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L.D. 1140

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Minority

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
122ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 783, L.D. 1140, "Resolve, Directing the State Police and the County Sheriff's Departments To Enter into a Call-sharing Agreement"

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Mandate preamble. This measure requires one or more local units of government to expand or modify activities so as to necessitate additional expenditures from local revenues but does not provide funding for at least 90% of those expenditures. Pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 21, 2/3 of all of the members elected to each House have determined it necessary to enact this measure.

Sec. 1. Call-sharing agreement. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police and each county sheriff's department shall enter into a call-sharing agreement. The State Police and each county sheriff's department shall cooperate in coordinating their forces to provide the most comprehensive and advantageous plan to provide law enforcement services to each county. Agreements may be made based on time, coverage zones or any other factors that are mutually agreeable to each party of the agreement.'

SUMMARY

Like the resolve, this amendment directs the Department of

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2 Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to enter into a
call-sharing agreement with each county sheriff's department. In
4 order to recognize the different levels of staffing and the law
enforcement needs of each county, the amendment authorizes the
6 parties to base each agreement on factors that are mutually
agreeable to each party. Instead of requiring the call-sharing
8 agreement to be restricted only to assigning responsibility of
1/2 of the coverage to the county for a period and 1/2 to the
10 State Police and then switching, the amendment gives the parties
the flexibility to determine what works best in each county. The
amendment also adds a mandate preamble.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" H-724

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

State Mandate - Exempted

Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Potential current biennium cost increase - Highway Fund

State Mandate

New or Expanded Activity

Requiring that county sheriffs' departments enter into call-sharing agreements with the State Police is a modification of activity that could have significant additional costs for the counties. The amount of cost will depend on the circumstances of the call-sharing agreements reached with each county sheriff's department and can not be determined at this time. Adding the Mandate Preamble to the bill exempts the state from the obligation to pay at least 90% of subsequent municipal costs.

Unit Affected

County

Costs

Significant

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Requiring the State Police and county sheriffs' departments to develop call-sharing agreements to cover each county may increase State Police costs to the General Fund and Highway Fund. Any increased costs will depend on the call-sharing agreement that is reached with each county and can not be determined at this time.