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- 1** **Members, powers, duties.** Adds to the powers of the Minnesota State Patrol, after consultation with the governor or a designee, the authority to provide security and protection to Supreme Court justices, legislators, and constitutional officers other than the governor, for a limited period and within limits of existing resources, in response to a credible threat on the individual's life or safety.
- 2** **Advisory committee on Capitol Area Security.** Creates a six-member advisory committee on Capitol Area Security, including the lieutenant governor, two senators, two house members, and the chief justice of the Supreme Court (or a designee). Requires the committee to assess safety and security risks in the Capitol area, and to provide advice and recommendations to the governor and legislature. Requires a report by January 15 each year. Provides for administrative support, and specifies conditions under which the commission may receive nonpublic data.
- 3** **Organizational deadlines.** Requires appointing authorities to make initial appointments by July 30, 2012, and requires the lieutenant governor to convene the first meeting with 30 days after initial appointments are completed.