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# HOUSE BILL 445: Reorganize Crim. Just. Standards Comm

2015-2016 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	House Judiciary II	<b>Date:</b>	April 28, 2015
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Reps. Jordan, Pendleton, Stam, Glazier	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Brad Krehely
<b>Analysis of:</b>	PCS to First Edition H445-CSR-25		Committee Counsel

**SUMMARY:** *House Bill 445 makes changes to the Criminal Justice Standards Commission. The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) House Bill 445 combines the provisions of House Bill 445 and House Bill 246. It does all of the following: (1) increases the membership of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission from 31 members to 32 members, (2) adds one member chosen by the North Carolina Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates, (3) changes the membership of the Commission to require that: two police officials be appointed by the North Carolina Police Executives Association; one full-time law enforcement officer be certified by the Commission as selected by the North Carolina Law-Enforcement Officers' Association; one full-time law enforcement officer be certified by the Commission as selected by the State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police; and one full-time law enforcement officer certified by the Commission as selected by the North Carolina Police Benevolent Association, (4) clarifies that a quorum of the Commission is a majority of its members, (5) provides that the Commission may not act unless a quorum is present, (6) provides that the Chairman may vote initially or may reserve this right and vote to break a tie, but cannot vote twice on the same question, and (7) clarifies that the initial term of office for new appointees.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission establishes minimum employment, training, and retention standards for the State’s criminal justice officers. The Commission plans for the implementation of innovations in the State’s system of criminal justice employment, training, and education. It is composed of 31 members that come from the following general categories: police chiefs, police officers, departments, at-large groups, citizens and correctional officers.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS for House Bill 445 would increase the membership of the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission from 31 members to 32 members. The new member would be chosen by the North Carolina Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates and would serve an initial term of three years.

It changes the membership of the Commission to require that: two police officials be appointed by the North Carolina Police Executives Association; one full-time law enforcement officer be certified by the Commission as selected by the North Carolina Law-Enforcement Officers' Association; one full-time law enforcement officer be certified by the Commission as selected by the State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police; and one full-time law enforcement officer certified by the Commission as selected by the North Carolina Police Benevolent Association, The PCS also clarifies that a quorum of the Commission is a majority of its members, and no action may be taken except by a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Finally, it provides that the Chairman may vote initially or reserve this right and vote to break a tie, but cannot vote twice on the same question.

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The PCS clarifies that the initial term of office for members selected by the State Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, the North Carolina Police Benevolent Association, and the North Carolina Chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates shall begin on July 1, 2015, and shall expire on June 30, 2018.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act is effective when it becomes law.