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1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to the Florida Department of Law
3	Enforcement; amending s. 943.61, F.S.; revising the powers
4	and duties of the Capitol Police; amending s. 943.611,
5	F.S.; revising duties of the director of the Capitol
6	Police; amending s. 943.62, F.S.; revising provisions
7	relating to investigations by the Capitol Police; amending
8	s. 943.64, F.S.; revising provisions relating to
9	designation of other law enforcement officers as ex
10	officio agents of the Capitol Police; amending s. 943.68,
11	F.S.; revising provisions relating to transportation and
12	protective services of the Capitol Police; amending s.
13	316.640, F.S.; revising provisions relating to enforcement
14	of traffic laws; providing an effective date.
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16	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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18	Section 1. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 943.61,
19	Florida Statutes, are amended to read:
20	943.61 Powers and duties of the Capitol Police
21	(1) There is created the Capitol Police within the
22	Department of Law Enforcement, to serve the safety and security
23	needs of both the legislative and executive branches of state
24	government. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Capitol
25	Police serve as a specially trained and highly effective
26	security and law enforcement agency serving the Capitol Complex
27	and the state. It shall be the primary responsibility of the
28	Capitol Police to protect the security of the Governor, the
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29 Lieutenant Governor, the members of the Cabinet, and the members 30 of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, and those employees assigned to assist such state officials in the 31 performance of their official duties, and to ensure their access 32 to buildings and premises within the Capitol Complex, thereby 33 34 providing for the continuous operation of the government of the 35 State of Florida. The provision of other law enforcement 36 services and protection of property shall be secondary 37 responsibilities.

38 (4) The Capitol Police shall have the following
 39 responsibilities, powers, and duties:

40 (a) To develop, in consultation with the Governor, Cabinet 41 officers, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the 42 House of Representatives, written operational plans for basic 43 and enhanced security measures and actions related to the 44 Capitol Complex. Such plans and any changes or amendments 45 thereto shall not be implemented unless presented in writing in final form to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the 46 47 Speaker of the House of Representatives and all three grant 48 their approval in writing. The approval of any officer required 49 herein shall expire 60 days after such officer vacates his or 50 her office, and the written approval of the successor in office 51 must be obtained prior to the continuation of operations under such plans. Upon the request of the Governor, a Cabinet officer, 52 53 the President of the Senate, or the Speaker of the House of 54 Representatives, the Capitol Police shall activate previously 55 approved enhanced security measures and actions in accordance 56 with the approved operational plans specific to the requesting

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57 officer's responsibilities and to the facilities occupied by 58 such officer and employees responsible to such officer. Upon an 59 emergency threatening the immediate safety and security of 60 occupants of the Capitol Complex, so declared by the Governor, plans not approved as required by this paragraph may be 61 62 implemented for a period not to exceed 15 days, provided such 63 plans do not substantially interfere with the ability of the 64 Senate and the House of Representatives to assemble for any 65 constitutional purpose.

(b) To provide and maintain the security of all property located in the Capitol Complex in a manner consistent with the security plans developed and approved under paragraph (a) and, in consultation with the State Fire Marshal, to provide for evacuations, information, and training required for firesafety on such property in a manner consistent with s. 633.085.

(c) To develop plans for reporting incidents involving buildings and property within the Capitol Complex, emergency procedures and evacuation routes in the event of fire, security threats, incidents prompting a need for evacuation, acts of terrorism, or natural or manmade disaster and to make such procedures and routes known to those persons occupying such buildings.

(d) To employ officers who hold certification as law enforcement officers in accordance with the minimum standards and qualifications as set forth in s. 943.13 and the provisions of chapter 110, and who have the authority to bear arms, make arrests, except as may be limited in the security plans established under paragraph (a), and apply for arrest warrants.

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85 (e) To hire guards and administrative, clerical,86 technical, and other personnel as may be required.

87 (f) To train all officers and other employees in fire
88 prevention, firesafety, emergency medical procedures, and
89 preventing and responding to acts of terrorism.

