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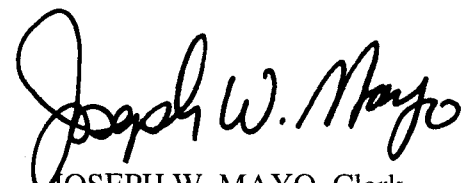
H.P. 873

House of Representatives, April 6, 1995

**An Act Relating to the Training and Certification of Law Enforcement
Officers.**

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice suggested and ordered printed.


JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DAGGETT of Augusta.

Cosponsored by Representative: KONTOS of Windham, Senator: STEVENS of Androscoggin.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the Second Regular Session of the 116th Legislature required the Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy to complete several studies relating to the training and certification of law enforcement officers; and

Whereas, it is important that the review of the use of reserve and part-time officers be completed by June 1, 1995; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

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

Sec. 1. PL 1993, c. 744, §§17 and 19 are amended to read:

Sec. 17. Study of the use of reserve and part-time law enforcement officers. ~~Subject--to--the--available--funding,--the~~ The Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy shall conduct a study that surveys and analyzes the demographics, number and use of reserve and part-time law enforcement officers in the State and that explores the appropriateness and sufficiency of the level of training presently required for those officers. The board shall invite the participation of the Maine Municipal Association, the Maine Chiefs of Police Association and the Maine Sheriffs Association in conducting its study. The board shall incorporate a report of its findings in its annual report to the Legislature ~~in 1996~~ by June 1, 1995.

Sec. 19. Study of the use of psychological examination for admission to the academy basic training course. ~~Subject-to-available-funding,~~ The Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy shall conduct a study to explore the requirement of successful completion of a psychological examination prior to admission to the Maine Criminal Justice Academy's basic training course. The report must include findings regarding the appropriateness of using psychological testing as a prerequisite to admission to the academy's basic training course, specific recommendations for the use of psychological testing, any legislation necessary to carry out its recommendations and the costs of any recommendations.

2 The Board of Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy
shall submit its report and any proposed legislation to the joint
4 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over
legal affairs and the Executive Director of the Legislative
Council no later than November 1, 1994 1995.

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8 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the
preamble, this Act takes effect when approved.

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12 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

This bill deletes the condition of "subject to available
14 funding" from 2 studies that were required by the Second Regular
Session of the 116th Legislature to be completed by the Board of
16 Trustees of the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. The bill
requires the study of the use of reserve and part-time law
18 enforcement officers to be completed by June 1, 1995 and the
study of the use of psychological examination for admission to
20 the academy basic training course to be completed by November 1,
1995.