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**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
132ND LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 312, L.D. 695, “An Act Regarding the Laws of the State of Maine”

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

**'Resolve, to Establish a Stakeholder Group to Develop Recommendations for Improving the Safety and Security of Legislators and Their Families'**

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

**'Emergency preamble. Whereas,** acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

**Whereas,** members of the Legislature and their families are facing increasing threats to their physical safety and security; and

**Whereas,** threats to the safety and security of public servants, including members of the Legislature and their families, are a growing concern and must be addressed as quickly as possible; and

**Whereas,** in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

**Sec. 1. Commissioner of Public Safety to convene stakeholder group to examine issues related to physical safety and security of Legislators and their families. Resolved:** That the Commissioner of Public Safety, referred to in this resolve as "the commissioner," shall convene a stakeholder group to examine issues related to the physical safety and security of members of the Legislature and their families and develop recommendations for improving the physical safety and security of members of the Legislature and their families.

**1. Membership.** The stakeholder group must include, at a minimum, the following members:

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- 1 A. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, including  
2 one member of the party holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature and one  
3 member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the Legislature, with  
4 priority given to members with a background in security or public safety;
- 5 B. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the  
6 House, including one member of the party holding the largest number of seats in the  
7 Legislature and one member of the party holding the 2nd largest number of seats in the  
8 Legislature, with priority given to members with a background in security or public  
9 safety;
- 10 C. One member of the public appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 11 D. The Chief of the State Police or the chief's designee;
- 12 E. The executive director of a statewide association representing sheriffs or the  
13 executive director's designee;
- 14 F. The executive director of a statewide association representing chiefs of police or  
15 the executive director's designee; and
- 16 G. The chair of the Commission on Governmental Ethics and Election Practices or the  
17 chair's designee, who must be a member of the commission.

18 **2. Duties and recommendations.** The stakeholder group shall examine issues related  
19 to increasing threats to the physical safety and security of members of the Legislature and  
20 their families. The stakeholder group shall:

- 21 A. Collect information on the number of threats received by members of the  
22 Legislature and their families in the 132nd Legislature;
- 23 B. Consult with organizations that have professional experience in protecting the  
24 safety and security of public officials and their families, such as the United States  
25 Department of Homeland Security, United States Secret Service, to understand current  
26 best practices nationally for ensuring the safety and security of public officials and their  
27 families;
- 28 C. Consult with organizations with expertise in state legislatures, including but not  
29 limited to the National Conference of State Legislatures;
- 30 D. Develop best practices specific to the physical safety and security of members of  
31 the Legislature and their families;
- 32 E. Identify or create educational materials that may be distributed to members of the  
33 Legislature and their families that identify resources available to both proactively and  
34 reactively address threats to the physical safety and security of members of the  
35 Legislature and their families; and
- 36 F. Identify opportunities for education and training for members of the Legislature on  
37 best practices to increase their safety and security and the safety and security of their  
38 families.

39 The stakeholder group shall examine and make recommendations regarding the  
40 information obtained pursuant to this subsection.

41 **3. Report.** The commissioner shall submit a report to the Executive Director of the  
42 Legislative Council, the Legislative Council and the Joint Standing Committee on State

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1 and Local Government with its findings and recommendations no later than November 4,  
2 2026. The joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over state and  
3 local government matters may report out legislation to the 133rd Legislature in 2027 based  
4 on the report.

5 **Emergency clause.** In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this legislation  
6 takes effect when approved.'

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

9 **SUMMARY**

10 This amendment, which is a minority report of the committee, replaces the bill, which  
11 is a concept draft, with a resolve. The amendment directs the Commissioner of Public  
12 Safety to convene a stakeholder group to examine issues related to the physical safety and  
13 security of members of the Legislature and their families and develop recommendations  
14 for improving the physical safety and security of members of the Legislature and their  
15 families. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and an emergency clause.

16 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

17 **(See attached)**