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132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1507, L.D. 2232, “An Act to Increase County Jail Funding”

Amend the bill by striking out all of sections 1 and 2 and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 34-A MRSA §1210-E, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 732, Pt. A, §3 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

2. County Jail Operations Fund. The County Jail Operations Fund is established to provide funding for county jails and the regional jail. State funding must be appropriated annually for the fund in the amount of \$20,342,104 for fiscal years beginning before July 1, 2026 and in the amount of \$30,000,000 for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2026, plus any additional amount the Legislature may appropriate. The amount required to be appropriated under this subsection must be adjusted annually by any percentage change in the Consumer Price Index from January 1st to December 31st of the previous year. The department shall administer the fund and shall distribute funds to the jails in accordance with this section for the purposes set forth in subsections 3 and 4 and in accordance with the distribution formula set forth in subsection 9. State funds appropriated for the fund that are unexpended at the end of the fiscal year to which the funds are appropriated do not lapse but must carry forward into subsequent fiscal years to be expended for the purposes of this section. For the purposes of this subsection, "Consumer Price Index" has the same meaning as in Title 5, section 17001, subsection 9.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §1210-E, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 2021, c. 732, Pt. A, §3 and affected by §5, is amended to read:

3. Community corrections; pretrial release program. At least ~~25%~~ 20% of all funding provided under this section must be used by the county jails and regional jail for establishing, providing and maintaining community corrections and programs and services required by section 1208-B, subsection 4, paragraph D. Jail programs and services must include a program, directly or through a contract with an organization, to supervise defendants subject to pretrial release conditions imposed pursuant to Title 15, section 1026,

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1 subsection 3, paragraph A, subparagraph (1) and such requirements as may be established
2 by rule or order of the Supreme Judicial Court.'

3 Amend the bill by inserting after section 3 the following:

4 '**Sec. 4. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
5 allocations are made.

6 **CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF**
7 **County Jail Operations Fund Z227**

8 Initiative: Provides funding to the County Jail Operations Fund for distribution to counties
9 for jail operations costs.

10	GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
11	All Other	\$0	\$9,657,896
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13	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$9,657,896

14 '

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

17 **SUMMARY**

18 This amendment, which is the majority report of the committee, increases the amount
19 in the bill that is required to be annually appropriated to the County Jail Operations Fund
20 from \$28,342,104 to \$30,000,000. It removes a provision requiring that this amount is
21 increased annually by 4% and replaces it with a provision that requires that the amount be
22 adjusted annually by any percentage change in the Consumer Price Index from July 1st to
23 June 30th. It removes a provision of the bill requiring an appropriation of an additional
24 \$5,000,000 for community corrections and pretrial release programs. It amends current law
25 to reduce the amount county jails must spend on community corrections and pretrial release
26 programs from 25% of funds appropriated by the State to 20%. It also adds an
27 appropriations and allocations section.

28 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**
29 **(See attached)**