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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.**

Subd. 1. Membership and terms. Names the Lt. Governor, two Senators, two members of the House, and the Chief Justice as members of the advisory committee. Members serve until replaced by their appointing authority.

Subd. 2. Duties. Establishes the duties of the advisory committee. It must meet quarterly to discuss current and future safety and security risks to the Capitol Area. The committee shall provide advice and submit an annual report to the Governor and legislature. The committee must consult with the commissioners of public safety, administration, the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board, the director of the Minnesota Historical Society, and the sergeants-at-arms of the Senate and House.

Subd. 3. Administrative provisions. Names the Lt. Governor as committee chair. Specifies which entities shall provide administrative support. Directs the committee to seek advice from individuals with experience providing security to public colleges, courts, and private Minnesota companies.

Subd. 4. Data practices. Authorizes the committee to gain access to nonpublic data that is necessary to fulfill the committee's responsibilities. Does not authorize access to private criminal history data or data on individuals who have provided notice to the Commissioner of Public Safety of their intent to carry a firearm in the Capitol area.

Subd. 5. Expiration. Establishes a June 30, 2022, expiration date for the committee.

3 **Organizational deadlines.** Requires that members be appointed no later than July 30, 2012, and that the Lt. Governor call the first meeting within 30 days of the member appointments.