90 (g) To respond to all complaints relating to criminal 91 activity or security threats within the Capitol Complex, or 92 against the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, a member of the 93 Cabinet, a member of the Senate or of the House of 94 Representatives, or an employee assisting such official.

95 As provided by the security plans developed and (h) approved under paragraph (a), upon request of the presiding 96 officer of either house of the Legislature, the director may 97 assign one or more officers for the protection of a member of 98 99 the house served by such presiding officer. Per diem and 100 subsistence allowance for department employees traveling with a 101 member of the Legislature away from Tallahassee shall be 102 computed by payment of a sum up to the amounts permitted in s. 103 112.061 for meals, plus actual expenses for lodging to be 104 substantiated by paid bills therefor.

105 (i) To enforce rules of the Department of Management
106 Services governing the regulation of traffic and parking within
107 the Capitol Complex and to impound illegally or wrongfully
108 parked vehicles.

(j) To establish policies for the organizational structure, principles of command, and internal operations of the Capitol Police, provided that such policies are not inconsistent

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112 with the provisions of ss. 943.61-943.68 or the security plans 113 developed and approved under paragraph (a). 114 To carry out the transportation and protective (k) 115 services functions described in s. 943.68. 116 Section 2. Subsection (6) is added to section 943.611, 117 Florida Statutes, to read: 118 943.611 Director of Capitol Police .--119 (6) The director shall serve as the director of the unit 120 within the department providing transportation and protective services as set forth in s. 943.68. 121 122 Section 3. Subsection (1) of section 943.62, Florida Statutes, is amended to read: 123 124 Investigations by the Capitol Police .--943.62 125 In addition to, and in conjunction with, the other (1)powers and duties specified by law, the Capitol Police shall 126 127 conduct traffic accident investigations and investigations 128 relating to felonies and misdemeanors occurring within the Capitol Complex. Any matters may be referred to the department's 129 130 special agents or inspectors or another appropriate law enforcement agency for further investigation. Such referrals 131 132 shall include transmittal of records, reports, statements, and all other information relating to such matters. 133 134 Section 4. Section 943.64, Florida Statutes, is amended to 135 read: 943.64 Ex officio agents.--Law enforcement officers of the 136 Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, special agents 137 138 or inspectors of the Department of Law Enforcement, and law 139 enforcement officers of other state agencies, counties, and

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140 municipalities are ex officio agents of the Capitol Police, and 141 may, when authorized by the <u>executive director of the department</u> 142 <u>or the executive director's designee</u> Capitol Police, enforce 143 rules and laws applicable to the powers and duties of the 144 Capitol Police to provide and maintain the security required by 145 ss. 943.61-943.68.

146Section 5.Subsections (3), (6), and (9) of section147943.68, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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943.68 Transportation and protective services.--

The director of Capitol Police, acting under the 149 (3) direction of the executive director, shall assign agents for the 150 performance of the duties prescribed in this section. The 151 assignment of such agents shall be subject to continuing 152 153 approval of the Governor. Upon request of the Governor, the director of Capitol Police, acting under the direction of the 154 executive director, shall reassign an agent from continued 155 performance of such duties. 156

The department shall provide security or 157 (6) 158 transportation services to other persons when requested by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, a member of the Cabinet, the 159 160 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, or the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, subject to 161 certification by the requesting party agency head that such 162 163 services are in the best interest of the state. The requesting 164 party agency head may delegate certification authority to the 165 executive director of the department. The requesting party 166 agency head shall limit such services to persons:

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(a) Who are visiting the state; for whom such services are requested by the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, a member of the Cabinet, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, or the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court; and for whom the primary purpose of the visit is for a <u>significant</u> public purpose <u>or and</u> to promote the development of the state; or

(b) For whom the failure to provide security or transportation could result in a clear and present danger to the personal safety of such persons, or could result in public embarrassment to the state, or could endanger the safety of persons or property within the state.

The department shall submit a report each reports on 179 (9) 180 July 15 and January 15 of each year to the President of the 181 Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Governor, and 182 members of the Cabinet, detailing all transportation and protective services provided under subsections (1), (5), and (6) 183 within the preceding fiscal year 6 months. Each report shall 184 185 include a detailed accounting of the cost of such transportation and protective services, including the names of persons provided 186 187 such services and the nature of state business performed.

