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An Act Regarding the Recommendations of the Committee To Study Appropriate Funding of the State Police

Reported by Senator DAMON of Hancock for the Joint Standing Committee on
Transportation pursuant to Joint Order, S.P. 725.

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

JOY J. O'BRIEN
Secretary of the Senate

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

2 **Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1666**, as amended by PL 2007, c. 1, Pt. P, §2, is further
3 amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

4 The Governor or the Governor-elect, in developing recommendations for funding the
5 Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, shall review and use as a guide
6 available data identifying or quantifying the activities of the Department of Public Safety,
7 Bureau of State Police that may be eligible for funding from the Highway Fund pursuant
8 to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 19. This paragraph applies to the
9 preparation of the budget for the 2010-2011 biennium and thereafter.

10 **Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §1509**, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 664, Pt. R, §1, is repealed.

11 **Sec. 3. Report.** The Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police shall
12 report no later than January 30, 2009 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature
13 having jurisdiction over transportation matters the activity data collected by the bureau
14 during calendar year 2008 under the tracking and reporting system it has established to
15 track state police officers' work activity.

16 **SUMMARY**

17 This bill, which implements the minority report of the Committee To Study
18 Appropriate Funding of the State Police, requires the Governor-elect or the Governor, in
19 developing budgetary recommendations for funding the Department of Public Safety,
20 Bureau of State Police, to review and use as a guide available data identifying or
21 quantifying the activities of the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police that
22 may be eligible for funding from the Highway Fund pursuant to the Constitution of
23 Maine, Article IX, Section 19. This provision applies to the preparation of the budget for
24 the 2010-2011 biennium and thereafter. The bill also repeals the current provision of law
25 that specifies a particular state funding split between the General Fund and the Highway
26 Fund with respect to the bureau.

27 The bill also requires the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to
28 report by January 30, 2009 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having
29 jurisdiction over transportation matters the activity data collected by the bureau during
30 2008 under its new data reporting system designed to track police officers' work activity.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



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Fiscal Note for Original Bill

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: No

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Public Safety and the Office of the Governor associated with this legislation can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted resources.