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L.D. 1785

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4 STATE OF MAINE
5 SENATE
6 130TH LEGISLATURE
7 SECOND REGULAR SESSION

8 SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to S.P. 623,
9 L.D. 1785, "An Act To Address Staffing Shortages in Critical Public Safety Jobs through
10 Economic Incentives"

11 Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and replacing it with the
12 following:

13 '**An Act To Fund Positions for Deputy Sheriffs in Penobscot County**'

14 Amend the amendment by inserting after the substitute title the following:

15 'Amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause the following:

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

18 **Whereas,** the Maine State Police have announced a significant cut in the shared
19 patrols in Penobscot County to take effect on May 1st; and

20 **Whereas,** the county needs immediate funding to hire deputy sheriffs before May 1st
21 in order to maintain appropriate patrol levels; and

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

26 Amend the amendment by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the
27 following:

28 '**Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
29 allocations are made.

30 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**
31 **Penobscot County Deputy Sheriff Program N956**

32 Initiative: Provides appropriations for distribution to Penobscot County for 3 Deputy
33 Sheriff positions.

34	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
35	All Other	\$0	\$450,000

SENATE AMENDMENT

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GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$450,000

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation takes effect when approved.'

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces Committee Amendment "B" with an appropriation to Penobscot County to be used for hiring deputy sheriffs. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

SPONSORED BY:

Joseph M. Baldacci

(Senator BALDACCI, J.)

COUNTY: Penobscot

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1785

LR 2431(06)

An Act To Address Staffing Shortages in Critical Public Safety Jobs through Economic Incentives

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "B" (S-419)

Sponsor: Sen. Baldacci of Penobscot

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	\$0	(\$1,550,000)	\$450,000	\$450,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	(\$1,550,000)	\$450,000	\$450,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment strikes the provisions in the committee amendment that established the Maine Public Safety Workers Loan Repayment Program within the Finance Authority of Maine and eliminates the one-time General Fund appropriation of \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2022-23 to provide student loan repayment of up to \$3,000 per year for a maximum of 3 years to eligible public safety workers in the State.

As amended, the bill provides General Fund appropriations of \$450,000 beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 to the Department of Public Safety to distribute to Penobscot County for 3 Deputy Sheriff positions.