III) (A) SUBJECT TO AVAILABLE APPROPRIATIONS, LEGISLATIVE
23 MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL MUST BE COMPENSATED FOR COUNCIL MEETING
24 ATTENDANCE IN THE SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2-2-307 FOR
25 LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS DURING THE LEGISLATIVE
26 INTERIM. ALL EXPENDITURES INCURRED BY THE COUNCIL MUST BE
27 APPROVED BY THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND PAID FOR BY

1 VOUCHERS AND WARRANTS DRAWN AS PROVIDED BY LAW FROM MONEY
2 ALLOCATED TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES
3 FROM APPROPRIATIONS MADE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

4 (B) NONLEGISLATIVE MEMBERS SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION
5 BUT MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES DIRECTLY RELATING TO THEIR
6 SERVICE ON THE COUNCIL.

7 (3) (a) IF A VACANCY OF A LEGISLATIVE MEMBER OCCURS, THE
8 APPOINTING AUTHORITY OF THE VACATED SEAT SHALL PROMPTLY APPOINT
9 A NEW MEMBER TO COMPLETE THE TERM.

10 (b) THE COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT, AND MAY AMEND, A VACANCY
11 POLICY. IF A VACANCY OF A NONLEGISLATIVE MEMBER OCCURS, THE SEAT
12 MUST BE APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THE VACANCY POLICY.

13 (4) THE COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT, AND MAY AMEND, WRITTEN
14 BYLAWS SETTING FORTH A LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE. THE COUNCIL SHALL
15 APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE IN ANY LEADERSHIP ROLES AS DESCRIBED IN
16 ITS BYLAWS.

17 **2-2-2405. Duties - meetings - community outreach -**
18 **designation of organization to accept donations - authority to**
19 **contract - legislative intent.** (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

20 (a) IDENTIFY, EXAMINE, AND DISCUSS THE ISSUES, INTERESTS, AND
21 NEEDS AFFECTING PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED; AND

22 (b) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION OR ALTERNATIVE
23 POLICY SOLUTIONS REGARDING THOSE ISSUES, INTERESTS, AND NEEDS.

24 (2) (a) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, THE COUNCIL SHALL,
25 IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, USE
26 A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS TO CONTRACT WITH AND DESIGNATE
27 A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE STAFFING, ADMINISTRATIVE,

1 AND OPERATIONAL ASSISTANCE AND TO SERVE AS THE CUSTODIAN OF
2 MONEY DONATED TO THE COUNCIL THROUGH THE DESIGNATED
3 ORGANIZATION. THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION SELECTED FOLLOWING
4 THE 2025 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS SHALL, PURSUANT TO ONE OR
5 MORE CONTRACTS, PROVIDE THE STAFFING, ADMINISTRATIVE,
6 OPERATIONAL, AND CUSTODIAN SERVICES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2030.
7 THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DIRECTOR
8 OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, ON OR BEFORE APRIL 15, 2030, AND ON OR
9 BEFORE EVERY SECOND APRIL 15 THEREAFTER, USE A REQUEST FOR
10 PROPOSAL PROCESS TO CONTRACT WITH AND DESIGNATE A NONPROFIT
11 ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE STAFFING, ADMINISTRATIVE, OPERATIONAL,
12 AND CUSTODIAN SERVICES. THE TERM OF EACH CONTRACT ENTERED INTO
13 FOR A TERM COMMENCING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2030, IS TWO STATE
14 FISCAL YEARS; EXCEPT THAT A CONTRACT MAY BE EXTENDED FOR ONE
15 ADDITIONAL TWO-YEAR TERM. IF A CONTRACT IS EXTENDED, THE REQUEST
16 FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE NEXT CONTRACT MUST BE ISSUED ON OR BEFORE
17 THE APRIL 15 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE EXPIRATION OF THE
18 EXTENSION TERM. THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION IS AUTHORIZED TO
19 EXPEND ANY MONEY IT RECEIVES AS IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE STAFFING,
20 ADMINISTRATIVE, OPERATIONAL, AND CUSTODIAN SERVICES FOR THE
21 COUNCIL. THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION AND THE COUNCIL MAY
22 SOLICIT AND ACCEPT MONETARY AND IN-KIND GIFTS, GRANTS, AND
23 DONATIONS USED TO FURTHER THE COUNCIL'S DUTIES AND
24 RESPONSIBILITIES. ANY MONEY DONATED OR AWARDED TO THE
25 DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COUNCIL IS NOT
26 SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. ANY MONEY
27 OBTAINED BY THE COUNCIL OR THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION, THAT IS

