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STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1242, L.D. 1671, "Resolve, To Implement Security Screenings in the State House and Capitol Area Offices"

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

'Resolve, To Require the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Public Safety To Develop Short-term and Long-term Plans for Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building and the State House'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the rise of political polarization and extremism has been linked to several major security incidents involving government offices; and

Whereas, the protection of state employees, including Legislators, legislative employees and state agency employees, is essential to the proper functioning of government; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

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

'Sec. 1. Request for proposals. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services shall issue a request for proposals for and contract with a licensed security consultant to assess the security of the Burton M. Cross Building and the State House and provide specific recommendations on improving the security at those buildings to protect the buildings and the individuals working in and visiting the Burton M. Cross Building and the State House.

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Sec. 2. Plan for immediate security improvements. Resolved: That the Commissioner of Public Safety shall determine which immediate changes to the Burton M. Cross Building and the State House would increase the security of individuals working in and visiting those buildings in the short term, including the costs for each change.

Sec. 3. Consultation. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Public Safety shall each solicit input from the State House and Capitol Park Commission established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 12004-I, subsection 75-A and the Legislative Council established in Title 3, section 161 on the recommendations developed under sections 1 and 2.

Sec. 4. Report from Department of Public Safety. Resolved: That, by December 1, 2021, the Department of Public Safety shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government on the immediate changes to the Burton M. Cross Building and the State House that will increase the security of individuals working in and visiting those buildings in the short term, including the costs to implement the recommended changes. The joint standing committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

Sec. 5. Report from Department of Administrative and Financial Services. Resolved: That, by January 15, 2022, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall report to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government on the assessment and recommendations from the licensed security consultant hired pursuant to section 1. The joint standing committee may report out a bill based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature.

Sec. 6. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

**ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF
Bureau of General Services - Capital Construction and Improvement Reserve Fund
0883**

Initiative: Provides funds to contract with a licensed security consultant to assess the security of the Cross Office Building and the State House.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$200,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$200,000	\$0

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

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, replaces the resolve. The amendment includes an emergency preamble to reflect the need to immediately address safety in the Burton M. Cross Building and the State House in response to the increased violence seen at both the nation's capitol and several state capitols. The amendment requires the Department of Administrative and Financial Services to issue a

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1 request for proposals for and contract with a licensed security consultant to assess the
2 security of the Burton M. Cross Building and the State House and provide specific
3 recommendations on improving the security at these buildings to protect the buildings and
4 the individuals working in and visiting them. The Department of Public Safety is required
5 to determine which immediate changes to these buildings are necessary to increase security
6 and protection in the short term, including the costs for each change. The Department of
7 Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Public Safety are both
8 required to solicit input from the State House and Capitol Park Commission and the
9 Legislative Council on the assessments and recommendations each is required to develop
10 under this resolve. The Department of Public Safety is required to submit a report to the
11 Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by December 1, 2021. The
12 Department of Administrative and Financial Services is required to submit a report to the
13 joint standing committee by January 15, 2022. The committee may report out a bill in
14 response to each report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature. The
15 amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



Approved: 06/07/21 *MAC*

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LD 1671

LR 2001(02)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *A(H-525)*
Committee: State and Local Government
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

The bill includes one-time General Fund appropriations to the Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS) in fiscal year 2021-22 to contract with a licensed security consultant to assess the security of the Cross Office Building and the State House. Any other costs to the DAFS or to the Department of Public Safety associated with this legislation can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.