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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 16, L.D. 10, Bill, "An Act to Provide for Resident State Police Officers for Municipalities without a Police Force"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the statement of fact and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1502, as amended by PL 1993, c. 123, §1, is further amended by inserting after the 4th paragraph a new paragraph to read:

The Chief of the State Police may assign a state police officer to provide police services to a municipality, or 2 or more adjoining municipalities, lacking an organized police department, provided the municipality or municipalities pay the costs of training, compensation, including wages and fringe benefits, equipment and other expenses of the assigned state police officer. The Chief of the State Police shall continue to exercise supervision and direction over a state police officer whose regular assignment is providing police services to a municipality. The Chief of the State Police and the municipality or municipalities are authorized to enter into agreements and contracts for police services for a period not exceeding 3 years. Revenues received from a municipality must be allocated for the purpose of funding the cost of providing the police services.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

If a municipality without a police force elects to enter into agreement with the State Police to provide police services, the municipality must pay the full cost of these services. These payments will be collected by the Department of Public Safety as dedicated revenue and allocated in a separate account. The increases in dedicated revenue and required allocations will vary depending upon the services requested and number of municipalities wishing to participate. These amounts can not be estimated at this time.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment replaces the original bill. The amendment allows a municipality without an organized police department to contract with the Bureau of the State Police to have a state police officer specifically assigned to provide police services to the municipality. The municipality must pay the expenses of providing the assigned state police officer.

The amendment is the minority report.