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An Act Regarding the Recommendations of the Committee To Study Appropriate Funding of the State Police

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

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §1666, as amended by PL 2007, c. 1, Pt. P, §2, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

The Governor or the Governor-elect, in developing recommendations for funding the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, shall review and use as a guide available data identifying or quantifying the activities of the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police that may be eligible for funding from the Highway Fund pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 19. This paragraph applies to the preparation of the budget for the 2010-2011 biennium and thereafter.

Sec. 2. 25 MRSA §1509, as enacted by PL 2005, c. 664, Pt. R, §1, is repealed.

Sec. 3. Report. The Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police shall report no later than January 30, 2009 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters the activity data collected by the bureau during calendar year 2008 under the tracking and reporting system it has established to track state police officers' work activity.

SUMMARY

This bill, which implements the minority report of the Committee To Study Appropriate Funding of the State Police, requires the Governor-elect or the Governor, in developing budgetary recommendations for funding the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police, to review and use as a guide available data identifying or quantifying the activities of the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police that may be eligible for funding from the Highway Fund pursuant to the Constitution of Maine, Article IX, Section 19. This provision applies to the preparation of the budget for the 2010-2011 biennium and thereafter. The bill also repeals the current provision of law that specifies a particular state funding split between the General Fund and the Highway Fund with respect to the bureau.

The bill also requires the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police to report by January 30, 2009 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters the activity data collected by the bureau during 2008 under its new data reporting system designed to track police officers' work activity.