1 UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED AT THE TIME THE COUNCIL IS
2 DISSOLVED, MUST BE DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO APPROPRIATE FEDERAL
3 AND STATE LAWS GOVERNING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. IF A DIFFERENT
4 NONPROFIT OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATION IS SUBSEQUENTLY DESIGNATED AS
5 THE CUSTODIAN OF DONATED MONEY, ANY MONEY THAT IS UNEXPENDED
6 AND UNENCUMBERED AT THE TIME OF THE CHANGE IN DESIGNATION MUST
7 BE PROMPTLY TRANSFERRED BY THE PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED
8 ORGANIZATION TO THE NEWLY DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION.

9 (b) THE COUNCIL AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
10 SHALL CONSULT WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
11 CORRECTIONS DURING THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL PROCESS PURSUANT
12 TO SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION TO ENSURE THAT DESIGNATED
13 ORGANIZATION APPLICANTS SATISFY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS'
14 REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THIRD PARTIES THAT
15 WORK WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED.

16 (c) THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL,
17 MAY PROVIDE OR ACCEPT IN-KIND STAFF SUPPORT FROM NONPROFIT
18 AGENCIES OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING ITSELF, OR MAY
19 CONTRACT WITH OUTSIDE ENTITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING STAFF
20 SUPPORT TO ASSIST THE COUNCIL IN CONDUCTING ITS DUTIES AND
21 RESPONSIBILITIES. ANY STAFF SUPPORT PERSONNEL PROVIDED BY THE
22 DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION OR A NONPROFIT AGENCY OR PRIVATE
23 ORGANIZATION, EITHER DONATED OR ENGAGED THROUGH A CONTRACT,
24 ARE NOT CONSIDERED EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNCIL OR THE STATE.

25 (3) (a) THE COUNCIL MUST MEET AT LEAST THREE TIMES PER
26 MONTH. MEETINGS MAY BE HELD THROUGH THE USE OF AUDIO-VISUAL
27 COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY.

1 (b) A LEGISLATIVE MEMBER SHALL ATTEND AT LEAST ONE
2 MEETING PER QUARTER.

3 (4) THE COUNCIL MAY DEVELOP RULES AND PROCEDURES TO
4 GOVERN ITS ACTIVITIES.

5 (5) THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL,
6 SHALL UTILIZE NEWS OUTLETS AND PUBLICATIONS, PUBLIC AWARENESS
7 CAMPAIGNS, AND A WEBSITE TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN REGULAR
8 COMMUNICATION CONCERNING ITS ACTIVITIES WITH THE INCARCERATED
9 POPULATION OF THE STATE, THE STATE, AND INTERESTED PARTIES.

10 (6) THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL,
11 MAY COLLABORATE WITH ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THAT THE COUNCIL
12 DEEMS APPROPRIATE TO ASSIST THE COUNCIL IN PERFORMING ITS DUTIES.
13 A STATE OR LOCAL ENTITY THAT IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE
14 TO THE COUNCIL IN PERFORMING THE COUNCIL'S DUTIES SHALL ASSIST THE
15 COUNCIL TO THE EXTENT THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE STATE OR
16 LOCAL ENTITY IS CONSISTENT WITH THE STATE'S OR LOCAL ENTITY'S
17 DUTIES AND LAW.

18 (7) THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL,
19 IS AUTHORIZED TO CONTRACT WITH THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION OR
20 OTHER NONPROFIT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PART 24. ANY
21 CONTRACT ENTERED INTO BY THE COUNCIL MUST BE SIGNED BY THE CHAIR
22 OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE AND THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

23 (8) WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES, THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 CORRECTIONS SHALL PROVIDE THE COUNCIL OR DESIGNATED
25 ORGANIZATION ANY NECESSARY STAFF SUPPORT, MEETING SPACE, AND
26 AUDIO-VISUAL COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES.

27 (9) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT NO

1 GENERAL FUND MONEY BE APPROPRIATED FOR A CONTRACT WITH THE
2 DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS DUTIES
3 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 24. THE DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION IS SOLELY
4 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COSTS OF PROVIDING THE CONTRACTED SERVICES
5 AND PERFORMING ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS PART 24. THE
6 DESIGNATED ORGANIZATION MAY ACCEPT MONETARY OR IN-KIND GIFTS,
7 GRANTS, AND DONATIONS TO DEFRAY THE COSTS OF PROVIDING THE
8 CONTRACTED SERVICES AND PERFORMING ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS
9 PART 24.

