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SB16-156

## FISCAL NOTE

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**  State  Local  Statutory Public Entity  Conditional  No Fiscal Impact

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**Prime Sponsor(s):** Sen. Scheffel; Guzman  
Rep. Duran; DelGrosso

**Bill Status:** Senate SVMA

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**BILL TOPIC:** MODIFICATIONS REGARDING GA OVERSIGHT COMMITTEES

### Summary of Legislation

Under current law, legislators are appointed to the Legislative Audit Committee, Committee on Legal Services, and the Legislative Council by either the President of the Senate or Speaker of the House and are approved by a majority of members in either the House of Representatives or the Senate.

The bill, *recommended by the Executive Committee of the Legislative Council*, removes the requirement for majority approval by the respective houses and makes the following modifications to appointment procedures:

- the President and minority leader of the Senate and the speaker and minority leader of the House of Representatives each appoint two members from their political party to the Legislative Audit Committee and two to the Committee on Legal Services;
- the President of the Senate appoints Senate majority party members to the Legislative Council and the Senate minority leader appoints minority party members;
- the Speaker of the House appoints House majority party members to the Legislative Council and the House minority leader appoints minority party members; and
- the chair and the vice-chair of the Executive Committee of Legislative Council also serve as the chair and vice-chair of the Legislative Council. The Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate alternate serving one year as the chair and vice-chair of the Legislative Council.

### Background

The Legislative Audit Committee is made up of eight members: two senators from each political party and two representatives from each political party.

The Legislative Council is made up of eighteen members: six senators, six representatives, and an executive committee that includes the President, majority leader, and minority leader of the Senate and the Speaker, majority leader, and minority leader of the House of Representatives.

The Committee on Legal Services is made up of ten members: the chairs of the House and Senate judiciary committees; four senators, two from each political party; and four representatives, two from each political party. If possible, at least one senator and one representative must be an attorney.

## **Assessment**

The bill changes procedures for appointing members to the Legislative Council, Legislative Audit Committee, and the Committee on Legal Services, but does not increase or decrease revenue or expenditures for the Legislative Department. For this reason, the bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

## **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Legislative Council

## **Research Note Available**

An LCS Research Note for SB6-156 is available online and through the iLegislate app. Research notes provide additional policy and background information about the bill and summarize action taken by the General Assembly concerning the bill.