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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy
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Read for the Second Time

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; clarifying the Division of Capitol Security's
1.3 responsibilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299E.01, subdivision
1.4 2.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299E.01, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 2. Responsibilities. (a) The division is responsible and must utilize state employees
1.8 for security and public information services in state-owned buildings and state leased-to-own
1.9 buildings in the Capitol Area, as described in section 15B.02. It must provide personnel as
1.10 are required by the circumstances to insure ensure the orderly conduct of state business and
1.11 the convenience of the public. Until July 1, 2026, it must provide emergency assistance and
1.12 security escorts at any location within the Capitol Area, as described in section 15B.02,
1.13 when requested by a state constitutional officer.

1.14 (b) As part of the division permanent staff, the director must establish the position of
1.15 emergency manager that includes, at a minimum, the following duties:

1.16 (1) oversight of the consolidation, development, and maintenance of plans and procedures
1.17 that provide continuity of security operations;

1.18 (2) the development and implementation of tenant training that addresses threats and
1.19 emergency procedures; and

1.20 (3) the development and implementation of threat and emergency exercises.

1.21 (c) The director must provide a minimum of one state trooper assigned to the Capitol
1.22 complex at all times. The director and any state troopers assigned to the Capitol complex

2.1 must have current training in, or recent experience conducting, criminal investigations that
2.2 include identifying witnesses and report writing.

2.3 (d) The director, in consultation with the advisory committee under section 299E.04,
2.4 shall, at least annually, hold a meeting or meetings to discuss, among other issues, Capitol
2.5 complex security, emergency planning, public safety, and public access to the Capitol
2.6 complex. The meetings must include, at a minimum:

2.7 (1) Capitol complex tenants and state employees;

2.8 (2) nongovernmental entities, such as lobbyists, vendors, and the media; and

2.9 (3) the public and public advocacy groups.

2.10 (e) The division is the lead agency responsible for investigating alleged criminal offenses
2.11 that occur in state-owned buildings and state leased-to-own buildings, or on grounds
2.12 surrounding these buildings, within the Capitol Area. Another law enforcement agency may
2.13 assume responsibility for a criminal investigation under this paragraph if the director and
2.14 the chief law enforcement officer for the other agency agree, in writing, to transfer
2.15 responsibility for the investigation.