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H.P. 511

House of Representatives, February 7, 2019

An Act Regarding County Jail Funding

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

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

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative RILEY of Jay.

Cosponsored by Representatives: COREY of Windham, GATTINE of Westbrook, HALL of Wilton, HEAD of Bethel, SKOLFIELD of Weld.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1210-D, sub-§1,** as enacted by PL 2015, c. 335, §23, is
3 amended to read:

4 **1. County Jail Operations Fund.** Notwithstanding any provision of law to the
5 contrary, at least ~~\$12,202,104 in state funding~~ 20.22% of the cost of county jail
6 operations must be appropriated from state funds annually and used for the purposes of
7 the County Jail Operations Fund, as established pursuant to this section and referred to in
8 this section as "the fund." The department shall administer the fund and shall distribute
9 funds to the jails in accordance with this section for the purposes set forth in subsections
10 2 and 3.

11 **SUMMARY**

12 This bill requires that instead of a specific dollar amount the State provide at least
13 20.22% of the cost of county jail operations to the County Jail Operations Fund for
14 distribution to county jails.