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SENATE AMENDMENT “ ” to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “B” to S.P. 623, L.D. 1785, “An Act To Address Staffing Shortages in Critical Public Safety Jobs through Economic Incentives”

Amend the amendment by striking out the substitute title and replacing it with the following:

'An Act To Fund Positions for Deputy Sheriffs in Penobscot County'

Amend the amendment by inserting after the substitute title the following:

'Amend the bill by inserting before the enacting clause 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, the Maine State Police have announced a significant cut in the shared patrols in Penobscot County to take effect on May 1st; and

Whereas, the county needs immediate funding to hire deputy sheriffs before May 1st in order to maintain appropriate patrol levels; 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,''

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

'Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF
Penobscot County Deputy Sheriff Program N956**

Initiative: Provides appropriations for distribution to Penobscot County for 3 Deputy Sheriff positions.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$450,000

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GENERAL FUND TOTAL _____ \$0 _____ \$450,000

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

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

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces Committee Amendment "B" with an appropriation to Penobscot County to be used for hiring deputy sheriffs. The amendment also adds an emergency preamble and emergency clause.

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(Senator BALDACCI, J.)

COUNTY: Penobscot

SENATE AMENDMENT