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S.P. 429

In Senate, March 7, 2023

An Act to Support Municipal Public Safety by Increasing State-Municipal Revenue Sharing to 7 Percent

Reference to the Committee on Taxation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D M Grant'.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President JACKSON of Aroostook.
Cosponsored by Speaker TALBOT ROSS of Portland and
Senators: CURRY of Waldo, HICKMAN of Kennebec, LaFOUNTAIN of Kennebec,
Representative: WHITE of Waterville.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§5-D** is enacted to read:

3 **5-D. Additional transfer to General Fund.** In addition to the transfer made pursuant
4 to subsection 5, no later than the 10th day of each month, the State Controller shall transfer
5 to the Local Government Fund 2% of the receipts during the previous month from the taxes
6 imposed under Title 36, Parts 3 and 8, and Title 36, section 2552, subsection 1, paragraphs
7 A to F and L, and credited to the General Fund without any reduction.

8 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §5681, sub-§9** is enacted to read:

9 **9. Use of revenue sharing funds for emergency services and law enforcement.** A
10 municipality that receives revenue sharing funds pursuant to subsection 5-D shall use those
11 funds for emergency fire and medical services and law enforcement purposes, including,
12 without limitation, employment and training of persons providing emergency fire and
13 medical services, such as an emergency medical services person, as defined in Title 32,
14 section 83, subsection 12, a municipal firefighter or volunteer firefighter, as defined in
15 section 3151, subsections 2 and 4, respectively, and a law enforcement officer, as defined
16 in Title 25, section 2801-A, subsection 5, and the provision of services by those persons.

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This bill increases the percentage of state-municipal revenue sharing from 5% to 7%
19 and requires the additional funds to be used by municipalities for the employment, training
20 and provision of emergency fire and medical services and law enforcement.