

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Judiciary.

HB23-1205 be amended as follows:

1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 9, after line 27, insert:

2       "(9) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE AT LEAST ONE LIAISON  
3 TO SERVE THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN AND AT LEAST ONE LIAISON TO  
4 SERVE THE BOARD FROM EACH JUDICIAL DISTRICT AND DIVISION WITHIN  
5 THE DEPARTMENT. THE COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISCIPLINE SHALL ALSO  
6 DESIGNATE AT LEAST ONE LIAISON TO SERVE THE OFFICE OF THE  
7 OMBUDSMAN AND THE BOARD.

8       (a) LIAISONS SHALL BE AVAILABLE AS NEEDED TO THE OFFICE OF  
9 THE OMBUDSMAN AND THE BOARD IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY AND SHALL  
10 ASSIST IN THE OMBUDSMAN'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE CURRENT  
11 OPERATIONS AND CULTURE OF THE LIAISONS' JUDICIAL DISTRICT, DIVISION,  
12 OR OFFICE.

13       (b) THE OMBUDSMAN SHALL DEVELOP A POLICY REGARDING  
14 REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE DESIGNATED LIAISONS TO ASSIST  
15 IN THE OMBUDSMAN'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE CURRENT OPERATIONS AND  
16 CULTURE OF THE DEPARTMENT. THE OMBUDSMAN SHALL COMMUNICATE  
17 AND MEET WITH THE LIAISONS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, AT A MINIMUM. THE  
18 BOARD SHALL MEET WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S LIAISONS AT LEAST  
19 ANNUALLY. THE OMBUDSMAN AND BOARD SHALL MEET WITH THE  
20 COMMISSION'S DESIGNATED LIAISON AT LEAST ANNUALLY. LIAISON  
21 MEETINGS WITH THE OMBUDSMAN OR THE BOARD ARE NOT SUBJECT TO  
22 OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED IN PART 4 OF ARTICLE 6 OF TITLE  
23 24.

24       (c) THE DESIGNATED LIAISONS SHALL ASSIST THE OMBUDSMAN  
25 WITH RAISING AWARENESS OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN IN THEIR  
26 JUDICIAL DISTRICT, DIVISION, OR OFFICE."

27 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

28 Page 11, line 12, strike "SUBSECTION (10)(d)" and substitute "SUBSECTION  
29 (11)(d)".

30 Page 11, line 18, strike "SUBSECTION (10)(a)" and substitute "SUBSECTION  
31 (11)(a)".

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