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House of Representatives, February 7, 2019

An Act Requiring the State To Fund 20.25 Percent of the Cost of County Jails

Reference to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative STANLEY of Medway.
Cosponsored by Representatives: HICKMAN of Winthrop, NADEAU of Winslow, TUCKER of Brunswick, TUELL of East Machias.

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

2 **Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §701, sub-§2-C**, as repealed and replaced by PL 2017, c.
3 475, Pt. A, §50, is amended to read:

4 **2-C. Tax assessment for correctional services beginning July 1, 2015.** Beginning
5 July 1, 2015, the counties shall annually collect no less than \$62,172,371 from
6 municipalities for the provision of 79.75% of the cost of county correctional services in
7 accordance with this subsection. The counties may collect an amount that is more than
8 the base assessment limit established in this subsection, except that the additional amount
9 each year may not exceed the base assessment limit as adjusted by the growth limitation
10 factor established in section 706-A, subsection 3 or 4%, whichever is less. If a county
11 collects in a year an amount that is more than the base assessment limit established for
12 that county pursuant to this subsection, the base assessment limit in the succeeding year is
13 the amount collected in the prior year. For the purposes of this ~~subsection~~ section,
14 "correctional services" includes management services, personal services, contractual
15 services, commodity purchases, capital expenditures and all other costs, or portions
16 thereof, necessary to maintain and operate correctional services. "Correctional services"
17 does not include county jail debt unless there is a surplus in the account that pays for
18 correctional services at the end of the state fiscal year.

19 The assessment to municipalities within each county may not be less than the base
20 assessment limit, which is:

- 21 A. A sum of \$4,287,340 in Androscoggin County;
- 22 B. A sum of \$2,316,666 in Aroostook County;
- 23 C. A sum of \$11,575,602 in Cumberland County;
- 24 D. A sum of \$1,621,201 in Franklin County;
- 25 E. A sum of \$1,670,136 in Hancock County;
- 26 F. A sum of \$5,588,343 in Kennebec County;
- 27 G. A sum of \$3,188,700 in Knox County;
- 28 H. A sum of \$2,657,105 in Lincoln County;
- 29 I. A sum of \$1,228,757 in Oxford County;
- 30 J. A sum of \$5,919,118 in Penobscot County;
- 31 K. A sum of \$878,940 in Piscataquis County;
- 32 L. A sum of \$2,657,105 in Sagadahoc County;
- 33 M. A sum of \$5,363,665 in Somerset County;
- 34 N. A sum of \$2,832,353 in Waldo County;
- 35 O. A sum of \$2,000,525 in Washington County; and
- 36 P. A sum of \$8,386,815 in York County.

37 **Sec. 2. 30-A MRSA §701, sub-§5** is enacted to read:

