

Biennial Budget Addendum



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ADDENDUM

TO: Senator Margaret Rotundo, Senate Chair
Representative Drew Gattine, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs Members

FROM: Senator Pinny Beebe-Center, Senate Chair
Representative Tavis Hasenfus, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety Members

DATE: March 5, 2025

RE: Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee's Addendum to the Governor's Biennial Budget Bill (LD 210)

The Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety (the "committee") submitted its recommendations on the Governor's proposed biennial budget (LD 210) to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs (AFA) on March 4, 2025. The committee subsequently held joint work sessions on both LD 461, An Act to Fund Rural Patrol Services in Washington County (Sen. Moore), and LD 477, An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Rural Counties by Providing State Police Patrol and Policing Services (Rep. Ducharme) on March 5, 2025. The committee voted Ought to Pass as Amended 9-3 in support of LD 461 (Rep. Nina Milliken, Rep. Grayson Lookner and Rep. Tavis Hasenfus opposing) and Ought to Pass as Amended 9-3 in support of LD 477 (Rep. Nina Milliken, Rep. Grayson Lookner and Rep. Mana Abdi opposing).

LD 477 establishes 15 State Trooper positions and 9 State Police Corporal positions within the Department of Public Safety. This includes 8 officers in the Northern Field Troop area; 4 officers in Aroostook County; 8 troopers in Somerset and Franklin County; and 4 troopers in Androscoggin County for a total of 24 positions. LD 461 establishes 4 Maine State Trooper positions in Washington County. The committee recognizes that these bills share an overlap in that LD 477 establishes 8 positions in the Northern Field Troop which in part covers Washington County.

Though these bills propose different solutions they both express the desire to find ways to increase state police patrols in rural areas. The CJPS committee understands there is a need for

more rural policing services and respectfully requests your consideration in reviewing these proposals.

Thank you for considering the committee's request. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions regarding this addendum and the associated bills.

Encl: LD 461; LD 477

C: Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety Members



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2025

Legislative Document

No. 461

S.P. 194

In Senate, February 11, 2025

An Act to Fund Rural Patrol Services in Washington County

(EMERGENCY)

Received by the Secretary of the Senate on February 5, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed.

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DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator MOORE of Washington.
Cosponsored by Representative MINGO of Calais and
Representatives: DANA of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, FAULKINGHAM of Winter Harbor,
MCINTYRE of Lowell, QUINT of Hodgdon, STROUT of Harrington, TUELL of East
Machias.



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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No. 477

H.P. 306

House of Representatives, February 11, 2025

**An Act to Enhance Public Safety in Rural Counties by Providing
State Police Patrol and Policing Services**

Received by the Clerk of the House on February 6, 2025. Referred to the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

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ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative DUCHARME of Madison.
Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and
Representatives: BUNKER of Farmington, CRAFTS of Newcastle, CRAY of Palmyra,
FREDETTE of Newport, PARRY of Arundel, POIRIER of Skowhegan, SHAGOURY of
Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay.

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

2 **Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and
3 allocations are made.

4 **PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

5 **State Police 0291**

6 Initiative: Provides funding for 15 State Trooper positions, 9 State Police Corporal
7 positions and related All Other to enhance public safety in rural counties of the State and
8 to support county sheriff department efforts. Four corporals and 4 troopers would patrol
9 the Northern Field Troop area; one corporal and 3 troopers would patrol Aroostook County;
10 4 troopers and 4 corporals would patrol Somerset and Franklin counties; and 4 troopers
11 would patrol Androscoggin County.

12 GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
13 POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	24,000	24,000
14 Personal Services	\$1,888,351	\$1,948,778
15 All Other	\$78,000	\$78,000
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17 GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,966,351</u>	<u>\$2,026,778</u>

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19 HIGHWAY FUND	2025-26	2026-27
20 Personal Services	\$1,016,804	\$1,049,341
21 All Other	\$42,000	\$42,000
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23 HIGHWAY FUND TOTAL	<u>\$1,058,804</u>	<u>\$1,091,341</u>

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SUMMARY

25 This bill provides funding for 15 State Trooper positions, 9 State Police Corporal
26 positions and related All Other to enhance public safety in rural counties of the State and
27 to support county sheriff department efforts.