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HOUSE BILL **777**

AN ACT codifying the law enforcement accreditation commission.

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COMMITTEE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

ANALYSIS

This bill codifies the law enforcement accreditation commission that was established by executive order.

This bill is a request of the police standards and training council, the law enforcement accreditation commission, and the office of the attorney general.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

AN ACT codifying the law enforcement accreditation commission.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 New Subdivision; The New Hampshire Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. Amend
2 RSA 106-L by inserting after section 23 the following new subdivision:

3 The New Hampshire Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission
4 106-L:24 The New Hampshire Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission.

5 I. There is established the New Hampshire law enforcement accreditation commission. The
6 commission shall be administratively attached to the New Hampshire police standards and training
7 council for the purpose of improving the delivery of law enforcement services and building on
8 established accountability and trust within New Hampshire communities through a voluntary state-
9 based accreditation program based on nationally-accepted standards.

10 II. The commission shall consist of the following members who shall be nominated by the
11 organization listed for appointment by, and to serve at the pleasure of, the governor:

- 12 (a) The attorney general, or designee;
13 (b) The director of the police standards and training council, or designee;
14 (c) One state senator recommended by the senate president;
15 (d) One state representative recommended by the speaker of the house;
16 (e) Three members of the New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, nominated by
17 the president of the association and including at least one representative from a department of 10
18 sworn members or less;
19 (f) One member of the New Hampshire Sheriff's Association, nominated by the president
20 of the association;
21 (g) One representative from a New Hampshire college or university, appointed by and
22 serving at the pleasure of the governor; and
23 (h) One public member, appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governor.

24 III. If any of the members become unable to serve for any reason, the governor shall appoint
25 a new member to serve in their place.

26 IV. The governor shall appoint the chair, vice chair, and secretary from the commission's
27 membership. The commission shall meet at the call of the chair and as often as necessary to
28 complete its work. A majority of the commission membership shall constitute a quorum, and all
29 official acts of the commission shall require a majority vote of those members present and voting.

30 V. The commission shall, in accordance with applicable laws, publish accreditation
31 standards; conduct assessments and otherwise monitor enrolled agencies to determine compliance

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1 with standards; grant, suspend, and revoke agency accreditation and re-accreditation; and perform
2 other duties as required to implement and oversee this program.

3 VI. The commission may adopt rules and establish fees for the administration of this section
4 in accordance with RSA 541-A.

5 VII. The commission may adopt and amend bylaws, consistent with law, for its internal
6 management and control.

7 VIII. The commission may accept in the name of the state any and all donations or grants,
8 both real and personal, from any governmental unit or public agency, or from any institution,
9 person, firm, or corporation. The commission shall receive, utilize, and dispose of all donations and
10 grants subject to budgetary provisions and according to the rules of the commission and consistent
11 with the purposes or conditions of the donation or grant. The receipt of a donation or grant shall be
12 noted in the annual report of the commission to the council. The report shall identify the donor, the
13 nature of the donation or grant, and the condition of the donation or grant, if any. Any moneys
14 received by the commission pursuant to this paragraph shall be deposited in the state treasury to
15 the account of the council and shall not lapse.

16 IX. The commission may delegate to the director of police standards and training any
17 powers and duties enumerated in this section.

18 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.