

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 3, 2025

### **An Act to Employ Mental Health Personnel Within the Maine State Police**

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Received by the Clerk of the House on January 30, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative UNDERWOOD of Presque Isle.  
Cosponsored by Senator STEWART of Aroostook and  
Representatives: ALBERT of Madawaska, MCINTYRE of Lowell.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
3 allocations are made.

4 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

5 **State Police 0291**

6 Initiative: Creates one Behavioral Health Coordinator Supervisor position to oversee the  
7 activities of the Behavioral Health Coordinator positions and coordinate with the state  
8 police field troops.

9	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
10	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	1,000	1,000
11	Personal Services	\$71,302	\$73,584
12	All Other	\$3,250	\$3,250
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14	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$74,552</b>	<b>\$76,834</b>

16	<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
17	Personal Services	\$38,393	\$39,622
18	All Other	\$1,750	\$1,750
19			
20	<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,143</b>	<b>\$41,372</b>

21 **State Police 0291**

22 Initiative: Creates 3 Behavioral Health Coordinator positions assigned to the state police  
23 Southern Field Troop, Central Field Troop and Troop F responsible for making decisions  
24 about the health, safety and welfare of persons in the community who have interacted with  
25 law enforcement professionals and are in need of services.

26	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
27	POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	3,000	3,000
28	Personal Services	\$177,969	\$183,663
29	All Other	\$9,750	\$9,750
30			
31	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$187,719</b>	<b>\$193,413</b>

33	<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
34	Personal Services	\$95,829	\$98,895
35	All Other	\$5,250	\$5,250
36			
37	<b>HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$101,079</b>	<b>\$104,145</b>

39 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**  
40 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

41		<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
42	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$262,271</b>	<b>\$270,247</b>

1	<b>HIGHWAY FUND</b>	<b>\$141,222</b>	<b>\$145,517</b>
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3	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$403,493</b>	<b>\$415,764</b>

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**SUMMARY**

5        This bill creates 3 Behavioral Health Coordinator positions assigned to the state police  
6 Southern Field Troop, Central Field Troop and Troop F responsible for making decisions  
7 about the health, safety and welfare of persons in the community who have interacted with  
8 law enforcement professionals and are in need of services. The bill also creates one  
9 Behavioral Health Coordinator Supervisor position to oversee the activities of the  
10 Behavioral Health Coordinator positions and coordinate with the state police field troops.