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House of Representatives, January 11, 2005

An Act To Allow the Part-time Assignment of State Police Officers to Municipalities

Submitted by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 204.

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

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Presented by Representative BLANCHETTE of Bangor. Cosponsored by Representatives: GREELEY of Levant, HANLEY of Gardiner, PINGREE of North Haven, Senators: CLUKEY of Aroostook, DAVIS of Piscataquis, DIAMOND of Cumberland.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1502, 5th ¶, as enacted by PL 1999, c. 119, §1, is amended to read:

The Chief of the State Police may assign a one or more state police officers to provide full-time or part-time police services to a municipality, or to no more than 3 adjoining municipalities, lacking an organized police department, previded if the municipality or municipalities pay the costs of training, compensation, including wages and fringe benefits, equipment and other expenses of the assigned state police officer or officers. The Chief of the State Police shall continue to exercise supervision and direction over a state police officer whose regular-assignment-is-providing who is assigned to provide police services to a municipality or municipalities. The Chief of the State Police and the municipality or municipalities are authorized to enter into agreements and contracts for police services for a period not exceeding 3 years per agreement or Revenues received from a municipality must be allocated for the purpose of funding the cost of providing the police services.

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SUMMARY

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This bill clarifies current law by making it clear that the Chief of the State Police may provide police services to requesting municipalities on a full-time or part-time basis by assigning one or more officers. The municipality must pay the cost of providing the assigned officer or officers.