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1	L.D. 2094
2	Date: 3 29 24 MAJORITY (Filing No. S-623)
3	CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
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5	STATE OF MAINE
6	SENATE
7	131ST LEGISLATURE
8	SECOND REGULAR SESSION
9 10 11	COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 887, L.D. 2094, "Resolve, to Require the Establishment of a Stakeholder Group to Examine and Improve the Recruitment, Retention and Wellness of Law Enforcement Officers"
12 13	Amend the resolve in section 1 in subsection 2 in the last line (page 1, line 9 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "goal;" the following: 'and'
14 15	Amend the resolve in section 1 in subsection 3 in the last line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: ";" and inserting the following: '.'
16 17	Amend the resolve in section 1 by striking out all of subsections 4 to 7 (page 1, lines 13 to 25 in L.D.).
18	Amend the resolve by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:
19 20	'Sec. 2. Stakeholder group membership. Resolved: That the stakeholder group under section 1 consists of the following 12 members:
21	1. The Commissioner of Public Safety or the commissioner's designee;
22	2. An individual representing the Maine Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police;
23	3. An individual representing the Maine Association of Police;
24 25	4. An individual representing a statewide association advocating for state troopers in the State;
26	5. An individual representing the Maine State Law Enforcement Association;
27	6. An individual representing the Maine Criminal Justice Academy;
28 29	7. An individual representing a coalition of mental health providers in the State who specialize in treating first responders as their sole practice;

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8. An individual representing a postsecondary educational institution in the State with programs focused on law enforcement or mental health;

9. An individual representing the Maine Chiefs of Police Association;

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- 10. An individual representing the Maine Sheriffs' Association;
- 11. A student representing a secondary school program focused on law enforcement education in the State; and
 - 12. An individual representing retired law enforcement officers in the State.
- Sec. 3. Meetings; report. Resolved: That the Department of Public Safety shall convene the first meeting of the stakeholder group under section 1. At the first meeting, the members of the stakeholder group shall elect a chair and vice-chair to oversee and administer the stakeholder group. The chair shall oversee the meetings of the stakeholder group, and the vice-chair shall assume the role of the chair in the chair's absence. The chair and vice-chair may not be representatives or employees of the department.

The stakeholder group shall develop a report with its findings and recommendations, including suggested legislation, that address the initiatives of the study in section 1. The Department of Public Safety shall submit the report to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters no later than January 2, 2025. The joint standing committee may report out a bill related to the report to the 132nd Legislature in 2025.'

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, makes the following changes to the resolve.

- 1. It removes from the study: an analysis of how to develop and support law enforcement entities in rural communities; an analysis of the current educational, social service, public health, criminal justice, drug enforcement and economic needs of communities and law enforcement entities and opportunities to address those needs; an analysis of media coverage in the State and the impact of media on public perception of law enforcement officers; an analysis of current community policing, social services and crime prevention programs throughout the State and recommendations for future programs; and an analysis of how funding could be provided for these removed study initiatives.
- 2. It removes the Governor's appointment authority for members of the stakeholder group.
- 3. It removes the following members from the stakeholder group: an individual representing the Maine Law Enforcement Coalition; an individual representing a statewide mental health organization; an individual representing a statewide association that represents retired law enforcement officers; and an individual representing a statewide private law enforcement organization.
- 4. It adds the following members to the stakeholder group: an individual representing a coalition of mental health providers in the State who specialize in treating first responders as their sole practice; an individual representing a postsecondary educational institution in the State with programs focused on law enforcement or mental health; a representative from the Maine Chiefs of Police Association; a representative from the Maine Sheriffs' Association; a student representing a secondary school program focused on law

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(See attached)

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Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment 'p'' (S (0)3)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund Minor cost increase - Higher educational institutions

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Additional costs to the Department of Public Safety and the higher educational institutions associated with having representative serve on a stakeholder group can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.