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An Act To Reduce Maine's Property Tax Burden by Funding County Jails

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

Sec. 1. 34-A MRS §1217 is enacted to read:

§ 1217. Operating costs for county jails

Beginning July 1, 2008 and annually thereafter, the Department of Corrections must pay 50% of all operating costs for county jails statewide.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

County Jail Prisoner Support and Community Corrections Fund 0888

Initiative: Appropriates funds on an ongoing basis to pay 50% of all operating costs for county jails statewide.

GENERAL FUND	2007-08	2008-09
All Other	\$0	\$38,562,418
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GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$38,562,418

SUMMARY

This bill establishes a statutory requirement for the Department of Corrections to pay 50% of all operating costs for county jails statewide.