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| **Proposal #6** Article XI Section 1(a) department Standing Committees |

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| **Current Wording** | **Proposed Amendment** | **If Adopted, Will Read** | **Rationale** |

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**Proposed by:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Rationale:** See above

**Consequential amendments: N/A**