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1 (New Draft of H.P. 82, L.D. 102)  
2 (New Title)  
3 FIRST REGULAR SESSION  
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5 ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE  
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9 H.P. 1017

House of Representatives, May 8, 1985

10 Reported by Representative Jacques from the Committee on Energy and  
11 Natural Resources and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill sponsored by  
12 Representative Paradis of Augusta. Cosponsored by Senator Bustin of  
Kennebec, Representative Hickey of Augusta and Representative Sproul of  
Augusta.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

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16 IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD  
17 NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FIVE  
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19 Resolve, to Provide for an Agreement Between  
20 the State and the City of Augusta to  
21 Establish a Greenbelt Area on State-  
22 owned Land on the East Bank of the  
23 Kennebec River in Augusta.  
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25 Augusta greenbelt; negotiations; agreement. Re-  
26 solved: That the Commissioner of Finance and Admin-  
27 istration or his designee shall negotiate with offi-  
28 cials of the City of Augusta for the purpose of  
29 drafting an agreement which shall be the basis for  
30 the establishment of a greenbelt area on state-owned  
31 land on the east bank of the Kennebec River in Augus-  
32 ta. During the negotiations, consideration shall be  
33 given to the need to update the existing master plan  
34 for the greenbelt area developed by the Department of  
35 Conservation; and be it further

36 Resolved: That the purpose of the greenbelt  
37 agreement shall be:

1           1. To preserve the existing open space and natu-  
2           ral features of the area consistent with increased  
3           public access for outdoor recreational use;

4           2. To preserve existing significant historic and  
5           architectural features;

6           3. To limit future development in the greenbelt  
7           area without restricting access, use or maintenance  
8           of existing facilities within the area; and

9           4. To insure public access to the greenbelt ar-  
10          ea.

11          During negotiations, the parties shall consult with  
12          appropriate officials in the Department of Conserva-  
13          tion and the Department of Mental Health and Mental  
14          Retardation; and be it further

15          **Resolved:** That the various state agencies may  
16          provide technical assistance, but the cost of the  
17          preparation of any plans, studies or surveys incurred  
18          in reaching the agreement shall be borne by the City  
19          of Augusta. Surrounding communities may contribute  
20          to those costs; and be it further

21          **Resolved:** That the commissioner shall submit the  
22          results of the negotiations to the Second Regular  
23          Session of the 112th Legislature by January 1, 1986.  
24          The commissioner's report to the Legislature shall  
25          contain any agreement reached concerning development  
26          and administration of the greenbelt area and any nec-  
27          essary legislation for implementation. It is the in-  
28          tent of the Legislature that the costs of development  
29          and administration of the greenbelt area be borne by  
30          the City of Augusta and nearby communities which will  
31          benefit from its existence. The communities are en-  
32          couraged to use federal money when available.

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STATEMENT OF FACT

The purpose of this new draft is to provide the opportunity for the State, acting through the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, and the City of Augusta, and nearby towns, to negotiate an agreement for the development of a greenbelt area on the state-owned land on the east bank of the Kennebec River in Augusta. Currently, a master plan for the area exists, but is badly outdated. The negotiations could result in revision of the plan and development of an agreement based on that revision. The costs of updating the plan and eventually of developing and administering the greenbelt area should be borne by the area communities since the greenbelt area is essentially a local resource which will be used primarily by local residents. The commissioner is to report any agreement which is reached to the Second Regular Session of the 112th Legislature which could then enact legislation implementing development of the greenbelt area.

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