10 **2-2-2406. Report.** (1) BEGINNING JANUARY 2027, AND EACH
11 JANUARY THEREAFTER, THE COUNCIL SHALL REPORT, AT A MINIMUM, THE
12 INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION TO THE
13 JUDICIARY COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
14 REPRESENTATIVES, OF THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, AS PART OF THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION'S "SMART ACT" PRESENTATION REQUIRED
16 PURSUANT TO PART 2 OF ARTICLE 7 OF THIS TITLE 2.

17 (2) IN ITS REPORT, THE COUNCIL SHALL, AT A MINIMUM, DESCRIBE
18 THE:

19 (a) ISSUES, INTERESTS, AND NEEDS AFFECTING PEOPLE WHO ARE
20 INCARCERATED THAT WERE IDENTIFIED, EXAMINED, AND DISCUSSED BY
21 THE COUNCIL IN THE PRECEDING YEAR;

22 (b) COUNCIL'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LEGISLATION OR
23 ALTERNATIVE POLICY SOLUTIONS REGARDING THOSE ISSUES, INTERESTS,
24 AND NEEDS; AND

25 (c) RESULTS FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGISLATION OR
26 ALTERNATIVE POLICY SOLUTIONS DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO THIS PART 24.

27 (3) IN ADDITION TO REPORTING TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE

1 COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT ITS REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
2 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, AND ANY OTHER PERSON OR ENTITY THAT
3 THE COUNCIL DEEMS NECESSARY AS AN INTERESTED PARTY.

4 (4) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136
5 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS
6 SECTION CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

7 **2-2-2407. Legislation inside advisory council review committee**
8 **- created.** (1) THERE IS CREATED IN THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH THE
9 LEGISLATION INSIDE ADVISORY COUNCIL REVIEW COMMITTEE TO REVIEW
10 THE COUNCIL'S WORK AND TO RECOMMEND LEGISLATION REGARDING
11 ISSUES AFFECTING PEOPLE WHO ARE INCARCERATED.

12 (2)(a) THE REVIEW COMMITTEE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING VOTING
13 MEMBERS:

14 (I) THE FOUR LEGISLATIVE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL; AND

15 (II) ONE MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, CREATED IN
16 SECTION 2-3-301, APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
17 ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2026, AND ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1 EACH YEAR
18 THEREAFTER.

19 (b) THE REVIEW COMMITTEE INCLUDES FIVE NONVOTING MEMBERS
20 OF THE COUNCIL, APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL.

21 (3) IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE
22 SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIR AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
23 REPRESENTATIVES SHALL APPOINT THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE REVIEW
24 COMMITTEE. IN EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS, THE SPEAKER SHALL APPOINT
25 THE CHAIR AND THE PRESIDENT SHALL APPOINT THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE
26 REVIEW COMMITTEE. THE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER SHALL MAKE THE
27 APPOINTMENTS ON OR BEFORE APRIL 1, 2026, AND ON OR BEFORE APRIL

1 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.

2 (4) THE REVIEW COMMITTEE SHALL NOT MEET MORE THAN THREE
3 TIMES DURING EACH INTERIM. A MAJORITY OF VOTING MEMBERS
4 CONSTITUTES A QUORUM.

5 (5) THE REVIEW COMMITTEE MAY NOT TRAVEL UNLESS
6 AUTHORIZED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE
7 COUNCIL.

8 (6) THE REVIEW COMMITTEE MAY RECOMMEND UP TO A TOTAL OF
9 THREE BILLS DURING EACH INTERIM. LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED BY THE
10 REVIEW COMMITTEE IS TREATED AS LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED BY AN
11 INTERIM COMMITTEE FOR PURPOSES OF APPLICABLE DEADLINES, BILL
12 INTRODUCTION LIMITS, AND ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE
13 JOINT RULES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

14 (7) VOTING MEMBERS OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ARE ENTITLED
15 TO COMPENSATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2-2-307. SUBJECT TO
16 AVAILABLE FUNDS, NONVOTING MEMBERS OF THE REVIEW COMMITTEE
17 MAY RECEIVE REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES.

18 (8) THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL STAFF AND THE STAFF OF THE
19 OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LEGAL SERVICES SHALL ASSIST THE REVIEW
20 COMMITTEE IN CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

21 **SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,
22 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
23 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for
24 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state
25 institutions.