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House of Representatives, February 15, 2001

**An Act to Amend the Laws Governing Reimbursement of Training Costs
for Law Enforcement Officers.**

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

Millicent M. MacFarland

MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND, Clerk

Presented by Representative LESSARD of Topsham.

Cosponsored by Senator DAVIS of Piscataquis and

Representatives: CARR of Lincoln, GERZOFKY of Brunswick, HUTTON of Bowdoinham.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2808, sub-§3**, as enacted by PL 1989, c. 521,
4 §13, is amended to read:

6 **3. Reimbursement for training costs after September 1,**
7 **1989.** Whenever a law enforcement officer, trained at the Maine
8 Criminal Justice Academy on or after September 1, 1989, while on
9 the payroll of a particular governmental entity, is subsequently
10 hired by another governmental entity within 5 years of graduation
11 from the academy, the governmental entity shall reimburse the
12 first governmental entity according to the following formula.

14 A. If the officer is hired by the other governmental entity
15 during the first year after graduation, that governmental
16 entity shall reimburse the first governmental entity the
17 ~~full-cost-of-the-training-costs~~ \$15,000.

18 B. If the officer is hired by the other governmental entity
19 during the 2nd year after graduation, that governmental
20 entity shall reimburse the first governmental entity 80%-of
21 ~~the-training-costs~~ \$12,000.

22 C. If the officer is hired by the other governmental entity
23 during the 3rd year after graduation, that governmental
24 entity shall reimburse the first governmental entity 60%-of
25 ~~the-training-costs~~ \$9,000.

26 D. If the officer is hired by the other governmental entity
27 during the 4th year after graduation, that governmental
28 entity shall reimburse the first governmental entity 40%-of
29 ~~the-training-costs~~ \$6,000.

30 E. If the officer is hired by the other governmental entity
31 during the 5th year after graduation, that governmental
32 entity shall reimburse the first governmental entity 20%-of
33 ~~the-training-costs~~ \$3,000.

34 F. If the officer graduated more than 5 years before
35 subsequently being hired by the other governmental entity,
36 that governmental entity shall ~~is~~ not be obligated to
37 reimburse the first governmental entity.

38 If the officer is subsequently hired by additional governmental
39 entities within 5 years of graduation from the academy, each of
40 those governmental entities shall---be is liable to the
41 governmental employer immediately preceding it for the training
42 costs paid by that governmental entity under this subsection.
43 The extent of financial liability shall--be is determined
44 according to the formula established by this subsection.
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2 Reimbursement shall is not be required when the trained officer
4 hired by a governmental entity has had employment with a prior
6 governmental entity terminated at the discretion of the
governmental entity or has not worked as a law enforcement
officer for a period of at least one year.

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SUMMARY

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12 This bill changes the formula regarding reimbursement of law
14 enforcement officer training costs that a governmental entity
16 must pay to another governmental entity when a law enforcement
18 officer who is a recent graduate of the Maine Criminal Justice
Academy changes employers. Current law bases this formula on a
percentage of the training costs depending upon when the law
enforcement officer graduated. The bill bases this formula on
specified dollar amounts depending upon when the law enforcement
officer graduated.

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22 This bill provides that a governmental entity that hires a
24 law enforcement officer who recently graduated from the Maine
26 Criminal Justice Academy while on the payroll of another
governmental entity does not have to reimburse that other
governmental entity for training costs if that law enforcement
officer has not worked as a law enforcement officer for a period
of at least one year.