

HB 1321 -- VIOLENT CRIME COMMISSION

SPONSOR: Copeland

This bill creates the "Violent Crime Commission", within the Department of Public Safety, and the "Violent Crime Commission Fund". The bill specifies who will serve as members of the Violent Crime Commission and the duties of the Commission. Two of the members will have experience as criminal investigators, homicide detectives, or forensic experts, one shall be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the other designated by the President Pro Tem. One of the duties of the Commission is to establish a grant program to distribute funds to local law enforcement agencies for the purpose of preventing, investigating, and solving violent crimes.

The bill also specifies that money acquired by law enforcement agencies from asset forfeiture may be deposited into the Violent Crime Commission Fund, and the \$1 surcharge increase in all criminal cases involving a violation of the traffic laws of the state will be deposited into the Commission Fund.