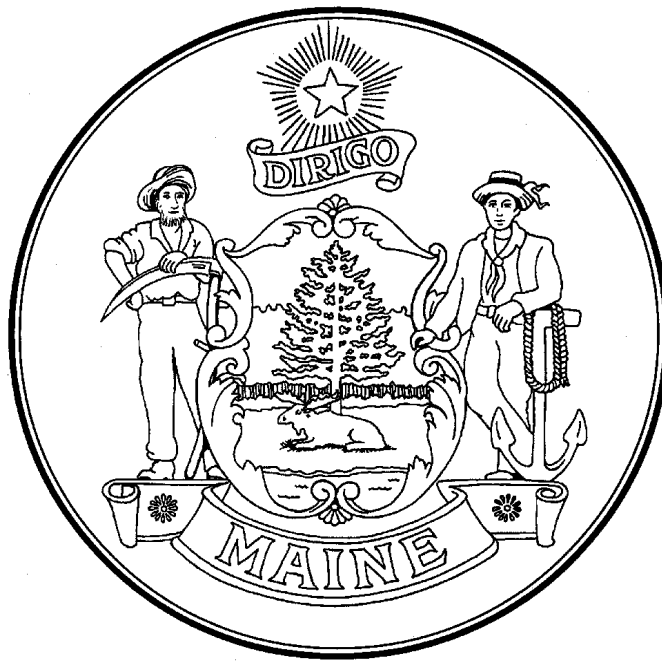


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REPORT A

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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STATE OF MAINE

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132ND LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 312, L.D. 695, "An Act Regarding the Laws of the State of Maine"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Improve the Safety of Those in Public Service'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§18, as amended by PL 1997, c. 43, §2, is further amended to read:

18. Out-of-state travel report. To submit to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs a quarterly report on out-of-state travel activity of the Legislature. The report must be submitted within 15 days after the end of each quarter and must include, for each individual who has been authorized to travel, the destination, purpose and cost by funding source of each trip; ~~and~~

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§19, as enacted by PL 1997, c. 43, §3, is amended to read:

19. Legislative information available through the Internet. To make the following information available through the Internet: legislative documents, committee hearing schedules, work session schedules, status of legislation, voting records of Legislators, the laws of Maine, study reports and reports of other study groups established by the Legislature and any other information designated by the Legislative Council; and

Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §162, sub-§20 is enacted to read:

20. Legislator Residential Security Program. To establish policies and procedures for the administration of the Legislator Residential Security Program established in section 170-C.

Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §170-C is enacted to read:

§170-C. Legislator Residential Security Program

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1. Definitions. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Fund" means the Legislator Residential Security Fund established in subsection 6.

B. "Program" means the Legislator Residential Security Program established in subsection 2.

C. "Security professional" means a person selected by the Legislative Council pursuant to subsection 5 to install, monitor or maintain home security systems.

2. Program established. The Legislator Residential Security Program is established to mitigate the risks to the physical security of members of the Legislature in their residences.

3. Home security system. At the request of a current member of the Legislature, if sufficient funds are available, the Legislative Council shall use the fund, in accordance with policies and procedures established under subsection 4, to:

A. Issue payment for the cost of installing a wireless, wired or hybrid home security system by a security professional at that member's residence; and

B. Issue payments for service fees associated with monitoring and maintaining a home security system installed at that member's residence by a security professional.

Upon the termination of a member's legislative service, the Legislative Council may not expend funds from the fund for service fees associated with monitoring or maintaining that former member's home security system.

4. Administration of program. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall administer the program in accordance with policies and procedures established by the Legislative Council as required by Title 3, section 162, subsection 20 and in the manner determined by the Executive Director of the Legislative Council.

5. Selection of security professionals. The Legislative Council shall select, through a competitive bidding process, licensed and qualified security professionals to install, monitor and maintain home security systems pursuant to this section and in accordance with the policies and procedures established by the Legislative Council.

6. Legislator Residential Security Fund. The Legislator Residential Security Fund is established in the Legislature as a nonlapsing account in accordance with Title 5, section 1591, subsection 11 administered by the Legislative Council to be used for the purposes of this section.

Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §1591, sub-§11 is enacted to read:

11. Legislature. Any balance remaining in the Legislator Residential Security Fund program, General Fund account in the Legislature at the end of any fiscal year must be carried forward for use by the program in the next fiscal year for the same purpose.

Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LEGISLATURE
Legislator Residential Security Fund N576

1 Initiative: Provides one-time funding to mitigate risks to the physical security of Legislators
2 in their residences.

| | | | |
|---|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 3 | GENERAL FUND | 2025-26 | 2026-27 |
| 4 | All Other | \$0 | \$450,000 |
| 5 | | | |
| 6 | GENERAL FUND TOTAL | <hr/> \$0 | <hr/> \$450,000 |

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8 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
9 number to read consecutively.

10 **SUMMARY**

11 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the bill, which
12 is a concept draft, and changes the title. This amendment establishes the Legislator
13 Residential Security Program and Legislator Residential Security Fund to mitigate the risks
14 to the physical security of sitting Legislators. The program is administered by the
15 Executive Director of the Legislative Council. The fund must be used in accordance with
16 policies and procedures established by the Legislative Council for the installation,
17 monitoring and maintenance of a home security system for the residence of each sitting
18 Legislator who requests it, subject to the availability of funds.

19 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
20 (See attached)



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 695

LR 2170(02)

An Act Regarding the Laws of the State of Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S. 627)
 Committee: State and Local Government
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

| | FY 2025-26 | FY 2026-27 | Projections FY 2027-28 | Projections FY 2028-29 |
|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$450,000 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Appropriations/Allocations | | | | |
| General Fund | \$0 | \$450,000 | \$0 | \$0 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill provides a one-time General Fund appropriation of \$450,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 for the newly created Legislator Residential Security Fund program in the Legislature to mitigate increased risks to the physical security of legislators in their residences.