The Governor originally appointed the members of this Committee in 1966 to carry out the terms of the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-564). The Committee was reconstituted on July 1, 1972, to include the ex-officio members listed above. The Governor may appoint additional members to serve at his pleasure. The Committee is a continuing one and acts as the central coordinating agency in the planning and execution of highway safety programs. The Executive Director is the Administrative Officer for the Committee and is in general charge of its work.

Responsibility for administration of the State's highway safety program has been vested in the Department of Transportation. By Executive Order, the Secretary of Transportation has been designated as the Governor's Highway Safety Representative and has been delegated the Governor's powers and authority for the highway safety program, which have been redelegated by the Secretary to the Division of Transportation Safety. The former Office of Highway Safety Coordinator was incorporated into this Division (Code 1957, 1970 Repl. Vol., 1972 Supp., Article 66½, secs. 2-101—2-103—2-201—2-205).