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No. 1800

S.P. 620

In Senate, May 15, 2001

**An Act to Enhance the Enforcement and Prosecution of Computer
Crimes Through Support of the Maine Computer Crimes Task Force.**

Reported by Senator McAlevey for the Joint Standing Committee on
Criminal Justice pursuant to Joint Order S.P. 597.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy J. O'Brien".

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

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

Sec. 1. 25 MRSA c. 192 is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 192

MAINE COMPUTER CRIMES TASK FORCE

§1521. Maine Computer Crimes Task Force

1. Maine Computer Crimes Task Force. The Maine Computer Crimes Task Force, referred to in this chapter as the "task force," is established under the auspices of the Department of Public Safety as a collaborative partnership among the department, the Bureau of State Police within the department, the Department of the Attorney General and local law enforcement agencies. The purpose of the task force is to investigate and assist those law enforcement agencies in the State that investigate crimes involving computers.

2. Report. Beginning July 1, 2002, the task force shall make an annual report regarding development, implementation and effectiveness of programs and initiatives to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters.

3. Repeal. This chapter is repealed January 1, 2004.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	2001-02	2002-03
PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF		
Computer Crimes		
Positions	(1,000)	(1,000)
Personal Services	\$61,296	\$81,728
All Other	203,454	298,272
Capital Expenditures	27,000	
Appropriates funds for one State Police Sergeant position and operating costs necessary for the administration of the Maine Computer Crimes Task Force.		

2	DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY		
	TOTAL	\$291,750	\$380,000

4 **FISCAL NOTE**

6		2001-02	2002-03
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8 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

10	General Fund	\$291,750	\$380,000
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12 This bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$291,750
 14 and \$380,000 in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03, respectively,
 for the Computer Crimes program within the Department of Public
 16 Safety for one State Police Sergeant position and operating costs
 necessary for the administration of the Maine Computer Crimes
 Task Force.

18 The additional costs associated with the Maine Computer
 20 Crimes Task Force can be absorbed by the Department of the
 Attorney General utilizing existing budgeted resources.

24 **SUMMARY**

26 This bill establishes the Maine Computer Crimes Task Force,
 which is a collaborative partnership under the auspices of the
 28 Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police and includes
 the Department of Attorney General and local law enforcement
 30 agencies. The purpose of the task force is to investigate and
 assist those law enforcement agencies in the State that
 32 investigate crimes involving computers. The task force is funded
 by a General Fund appropriation.