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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 3 and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §17851-A, sub-§1, ¶N** is enacted to read:

N. Civilian employees whose job responsibilities include the handling, examination or analysis of digital or physical evidence in the employment of the Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit on July 1, 2020 who elect to participate in the 1998 Special Plan or hired thereafter.’

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 9 and inserting the following:

‘**Sec. 9. Transition.** If a civilian employee in the employment of the Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit on July 1, 2020 elects to participate in the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System, as provided in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 17851-A, subsection 1, that employee must make that election not later than September 30, 2020 and that employee's participation in the 1998 Special Plan becomes effective October 1, 2020.

Sec. 10. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Computer Crimes 0048

Initiative: Provides funds for civilian employees employed in the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit within the Department of Public Safety on July 1, 2020 to participate in the 1998 Special Plan on a prospective basis.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
Personal Services	\$0	\$8,596
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$8,596

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funds for the additional cost for civilian employees employed in the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit within the Department of Public Safety on July 1, 2020 to participate in the 1998 Special Plan on a prospective basis.

GENERAL FUND	2019-20	2020-21
Personal Services	\$0	\$28,883

GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$28,883

State Police 0291

Initiative: Allocates funds for the additional cost for civilian employees employed in the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit within the Department of Public Safety on July 1, 2020 to participate in the 1998 Special Plan on a prospective basis.

HIGHWAY FUND	2019-20	2020-21
Personal Services	\$0	\$5,097
HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$5,097

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2019-20	2020-21
Personal Services	\$0	\$5,306
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$5,306

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2019-20	2020-21
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$37,479
HIGHWAY FUND	\$0	\$5,097
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$5,306
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$47,882

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

SUMMARY

This amendment clarifies the type of civilian employees in the employment of the Department of Public Safety, Maine State Police Crime Laboratory or computer crimes unit that can elect to participate in the 1998 Special Plan of the Maine Public Employees Retirement System. It also clarifies the date by which an employee must elect to participate in the 1998 Special Plan and specifies when that employee's participation in the 1998 Special Plan becomes effective. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)