188 Section 6. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section189 316.640, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

190316.640Enforcement.--The enforcement of the traffic laws191of this state is vested as follows:

192 (1) STATE.--

(a)1.a. The Division of Florida Highway Patrol of the
Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles *i*₇ the Division

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195 of Law Enforcement of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation 196 Commission; τ the Division of Law Enforcement of the Department 197 of Environmental Protection; , and law enforcement officers of 198 the Department of Transportation; and the agents, inspectors, 199 and officers of the Department of Law Enforcement each have 200 authority to enforce all of the traffic laws of this state on 201 all the streets and highways thereof and elsewhere throughout 202 the state wherever the public has a right to travel by motor 203 vehicle.

University police officers shall have authority to 204 b. enforce all of the traffic laws of this state when such 205 206 violations occur on or about any property or facilities that are under the guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of a 207 208 state university, a direct-support organization of such state 209 university, or any other organization controlled by the state 210 university or a direct-support organization of the state 211 university, except that traffic laws may be enforced off-campus 212 when hot pursuit originates on or adjacent to any such property 213 or facilities.

c. Community college police officers shall have the authority to enforce all the traffic laws of this state only when such violations occur on any property or facilities that are under the guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of the community college system.

d. Police officers employed by an airport authority shall
have the authority to enforce all of the traffic laws of this
state only when such violations occur on any property or
facilities that are owned or operated by an airport authority.

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223 (I) An airport authority may employ as a parking 224 enforcement specialist any individual who successfully completes 225 a training program established and approved by the Criminal 226 Justice Standards and Training Commission for parking 227 enforcement specialists but who does not otherwise meet the uniform minimum standards established by the commission for law 228 229 enforcement officers or auxiliary or part-time officers under s. 230 943.12. Nothing in this sub-sub-subparagraph shall be construed 231 to permit the carrying of firearms or other weapons, nor shall 232 such parking enforcement specialist have arrest authority.

(II) A parking enforcement specialist employed by an airport authority is authorized to enforce all state, county, and municipal laws and ordinances governing parking only when such violations are on property or facilities owned or operated by the airport authority employing the specialist, by appropriate state, county, or municipal traffic citation.

e. The Office of Agricultural Law Enforcement of the
Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services shall have the
authority to enforce traffic laws of this state.

f. School safety officers shall have the authority to enforce all of the traffic laws of this state when such violations occur on or about any property or facilities which are under the guidance, supervision, regulation, or control of the district school board.

247 2. An agency of the state as described in subparagraph 1.
248 is prohibited from establishing a traffic citation quota. A
249 violation of this subparagraph is not subject to the penalties
250 provided in chapter 318.

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251 3. Any disciplinary action taken or performance evaluation 252 conducted by an agency of the state as described in subparagraph 1. of a law enforcement officer's traffic enforcement activity 253 254 must be in accordance with written work-performance standards. 255 Such standards must be approved by the agency and any collective 256 bargaining unit representing such law enforcement officer. A 257 violation of this subparagraph is not subject to the penalties 258 provided in chapter 318.

259 4. The Division of the Florida Highway Patrol may employ 260 as a traffic accident investigation officer any individual who successfully completes instruction in traffic accident 261 investigation and court presentation through the Selective 262 Traffic Enforcement Program as approved by the Criminal Justice 263 264 Standards and Training Commission and funded through the 265 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or a similar 266 program approved by the commission, but who does not necessarily 267 meet the uniform minimum standards established by the commission for law enforcement officers or auxiliary law enforcement 268 269 officers under chapter 943. Any such traffic accident investigation officer who makes an investigation at the scene of 270 271 a traffic accident may issue traffic citations, based upon personal investigation, when he or she has reasonable and 272 probable grounds to believe that a person who was involved in 273 274 the accident committed an offense under this chapter, chapter 275 319, chapter 320, or chapter 322 in connection with the 276 accident. This subparagraph does not permit the officer to carry 277 firearms or other weapons, and such an officer does not have 278 authority to make arrests.

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