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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 707, L.D. 1085, “Resolve, Directing the Judicial Branch to Perform an Inspection and Study of the Rumford Courthouse Building”

Amend the resolve by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the State Court Administrator to Perform an Inspection and Study of the Rumford Courthouse Building'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. State Court Administrator to study Rumford Courthouse building; report. Resolved: That the State Court Administrator shall perform an inspection and evaluation of the entire space within the building located at 145 Congress Street in the Town of Rumford, including space within the building currently occupied by the judicial branch, the town, the county or any other organization or entity. By February 1, 2027, the State Court Administrator shall submit a report to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters describing:

1. All required improvements and modifications, including improvements and modifications required to ensure accessibility and safety, as well as any suggested reallocation of space within the building necessary both to maintain and to expand the District Court services provided within the building; an estimate of the cost for implementing these improvements and modifications; and an estimate of the time required to complete these improvements and modifications; and

2. All required improvements and modifications, including improvements and modifications required to ensure accessibility and safety, as well as any suggested reallocation of space within the building necessary both to maintain and to expand the Superior Court services provided within the building; an estimate of the cost for implementing these improvements and modifications; and an estimate of the time required to complete these improvements and modifications.

The committee may report out legislation based on the report to the 133rd Legislature in 2027.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved: That the following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for costs associated with performing an inspection and evaluation of the entire space within the Rumford Courthouse building.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$25,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$25,000	\$0

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the resolve and changes the title. The amendment directs the State Court Administrator to submit a report to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters by February 1, 2027, describing all required improvements and modifications and any suggested reallocation of space within the Rumford Courthouse building necessary both to maintain and to expand the District Court services provided within the building and to maintain and expand the Superior Court services provided within the building; an estimate of the cost for implementing these improvements and modifications; and an estimate of the time required to complete these improvements and modifications.

The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section that provides one-time funding in fiscal year 2025-26 for costs associated with inspecting and evaluating the Rumford Courthouse building as required by the amendment.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)