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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 387, L.D. 542, "An Act To Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, To Establish a Pilot Project To Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Commissioner of Economic and Community Development to establish pilot project to conduct outreach and to provide support services for active duty military members who are transitioning to civilian life in the State.

Resolved: That the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, shall establish a pilot project, commencing October 1, 2021, to conduct outreach to encourage active duty military members who are transitioning to civilian life to relocate to the State and to provide personalized and proactive support for those military members and their families, including assistance with securing employment and navigating transition services and with community reintegration. The pilot project must be administered by one or more nonprofit or for-profit entities selected through a competitive bidding process.

Sec. 2. Report. Resolved: That, by December 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, shall submit a written report of the results of the pilot project under section 1 and make recommendations to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans affairs. The report must include, at a minimum, information on the outreach conducted, the services provided, the number of military members and families served, the number of military members and families who successfully relocated to the State and the employment status of those individuals. The joint standing committee

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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1 of the Legislature having jurisdiction over veterans affairs may report out legislation based
2 on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.

3 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following
4 appropriations and allocations are made.

5 **ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DEPARTMENT OF**
6 **Administration - Economic and Community Development 0069**

7 Initiative: Provides funding in fiscal year 2021-22 for the first year of a 2-year pilot project
8 for outreach and support services for active duty military members who are transitioning
9 to civilian life in the State and their families.

10	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
11	All Other	\$200,000	\$0
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13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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15 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
16 number to read consecutively.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This amendment strikes the bill and replaces it with a resolve. The resolve directs the
19 Commissioner of Economic and Community Development, in consultation with the
20 Director of the Maine Bureau of Veterans' Services within the Department of Defense,
21 Veterans and Emergency Management, to establish a 2-year pilot project to conduct
22 outreach and to provide support services for active duty military members who are
23 transitioning to civilian life in the State and their families.

24 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

25 (See attached)



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LD 542

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An Act To Provide Support Services for Military Members Transitioning to Civilian Life in Maine

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-102)
 Committee: Veterans and Legal Affairs
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 in fiscal year 2021-22 to the Administration - Economic and Community Development program within the Department of Economic and Community Development for the first year of a 2-year pilot project to conduct outreach and to provide support services for active duty military members who are transitioning to civilian life in the State and their families.

Additional costs to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management associated with consulting on the pilot project and reporting the results can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.