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SENATE AMENDMENT " " to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 314, L.D. 756, "An Act to Provide Funding for Positions in the Penobscot County Sheriff's Office"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Limit Changes to the Resource Coordination Agreement Between the Bureau of State Police and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department and Require Annual Reporting Regarding Resource Coordination Agreements' '

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

'Sec. 1. 25 MRSA §1511 is enacted to read:

§1511. Annual report regarding resource coordination agreements and other services

Beginning January 1, 2024 and annually thereafter, the Bureau of State Police shall report to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters, transportation matters and appropriations and financial affairs regarding resource coordination agreements between the Bureau of State Police and county sheriffs' departments, including where those agreements are in place, a summary of the agreements and any changes to those agreements in the prior calendar year. The Bureau of State Police shall also provide to those joint standing committees a summary of the services provided by the State Police throughout the State. A joint standing committee may report out a bill to the Legislature based on the reports submitted to the committee pursuant to this section. As used in this section, "resource coordination agreement" means the coordination of services by the Bureau of State Police and a county sheriff to provide law enforcement services in response to requests by the public in a manner that maximizes efficiency and reduces duplication of effort.

Sec. 2. Restriction on change to resource coordination agreement with Penobscot County Sheriff's Department. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, before December 1, 2024, the Department of Public Safety, Bureau of State Police may not change its resource coordination agreement with the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department that was in effect on May 1, 2023 unless mutually agreed upon by the Bureau of State Police and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department. If the resource

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1 coordination agreement is changed, that change must be documented in writing and
2 provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, the Joint
3 Standing Committee on Transportation and the Joint Standing Committee on
4 Appropriations and Financial Affairs as soon as practicable after it has been mutually
5 agreed upon by the Bureau of State Police and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department.

6 As used in this section, "resource coordination agreement" has the same meaning as in
7 the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 25, section 1511.'

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

10 SUMMARY

11 This amendment removes the appropriations and allocations section added by
12 Committee Amendment "A" and changes the title. The amendment prohibits any changes
13 before December 1, 2024 to a resource coordination agreement between the Department of
14 Public Safety, Bureau of State Police and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department that
15 was in effect on May 1, 2023 unless mutually agreed upon by the bureau and the sheriff's
16 department. The agreed upon change must be in writing and must be provided to the Joint
17 Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety, the Joint Standing Committee
18 on Transportation and the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial
19 Affairs as soon as practicable after it has been mutually agreed upon by the Bureau of State
20 Police and the Penobscot County Sheriff's Department.

21 The amendment also requires an annual report by the bureau to the joint standing
22 committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over criminal justice matters,
23 transportation matters and appropriations and financial affairs regarding resource
24 coordination agreements between the bureau and county sheriffs' departments, including
25 where those agreements are in place, a summary of the agreements and any changes to
26 those agreements in the prior calendar year. The bureau is required to provide to those
27 joint standing committees a summary of the services provided by the State Police
28 throughout the State.

29 **SPONSORED BY:** _____

30 **(Senator ROTUNDO, M.)**

31 **COUNTY: Androscoggin**