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**TO: MEMBERS OF LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
GEORGIA PUBLIC DEFENDER STANDARDS COUNCIL**

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Rep. Barry Fleming
Rep. Dustin Hightower
Rep. Christian Coomer

FROM: Senator Jesse Stone, 23rd – Chairman

SUBJECT: Committee Meeting Notice

DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2015

TIME: 3:00

PLACE: 307 CLOB

AGENDA

Welcome New Members

- Senator Josh McKoon
- Representative Barry Fleming
- Representative Dustin Hightower

Review O.C.G.A 17-12-10.1 and Committee Responsibilities

Overview of GPDSC

- Mission
- Circuits
- Divisions
- Council Members
- Budget
- Impact of FAO 10-1
- Grant Opportunities
- Training

Pending Legislation

- HB 279
- HB 328

Adjournment

O.C.G.A. § 17-12-10.1

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*** Current Through the 2014 Regular Session ***

TITLE 17. CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
CHAPTER 12. LEGAL DEFENSE FOR INDIGENTS
ARTICLE 1. GEORGIA PUBLIC DEFENDER STANDARDS COUNCIL

O.C.G.A. § 17-12-10.1 (2014)

§ 17-12-10.1. Legislative oversight committee created; membership; reporting; audits

(a) There is created the Legislative Oversight Committee for the Georgia Public Defender Standards Council which shall be composed of eight persons: three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, three members of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Assignments or such person or entity as established by Senate rule, and one member of the House of Representatives and one member of the Senate appointed by the Governor. The members of such committee shall be selected within ten days after the convening of the General Assembly in each odd-numbered year and shall serve until their successors are appointed.

(b) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint a member of such committee to serve as chairperson, and the Senate Committee on Assignments or such person or entity as established by Senate rule shall appoint one member of the committee to serve as vice chairperson during each even-numbered year. The Senate Committee on Assignments or such person or entity as established by Senate rule shall appoint a member of such committee to serve as chairperson, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint one member to serve as vice chairperson during each odd-numbered year. Such committee shall meet at least three times each year and, upon the call of the chairperson, at such additional times as deemed necessary by the chairperson.

(c) It shall be the duty of such committee to review and evaluate:

- (1) Information on new programs submitted by the council;
- (2) Information on rules, regulations, policies, and standards proposed by the council;
- (3) The strategic plans for the council;
- (4) Program evaluation reports and budget recommendations of the council;
- (5) The fiscal impact of fees and fines on counties;
- (6) The reports submitted pursuant to Code Section 15-21A-7 in order to identify, among other things, opportunities to reduce or consolidate fees, fines, and surcharges; and

- (7) Such other information or reports as deemed necessary by such committee.
- (d) The council and director shall cooperate with such committee and provide such information or reports as requested by the committee for the performance of its functions.
- (e) The council shall submit its budget estimate to the director of the Office of Planning and Budget in accordance with subsection (a) of Code Section 45-12-78.
- (f) The legislative oversight committee shall make an annual report of its activities and findings to the membership of the General Assembly, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, and the Governor within one week of the convening of each regular session of the General Assembly. The chairperson of such committee shall deliver written executive summaries of such report to the members of the General Assembly prior to the adoption of the General Appropriations Act each year.
- (g) The members of such committee shall receive the allowances authorized for legislative members of legislative committees. The funds necessary to pay such allowances shall come from funds appropriated to the House of Representatives and the Senate.
- (h) The legislative oversight committee shall be authorized to request that a performance audit of the council be conducted.

HISTORY: Code 1981, § 17-12-10.1, enacted by Ga. L. 2005, p. ES3, § 13/HB 1EX; Ga. L. 2007, p. 65, § 2/SB 139; Ga. L. 2008, p. 846, § 23/HB 1245; Ga. L. 2011, p. 91, § 8/HB 238.