

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 9, 2017

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**An Act To Allow a Public Safety Answering Point To Be  
Reimbursed for Training Costs**

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative DILLINGHAM of Oxford.  
Cosponsored by Senator HAMPER of Oxford and  
Representatives: HEAD of Bethel, HERRICK of Paris, PICKETT of Dixfield, WINSOR of  
Norway.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §2936** is enacted to read:

3 **§2936. Sharing of training costs for dispatchers**

4 Whenever a full-time dispatcher has received the basic training provided to full-time  
5 dispatchers by the bureau at the expense of a particular public safety answering point and  
6 is subsequently hired by another public safety answering point as a full-time dispatcher  
7 within 5 years of the end of the dispatcher's training, the public safety answering point  
8 shall reimburse the first public safety answering point according to the formula under this  
9 section, unless a mutual agreement is reached.

10 **1. Full amount of cost.** If the dispatcher is hired by the other public safety  
11 answering point during the first year after the end of the dispatcher's training, that public  
12 safety answering point shall reimburse the first public safety answering point the full  
13 amount of the training costs.

14 **2. Eighty percent of costs.** If the dispatcher is hired by the other public safety  
15 answering point during the 2nd year after the end of the dispatcher's training, that public  
16 safety answering point shall reimburse the first public safety answering point 80% of the  
17 training costs.

18 **3. Sixty percent of costs.** If the dispatcher is hired by the other public safety  
19 answering point during the 3rd year after the end of the dispatcher's training, that public  
20 safety answering point shall reimburse the first public safety answering point 60% of the  
21 training costs.

22 **4. Forty percent of costs.** If the dispatcher is hired by the other public safety  
23 answering point during the 4th year after the end of the dispatcher's training, that public  
24 safety answering point shall reimburse the first public safety answering point 40% of the  
25 training costs.

26 **5. Twenty percent of costs.** If the dispatcher is hired by the other public safety  
27 answering point during the 5th year after the end of the dispatcher's training, that public  
28 safety answering point shall reimburse the first public safety answering point 20% of the  
29 training costs.

30 **6. No obligation.** If the dispatcher ended training more than 5 years before  
31 subsequently being hired by the other public safety answering point, that public safety  
32 answering point is not obligated to reimburse the first public safety answering point.

33 If the dispatcher is subsequently hired by additional public safety answering points  
34 within 5 years of the end of the dispatcher's training, each of those public safety  
35 answering points is liable to the public safety answering point immediately preceding it  
36 for the training costs paid by that public safety answering point under this section. The  
37 extent of financial liability must be determined according to the formula established by  
38 this section.

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## **SUMMARY**

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This bill provides for the reimbursement, in full or in part, of a public safety answering point's training costs for a dispatcher who finds employment at another public safety answering point within 5 years of completion of training by the Emergency Services Communication Bureau within the Public Utilities Commission.

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