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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1217, L.D. 1819, "An Act Regarding the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund"

Amend the bill in section 1 in subsection 10 in the first line (page 1, line 3 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "an employee" the following: 'who is employed by an employer that maintains a physical presence within the base area and'

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2.

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph F in the 2nd line (page 1, line 20 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2051" and inserting the following: '2035'

Amend the bill in section 3 in paragraph F in the 3rd line (page 1, line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "2051" and inserting the following: '2035'

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 5 and 6 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 5. Annual financial report; strategic plan. The Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority shall include in its annual financial report for fiscal year 2025-26 pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 13083-S, subsection 1 a strategic plan for the transfer of properties from the possession of the authority to a public or private party.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the committee. The amendment amends the definition of "remote employee" in the bill to require a remote employee to be employed by an employer that maintains a physical presence within the geographic boundaries of the former Brunswick Naval Air Station and extends payments to the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund until January 2035, instead of January 2051 as proposed in the bill. The amendment requires the annual financial report of the Midcoast

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1 Regional Redevelopment Authority to include information on the authority's strategic plan
2 to transfer properties from the authority to a public or private party.

3 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

4 (See attached)

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 1819****LR 94(02)****An Act Regarding the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-504)****Committee: Housing and Economic Development****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	\$304,000	\$313,500	\$323,000
Revenue				
General Fund	\$0	(\$304,000)	(\$313,500)	(\$323,000)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$0	(\$16,000)	(\$16,500)	(\$17,000)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a revenue decrease to the General Fund of \$304,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 by expanding the definition of "employee" to include remote workers of businesses in the Midcoast Regional Redevelopment Authority, which owns and administers the former Brunswick Naval Air Station, for purposes of calculating disbursements by the State into the Brunswick Naval Air Station Job Increment Financing Fund. The bill also includes a revenue decrease to the Local Government Fund of \$16,000 in fiscal year 2026-27.

Any additional costs to the Department of Economic and Community Development to adopt the changes in this bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.