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Amend the amendment on page 2 by striking out all of lines 9 to 27 and inserting the following:

Amend the bill by striking out all of Part B and inserting the following:

PART B

Sec. B-1. Law enforcement and county jail initiatives regarding treatment, recovery and support services. The Commissioner of Public Safety, after receiving advice from the Maine Sheriffs' Association and the Maine Chiefs of Police Association, shall administer grants to local law enforcement agencies and county jails located in geographically diverse communities throughout the State to fund projects designed solely to facilitate pathways to community-based treatment, recovery and support services. Grant applications must include statements of purpose and measurable goals for the projects and use for the funds. Grant recipients shall report to the Commissioner of Public Safety annually on the anniversary date of the grant award regarding the status of the projects, a description of how the funds were spent, the results of the projects and use of the funds and any recommendations for modification of the projects, including any available information concerning their effectiveness in reducing drug use and recidivism. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall provide a report summarizing the results of the grant program and providing recommendations as to its continuation or modification and any need for additional funding by January 15, 2017 and January 15, 2018 to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice and public safety matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters.

Sec. B-2. Funds may not be transferred. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1585 or any other provision of law, funding provided in this Part may not be transferred to any other appropriation or subdivision of an appropriation made by the Legislature.

Sec. B-3. Funds may not lapse. Notwithstanding the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1589 or any other provision of law, any unencumbered balance of appropriations contained in this Part remaining at the end of fiscal year 2015-16 may not lapse but must be carried forward to be used for the same purposes.

Sec. B-4. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Administration - Public Safety 0088

Initiative: Provides funds for grants to local law enforcement entities and county jails for the establishment of projects designed to facilitate pathways to treatment, recovery and support services through law enforcement initiatives.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$50,000	\$50,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$50,000	\$50,000

Amend the amendment on page 5 by striking out all of lines 26 to 32 and inserting the following:

Amend the bill in Part F in section 1 in the last 4 lines (page 6, lines 1 to 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "funds received pursuant to the court order in State of Maine v. McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Financial Services, LLC, Kennebec County Superior Court Docket No. BCD-CV-14-49" and inserting the following: 'Medical Use of Marijuana Fund, established in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 22, section 2430'

SUMMARY

This amendment:

1. Requires the Department of Public Safety, rather than the Attorney General, to administer grants to local law enforcement agencies and county jails; and
2. Removes from the bill and committee amendment language requiring the transfer to the General Fund of funds received from the court order in State of Maine v. McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. and Standard & Poor's Financial Services, LLC and instead requires the transfer of funds from the Medical Use of Marijuana Fund.