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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to public safety coordinating  
councils; amending s. 951.26, F.S.; specifying an  
additional member for public safety coordinating  
councils; providing for the member's appointment and  
term; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 951.26, Florida  
Statutes, is amended to read:

951.26 Public safety coordinating councils.—

(1) Each board of county commissioners shall establish a  
county public safety coordinating council for the county or  
shall join with a consortium of one or more other counties to  
establish a public safety coordinating council for the  
geographic area represented by the member counties.

(a)1. The public safety coordinating council for a county  
shall consist of:

a. The state attorney, or an assistant state attorney  
designated by the state attorney.

b. The public defender, or an assistant public defender  
designated by the public defender.

c. The chief circuit judge, or another circuit judge  
designated by the chief circuit judge.

d. The chief county judge, or another county judge  
designated by the chief county judge.

e. The chief correctional officer.

f. The sheriff, or a member designated by the sheriff, if

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30 the sheriff is not the chief correctional officer.

31 g. The state probation circuit administrator, or a member  
32 designated by the state probation circuit administrator, to be  
33 appointed to a 4-year term.

34 h. The chairperson of the board of county commissioners, or  
35 another county commissioner as designee.

36 i. If the county has such program available, the director  
37 of any county probation or pretrial intervention program, to be  
38 appointed to a 4-year term.

39 j. The director of a local substance abuse treatment  
40 program, or a member designated by the director, to be appointed  
41 to a 4-year term.

42 k. Representatives from county and state jobs programs and  
43 other community groups who work with offenders and victims,  
44 appointed by the chairperson of the board of county  
45 commissioners to 4-year terms.

46 1. A person with expertise in the field of inmate reentry  
47 appointed by the chairperson of the board of county  
48 commissioners to a 4-year term.

49 2. The chairperson of the board of county commissioners, or  
50 another county commissioner as designee, shall serve as the  
51 chairperson of the council until the council elects a  
52 chairperson from the membership of the council.

53 (b)1. The public safety coordinating council for a  
54 consortium of two or more counties shall consist of the  
55 following members, appointed with the approval of each board of  
56 county commissioners within the consortium:

57 a. A chief circuit judge, or a circuit judge designated by  
58 a chief circuit judge.

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59           b. A chief county judge, or a county judge designated by a  
60 chief county judge.

61           c. A state attorney, or an assistant state attorney  
62 designated by a state attorney.

63           d. A public defender, or an assistant public defender  
64 designated by a public defender.

65           e. A state probation circuit administrator, or a member  
66 designated by a state probation circuit administrator, to be  
67 appointed to a 4-year term.

68           f. A physician who practices in the area of alcohol and  
69 substance abuse, to be appointed to a 4-year term.

70           g. A mental health professional who practices in the area  
71 of alcohol and substance abuse, to be appointed to a 4-year  
72 term.

73           h. A sheriff or a jail administrator for a county within  
74 the consortium.

75           i. A chief of police for a municipality within the  
76 geographic area of the consortium.

77           j. A county commissioner from each member county of the  
78 consortium.

79           k. An elected member of the governing body of the most  
80 populous municipality within the geographic area of the  
81 consortium.

82           l. An elected member of a school board within the  
83 geographic area of the consortium.

84           m. A person with expertise in the field of inmate reentry  
85 appointed in a manner and for a term determined by the boards of  
86 county commissioners within the consortium.

87           2. The members of the public safety coordinating council

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88 shall elect a chairperson from among its members.

89 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.