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STATE OF MAINE
ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

TO: Senator Catherine E. Breen, Senate Chair
Representative Drew Gattine, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

FROM: Bill Diamond, Senate Chair
Andrew J. McLean, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

DATE: February 27, 2020

RE: LR 3206, General Fund 2020-2021 Supplemental Budget

The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation voted on February 25, 2020 to approve all initiatives under its jurisdiction within the Departments of Public Safety and Transportation, in addition to language Parts D-2 and II. We have attached the budget work sheets indicating the vote for each initiative.

If you have any questions, or need further clarification, please feel free to contact us.

Cc: Suzanne Voynik, OFPR
Sam Prawer, OPLA

Sec. A-28. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for a comparison microscope for the firearms unit of the crime laboratory.

Ref. #: One Time Committee Vote: in 9.0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$59,800	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$59,800	\$0

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for the purchase of a comparison microscope. The comparison microscope is the mainstay of forensic science allowing two objects or samples to be compared side by side. Training for firearms analyses utilizes the most current instruments and so employees trained in firearms analysis require updated, modern equipment.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides funding for the approved reclassification of one Planning and Research Associate II position to a Criminal Intelligence Analyst position, effective July 26, 2019, and related All Other costs.

Ref. #: Committee Vote: in 9.0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Personal Services	\$0	\$4,796	\$4,783
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$4,796	\$4,783

Justification:

This reclassification has been approved by the Bureau of Human Resources, effective July 26, 2019.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Establishes 10 State Police Trooper positions and 4 State Police Sergeant-E positions and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: Committee Vote: in 9.0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	14.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$1,262,872
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$662,834
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$1,925,706

Justification:

This initiative provides funding to reflect the results of a staffing capacity study which demonstrates severe staffing shortages in specific areas. These shortages have been created through a combination of increased volume and complexity of investigative casework, decreased staffing capacity due to training demands and emerging need for specialized response to support all Maine law enforcement, and lastly the identified need for 24-hour coverage in certain areas and corridors of Maine.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for interface development and ongoing funding for the Maine telecommunications and routing operations system maintenance fees associated with the Judicial Branch's case management system.

Ref. #: One Time Committee Vote: in 9.0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$0	\$260,000	\$19,500
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$260,000	\$19,500

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for METRO system interface development and maintenance fees needed to allow the METRO system to interface with the Judicial Branch's Odyssey project. METRO is the backbone of law enforcement information sharing and is maintained by the State Police. The interface needed for these two systems is integral to law enforcement operations statewide.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the implementation, and ongoing funding for the maintenance, of a database associated with Public Law 2019, chapter 411.

Ref. #: One Time Committee Vote: in 9.0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$0	\$325,000	\$16,250
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$325,000	\$16,250

Justification:

This initiative provides funding for the creation, implementation and maintenance costs associated with a database to record information related to persons in protective custody who are restricted from access to dangerous weapons as required in Public Law 2019, chapter 411.

State Police 0291

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the purchase of a gas chromatograph for the examination of fire debris.

Ref. #: One Time Committee Vote: in 9.0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$48,100	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$48,100	\$0

Justification:

Provides funding for the purchase of a gas chromatograph. Gas chromatography is a common type of chromatography used in analytical chemistry for separating and analyzing compounds that can be vaporized without decomposition. Typical uses include testing the purity of a particular substance, or separating the different components of a mixture. The Department's current instrument is around 20 years old and has chronic hardware and software problems, including being incompatible with Windows 10. Replacement of this equipment is crucial for the examination of fire debris.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$697,696	\$1,966,239
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$697,696	\$1,966,239

Sec. A-30. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

Highway and Bridge Capital 0406

Initiative: Provides funding to support highways and bridges statewide and to support transportation innovation initiatives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions impacting our climate. These funds do not lapse but must be carried forward to the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

Ref. #: One Time Committee Vote: in 10.0 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$8,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$8,000,000

Justification:

Provides funding to support highways and bridges statewide, and transportation innovation initiatives. These initiatives include public transit, ride share applications, park and ride lots, congestion mitigation, electrification infrastructure, active transportation, and the evaluation of funding alternatives to per gallon motor fuel fees. Language is included for the transfer.

Multimodal Transportation Fund Z017

Initiative: Provides funding to support highways and bridges statewide and to support transportation innovation initiatives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions impacting our climate. These funds do not lapse but must be carried forward to the next fiscal year to be used for the same purpose.

Ref. #: Committee Vote: in 7.3 AFA Vote: _____

GENERAL FUND	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$500,000
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$1,500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$2,000,000

Justification:

Provides funding to support highways and bridges statewide, and transportation innovation initiatives. These initiatives include public transit, ride share applications, park and ride lots, congestion mitigation, electrification infrastructure, active transportation, and the evaluation of funding alternatives to per gallon motor fuel fees. Language is included for the transfer.

TRANSPORTATION, DEPARTMENT OF

DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$0	\$10,000,000

Sec. B-1. Appropriations and allocations.

The following appropriations and allocations are made.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

State Police 0291

Initiative: RECLASSIFICATIONS

Ref. #:

Committee Vote: in 90

AFA Vote: _____

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND			
Personal Services	\$0	\$4,317	\$6,359
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,317</u>	<u>\$6,359</u>

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
DEPARTMENT TOTALS			
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	\$0	\$4,317	\$6,359
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$4,317</u>	<u>\$6,359</u>

PART D

in 9.0

Sec. D-2. PL 2019, c. 343, sub-§Q-1, is amended to read:

Sec. Q-1. Department of Administrative and Financial Services and Department of Public Safety; lease-purchase authorization for motor vehicles for State Police. Pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 1587, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, in cooperation with the Treasurer of State, on behalf of the Department of Public Safety, may enter into financing agreements in fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the State Police. The financing agreements entered into in each fiscal year may not exceed ~~\$2,300,000~~ \$2,800,000 in principal costs, and a financing agreement may not exceed 3 years in duration. The interest rate may not exceed 5%. The annual principal and interest costs must be paid from the appropriate line category appropriations and allocations in the State Police accounts.

PART D
SUMMARY

This Part amends the amount that the Department of Administrative and Financial Services may enter into for financing arrangements in fiscal years 2019-20 and 2020-21 for the acquisition of motor vehicles for the Central Fleet Management Division. This Part also authorizes an increase in the principal cost limit of the financing agreements for State Police motor vehicles from \$2,300,000 to \$2,800,000.

PART II

in 10.0

Sec. II-1. Carrying balances. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, at the end of each fiscal year the State Controller shall carry forward any unexpended balances in the All Other and Capital Expenditures line categories in the Department of Transportation, Highway and Bridge Capital program, General Fund account and the Multimodal Transportation Fund program, General Fund Transportation Innovation account to be used for the same purposes.

**PART II
SUMMARY**

This Part authorizes General Fund appropriations in the Department of Transportation to carry forward to the next fiscal year to be used for the same purposes.