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131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, January 20, 2023

Resolve, to Require the Commissioner of Public Safety to Conduct a Study Regarding Cadet Law Enforcement Officers Who Are Injured and Law Enforcement Officers Who Leave the Sponsoring Agency

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

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Clerk

Presented by Representative PERKINS of Dover-Foxcroft. Cosponsored by Representatives: BABIN of Fort Fairfield, CARLOW of Buxton, DUCHARME of Madison, NESS of Fryeburg, WHITE of Guilford. **Preamble. Whereas,** it is becoming more and more difficult to recruit and retain qualified law enforcement officers in the State; and

Whereas, significant cost, time and effort are expended to sponsor cadet law enforcement officers at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy; and

Whereas, it is not uncommon for law enforcement officers to leave their sponsoring agency for another agency after completing the basic law enforcement training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy; and

Whereas, at times cadets at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy suffer injuries that require workers' compensation claims or end in disability; now, therefore, be it

- **Sec. 1. Law enforcement officer training study. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Public Safety shall conduct a study regarding the number during the last 8 years of cadet law enforcement officer injuries that resulted in lost training time, cadet law enforcement officer injuries that resulted in workers' compensation claims or resulted in temporary or permanent disability claims and law enforcement officers who had their training costs paid by a sponsoring agency but left that agency within one year of completion of the basic law enforcement training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy.
- **Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, by December 6, 2023, the Commissioner of Public Safety shall submit a report based on the study in section 1 for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature. The report must include but is not limited to:
- 1. The number of cadet law enforcement officer injuries that resulted in lost training time during the last 8 years, reported by year;
- 2. The number of cadet law enforcement officer injuries that resulted in workers' compensation claims or resulted in temporary or permanent disability claims during the last 8 years, reported by year; and
- 3. The number of law enforcement officers who had their training costs paid by a sponsoring agency but left that agency within one year of completion of the basic law enforcement training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy during the last 8 years, reported by year.

29 SUMMARY

This resolve directs the Commissioner of Public Safety to conduct a study regarding the number during the last 8 years of cadet law enforcement officer injuries that resulted in lost training time, cadet injuries that resulted in workers' compensation claims or resulted in temporary or permanent disability claims and law enforcement officers who had their training costs paid by a sponsoring agency but left that agency within one year of completion of the basic law enforcement training at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. The commissioner is required to submit a report based on the study by December 6, 2023 for presentation to the Second Regular Session of the 131st Legislature.