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Please consider an amendment that includes removing the Judicial hearing from the process. Sending the decision directly to the Governor. If it is thought a judicial hearing is needed in instances of suspicion of criminal conduct, then consider amending the bill so that such a hearing would be for only those cases. Ethical and performance violations, unless involving criminality, are not typically the concern of the courts, thus the Governor should be assessing directly these cases for need of suspension of Sheriffs. Likewise, in cases involving criminality, it may be quite likely other LE is involved, thus requiring a judicial hearing to ? Recommend? Suspension is redundant it would seem, and perhaps detrimental to an ongoing investigation by other parties if not all evidence is presented and a false narrative provides the court with an option to not endorse suspension.