

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Public Defense Services Commission HB 5030 (2021) Reorganization Report

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Gorsek

On February 23rd, the Public Safety Subcommittee recommended acknowledging receipt of a report from the Public Defense Service Commission on the agency's HB 5030 reorganization.

PDSC's report underscores a myriad of significant issues and challenges that exist within the agency. While the report's emphasis is primarily on process improvement, the issues facing PDSC are far more systematic in nature and will require governance and leadership efforts that extend well beyond process.

The report could have been strengthened by including a matrix identifying a prioritization of all the issues facing the agency and recommendations for their resolution.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.