Overview

This bill creates the capitol police department (CPD) as a law enforcement agency within the department of public safety responsible for providing law enforcement services within the capitol complex and in other state buildings and property designated by the commissioner. It defines the jurisdiction and authority of the CPD and appropriates funding for its operation. The bill also creates an oversight committee responsible for developing a plan for the CPD's provision of security services within the capitol complex, evaluating its operation and overseeing its budget. Finally, the bill requires the assignment of four additional state troopers to provide security for the governor and appropriates money for this purpose.

1 Definitions. Defines the following terms:
   "Commissioner" means the commissioner of public safety
   "Law enforcement agency" means an agency authorized by law to grant full powers of arrest and to charge its officials with the duties of preventing and detecting crime and enforcing the state's general criminal laws.

2 Capitol police department.
   Subd. 1. Description and responsibilities. Creates the capitol police department (CPD) as a law enforcement agency within the department of public safety responsible for providing law enforcement services within the capitol complex and in other state buildings and property designated by the commissioner. Grants the CPD primary jurisdiction over offenses committed in these locations and makes it responsible for providing necessary security to legislators, constitutional officers (other than the governor), members of the judiciary, commissioners of state agencies, state employees, visiting dignitaries, and members of the public. Also requires the CPD to provide public information services in the capitol complex.
   Subd. 2. Director. Places the CPD under the control of a director appointed by the commissioner and serving at the commissioner's pleasure in the unclassified service. Makes the
director the CPD's chief law enforcement officer and requires the director to be a licensed peace officer who has the necessary police and management experience to manage a law enforcement agency. Permits the director to appoint, discharge and discipline department personnel and requires the director to ensure that only licensed peace officers are assigned to positions involving the provision of law enforcement services.

**Subd. 3. Statewide arrest authority.** Provides that the CPD's licensed peace officers possess statewide arrest authority.

**Subd. 4. Responsibilities of capitol security division transferred.** Transfers the duties of the capitol security division to the CPD.

**Subd. 5. Legislature's authority not superseded.** Provides that this section shall not be interpreted to supersede the power of the legislature to appoint and assign personnel and equipment necessary for its business.

**Subd. 6. Compliance with other laws.** States that, except as otherwise provided in this act, the CPD and its licensed peace officers are subject to all laws governing the operation and management of a law enforcement agency and governing the qualifications and conduct of peace officers.

### Capitol complex security oversight committee.

**Subd. 1. Membership.** States that the oversight committee consists of the following members or their designees: the senate majority leader, the speaker of the house, the chief justice of the supreme court, the chairs of the house and senate committees with jurisdiction over criminal justice funding, the commissioners of public safety and administration, the house and senate sergeants at arms, and the director of the CPD. Permits the oversight committee to select a chair from among its members and prohibits the director of the CPD from voting on matters before the committee.

**Subd. 2. Duties.** Requires the oversight committee to:

- develop a short- and long-term plan relating to the provision of security in the areas under the jurisdiction of the CPD which take into consideration shifting security needs and the impact of new security technology;
- develop guidelines to evaluate the methods by which this security is provided; provided;
- evaluate the budget for these security services and make budget recommendations to the legislature; and
- provide oversight to the entity providing security to the capitol complex and report annually to the legislature on the entity's effectiveness.

**Subd. 3. Expiration and compensation.** Provides that the oversight committee does not expire and that its members are entitled to expense reimbursement but not compensation for their service on the committee.

### Contract services; appropriation.

Credits fees received for CPD security services to a special account in the state treasury and appropriates them annually to the commissioner for the operation of the CPD.

### Definitions.

Adds CPD peace officers to the definition of peace officer in the POST board licensing law.

### Increased security complement for governor.

Requires the commissioner of public safety to assign four additional state troopers to provide security services to the governor.

### Appropriation.

Appropriates unspecified amounts from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for FY01 for:

- costs associated with the organization and operation of the CPD, including salary
costs for the director and three full-time peace officers, and training for CPD employees; and
salary costs for the four additional state troopers assigned to provide security to the governor.

8 **Repealer.** Repeals laws relating to the capitol complex security division that are superseded by this act.

9 **Effective date.** July 1, 2000.