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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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SENATE, March 1, 1996.

Majority and minority report of the committees on Joint Ways and Means, the Judiciary and Public Safety, to whom was referred a message of His Excellency the Governor submitting (under Article LXXXVII of the Amendments to the Constitution) Reorganization Plan Number 6 of 1996, relative to reorganizing the Executive Office of Public Safety (House, No. 5806), reports recommending that the same ought NOT to be approved.

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### MAJORITY REPORT

Reorganization Plan No. 96-6 (House, No. 5806) proposes to consolidate all functions of the Executive Office of Public Safety into four divisions: an Office of the Secretary, a Department of Law Enforcement, a Department of Criminal Justice, and a Department of Emergency Management. The Office of the Secretary would largely be responsible for consolidated grant programs, community policing programs, Quinn bill funding, emergency 911 and criminal history systems board functions, and general operations that the Executive Office currently performs. The Department of Law Enforcement would incorporate the chief medical examiner, all state police functions, and the criminal justice training council agency functions. The Department of Criminal Justice consolidates county corrections, the department of correction, and parole board functions. The Department of Emergency Management combines all fire, natural disaster and national guard related agencies, including the existing emergency management unit, the military division, and the state fire marshal.

We are concerned that this reorganization leaves no room in the Executive Office for the existing Registry of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Public Safety, both of which the Legislature may wish to keep in their present location when it further considers reorganization issues. We also fear that placing the office of the chief medical examiner in the same division as the state police may impair the public perception of the independence of his findings. Finally, we are not persuaded that significant savings will result from this proposal.

In general, we are not convinced that all aspects of this plan are necessary or useful in coordinating public safety functions. We therefore recommend that the Senate and House of Representatives disapprove Reorganization Plan No. 96-6.

We, the undersigned members of the committees on Joint Ways and Means, Judiciary and Public Safety recommend that the reorganization plan, House, No. 5806, ought NOT to be approved.

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**MINORITY REPORT**

We, the undersigned members of the committees on Joint Ways and Means, Judiciary and Public Safety recommend that the reorganization plan, House No. 5806, ought to be approved.

**Senator**

Lucile P. Hicks

**Representative**

Thomas P. Kennedy