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**House Bill 2916**

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CHAPTER .....

AN ACT

Relating to the Fire Policy Committee; amending ORS 181A.375.

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

**SECTION 1.** ORS 181A.375, as amended by section 24, chapter 32, Oregon Laws 2024, is amended to read:

181A.375. (1) The Board on Public Safety Standards and Training shall establish the following policy committees:

- (a) Corrections Policy Committee;
- (b) Fire Policy Committee;
- (c) Police Policy Committee;
- (d) Telecommunications Policy Committee; and
- (e) Private Security Policy Committee.

(2) The members of each policy committee shall select a chairperson and vice chairperson for the policy committee. Only members of the policy committee who are also members of the board are eligible to serve as a chairperson or vice chairperson. The vice chairperson may act as chairperson in the absence of the chairperson.

(3) The Corrections Policy Committee consists of:

- (a) All of the board members who represent the corrections discipline;
- (b) The chief administrative officer of the training division of the Department of Corrections;
- (c) A security manager from the Department of Corrections recommended by the Director of the Department of Corrections; and

(d) The following, who may not be current board members, appointed by the chairperson of the board:

- (A) One person recommended by and representing the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association;
- (B) Two persons recommended by and representing the Oregon Sheriff's Jail Command Council;
- (C) One person recommended by and representing a statewide association of community corrections directors;
- (D) One nonmanagement corrections officer employed by the Department of Corrections;
- (E) One corrections officer who is employed by the Department of Corrections at a women's correctional facility and who is a member of a bargaining unit;
- (F) Two nonmanagement corrections officers; and
- (G) One person representing the public who:
  - (i) Has never been employed or utilized as a corrections officer or as a parole and probation officer; and

(ii) Is not related within the second degree by affinity or consanguinity to a person who is employed or utilized as a corrections officer or parole and probation officer.

(4) The Fire Policy Committee consists of:

(a) All of the board members who represent the fire service discipline; and

(b) The following, who may not be current board members, appointed by the chairperson of the board:

[(A) *One person recommended by and representing a statewide association of fire instructors;*]

**(A) One person representing fire instructors and recommended by a fire training association;**

(B) One person recommended by and representing a statewide association of fire marshals;

(C) One person recommended by and representing community college fire programs;

(D) One nonmanagement firefighter recommended by a statewide organization of firefighters;

(E) One person representing the forest protection agencies and recommended by the State Forestry Department; and

(F) One person representing the public who:

(i) Has never been employed or utilized as a fire service professional; and

(ii) Is not related within the second degree by affinity or consanguinity to a person who is employed or utilized as a fire service professional.

(5) The Police Policy Committee consists of:

(a) All of the board members who represent the law enforcement discipline; and

(b) The following, who may not be current board members, appointed by the chairperson of the board:

(A) One person recommended by and representing the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police;

(B) Two persons recommended by and representing the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association;

(C) One command officer recommended by and representing the Oregon State Police;

(D) Three nonmanagement law enforcement officers; and

(E) Two persons representing the public:

(i) Who have never been employed or utilized as a police officer, certified reserve officer, reserve officer or regulatory specialist;

(ii) Who are not related within the second degree by affinity or consanguinity to a person who is employed or utilized as a police officer, certified reserve officer, reserve officer or regulatory specialist; and

(iii) One of whom is a member of a marginalized or historically underrepresented community.

(6) The Telecommunications Policy Committee consists of:

(a) All of the board members who represent the telecommunications discipline; and

(b) The following, who may not be current board members, appointed by the chairperson of the board:

(A) Two persons recommended by and representing a statewide association of public safety communications officers;

(B) One person recommended by and representing the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police;

(C) One person recommended by and representing the Oregon State Police;

(D) Two persons representing telecommunicators;

(E) One person recommended by and representing the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association;

(F) One person recommended by and representing the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association;

(G) One person recommended by and representing the Emergency Medical Services Program of the Oregon Health Authority;

(H) One person representing emergency medical services providers and recommended by a statewide association dealing with fire medical issues; and

(I) One person representing the public who:

(i) Has never been employed or utilized as a telecommunicator or an emergency medical dispatcher; and

(ii) Is not related within the second degree by affinity or consanguinity to a person who is employed or utilized as a telecommunicator or an emergency medical dispatcher.

(7) The Private Security Policy Committee consists of:

(a) All of the board members who represent the private security industry; and

(b) The following, who may not be current board members, appointed by the chairperson of the board:

(A) One person representing unarmed private security professionals;

(B) One person representing armed private security professionals;

(C) One person representing the health care industry;

(D) One person representing the manufacturing industry;

(E) One person representing the retail industry;

(F) One person representing the hospitality industry;

(G) One person representing private business or a governmental entity that utilizes private security services;

(H) One person representing persons who monitor alarm systems;

(I) Two persons who are investigators licensed under ORS 703.430, one of whom is recommended by the Oregon State Bar and one of whom is in private practice; and

(J) One person representing the public who:

(i) Has never been employed or utilized as a private security provider, as defined in ORS 181A.840, or an investigator, as defined in ORS 703.401; and

(ii) Is not related within the second degree by affinity or consanguinity to a person who is employed or utilized as a private security provider, as defined in ORS 181A.840, or an investigator, as defined in ORS 703.401.

(8) In making appointments to the policy committees under this section, the chairperson of the board shall seek to reflect the diversity of the state's population. An appointment made by the chairperson of the board must be ratified by the board before the appointment is effective. The chairperson of the board may remove an appointed member for just cause. An appointment to a policy committee that is based on the member's employment is automatically revoked if the member changes employment. The chairperson of the board shall fill a vacancy in the same manner as making an initial appointment. The term of an appointed member is two years. An appointed member may be appointed to a second term.

(9) A policy committee may meet at such times and places as determined by the policy committee in consultation with the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. A majority of a policy committee constitutes a quorum to conduct business. A policy committee may create subcommittees if needed.

(10)(a) Each policy committee shall develop policies, requirements, standards and rules relating to its specific discipline. A policy committee shall submit its policies, requirements, standards and rules to the board for the board's consideration. When a policy committee submits a policy, requirement, standard or rule to the board for the board's consideration, the board shall:

(A) Approve the policy, requirement, standard or rule;

(B) Disapprove the policy, requirement, standard or rule; or

(C) Defer a decision and return the matter to the policy committee for revision or reconsideration.

(b) The board may defer a decision and return a matter submitted by a policy committee under paragraph (a) of this subsection only once. If a policy, requirement, standard or rule that was returned to a policy committee is resubmitted to the board, the board shall take all actions necessary to implement the policy, requirement, standard or rule unless the board disapproves the policy, requirement, standard or rule.

(c) Disapproval of a policy, requirement, standard or rule under paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection requires a two-thirds vote by the members of the board.

(11) At any time after submitting a matter to the board, the chairperson of the policy committee may withdraw the matter from the board's consideration.

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