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An Act to Protect Municipalities' Investment in Law Enforcement Officers

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative BOYER of Poland.
Cosponsored by Senator HARRINGTON of York and
Representatives: BISHOP of Bucksport, HASENFUS of Readfield, PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft, WHITE of Ellsworth, Senators: BEEBE-CENTER of Knox, BENNETT of Oxford, GROHOSKI of Hancock, TIPPING of Penobscot.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2808, sub-§3**, as amended by PL 2023, c. 242, §1, is further
3 amended to read:

4 **3. Reimbursement Liability for training costs.** Whenever a full-time law
5 enforcement officer, trained at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy or the Indian police
6 academy at the federal law enforcement training center at the expense of a particular
7 governmental entity, is subsequently hired by another governmental entity as a full-time
8 law enforcement officer within 5 years of graduation from the academy, the governmental
9 entity ~~shall reimburse~~ is liable to the first governmental entity for the training costs
10 according to the following formula, unless a mutual agreement is reached.

11 A. If the officer is hired by the other governmental entity during the first year after
12 graduation, that governmental entity shall ~~reimburse~~ pay the first governmental entity
13 ~~the full cost of~~ twice the training costs.

14 B. If the officer is hired by the other governmental entity during the 2nd year after
15 graduation, that governmental entity shall ~~reimburse~~ pay the first governmental entity
16 ~~80%~~ 160% of the training costs.

17 C. If the officer is hired by the other governmental entity during the 3rd year after
18 graduation, that governmental entity shall ~~reimburse~~ pay the first governmental entity
19 ~~60%~~ 120% of the training costs.

20 D. If the officer is hired by the other governmental entity during the 4th year after
21 graduation, that governmental entity shall reimburse the first governmental entity ~~40%~~
22 80% of the training costs.

23 E. If the officer is hired by the other governmental entity during the 5th year after
24 graduation, that governmental entity shall reimburse the first governmental entity ~~20%~~
25 40% of the training costs.

26 F. If the officer graduated more than 5 years before subsequently being hired by the
27 other governmental entity, that governmental entity is not obligated to reimburse the
28 first governmental entity.

29 If the officer is subsequently hired by additional governmental entities within 5 years of
30 graduation from the academy, each of those governmental entities is liable to the
31 governmental employer immediately preceding it for the training costs paid by that
32 governmental entity under this subsection. The extent of financial liability must be
33 determined according to the formula established by this subsection.

34 The board shall, as necessary, incorporate the Indian police academy at the federal law
35 enforcement training center into its basic law enforcement training program reimbursement
36 rates.

37 **SUMMARY**

38 Current law requires that when a governmental entity hires a full-time law enforcement
39 officer within 5 years of the officer's graduation from the Maine Criminal Justice Academy
40 or the Indian police academy at the federal law enforcement training center, and that
41 officer's training had been paid for by the officer's original governmental entity, the hiring

1 governmental entity must pay the original governmental entity a designated portion of the
2 officer's training costs. This bill increases the amount of those payments.