

1 TO THE HONORABLE SENATE:

2 The Committee on Government Operations to which was referred House Bill
3 No. 585 entitled “An act relating to a study of law enforcement structure in the
4 State” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that
5 the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by striking out all
6 after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 Sec. 1. FINDINGS; LAW ENFORCEMENT STRUCTURE IN THE STATE

8 (a) It is necessary to review the disparities in the authority of the different
9 law enforcement agencies in this State in order to determine how to provide
10 more effective and efficient law enforcement coverage, while acknowledging
11 the different governance structures of those agencies.

12 (b) Since 1947 when the State Police was formed, there have been
13 numerous studies relating to the structure of law enforcement authority in the
14 State.

15 (c) Prior to undertaking a new study of this issue, the General Assembly
16 should review past studies of the issue, the recommendations from those
17 studies, and whether any of those recommendations have been enacted
18 into law.

