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Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee
House of Representatives
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Dear Ms. Woodbury:

Thank you for forwarding me a copy of a proposed bill which would amend [Section 23-23-30, of the Code of Laws, 1976](#), by adding two additional members to the Law Enforcement Training Council.

One of the proposed additions to the Training Council is designated as Subsection (13) and provides for the appointment of 'a professor or instructor of social psychology or a licensed practicing psychologist or psychiatrist to be appointed by the Governor —.'

I can see no realistic, practical advantage in having a person with these qualifications as a member of the Training Council. The basic reasons for the Criminal Justice Academy are for the production of qualified law enforcement officers and the interests of the members of the Training Council are really directed to the establishment of a curriculum and the oversight of administrative processes necessary to achieve the underlying function of the Academy. All of the members of the Training Council, except one, are directly and daily involved in the work of law enforcement officers at all levels throughout the State and, therefore, can contribute from their various fields the expertise necessary to formulate the best methods of creating a means of producing qualified law enforcement officers. While I do not mean to denigrate the value that a psychologist or psychiatrist might have in formulating a training policy, I think that such benefit is so remote that it is my belief that the inclusion of such an individual as a member of the Training Council would be a mistake.

I believe that a more appropriate addition would be the Dean of the College of Criminal Justice of the University of South Carolina. Such a proposal has received the endorsement of the Training Council itself and would, in my opinion, give an added impetus to the strength of the Training Council. Dean Mathias is in constant attendance at meetings of the Training Council, although not a member, and his advice and comments have been found extremely helpful.

Subsection (14) authorizing representation of a 'recognized public or private human rights organization or commission appointed by the Governor for a term of four years' is a good idea and I endorse it.

Very truly yours,

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