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**STATE OF MAINE**  
**ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE**  
**COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**TO:** Senator Catherine E. Breen, Senate Chair  
Representative Teresa S. Pierce, House Chair  
Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs

**FROM:** G. William Diamond, Senate Chair *GD/SW*  
Roland Danny Martin, House Chair *RM/DM*  
Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

**DATE:** March 9, 2022

**RE:** LD 1995, General Fund 2022-2023 Supplemental Budget

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The Joint Standing Committee on Transportation voted unanimously (of those members present) on March 8, 2022 to approve all initiatives under its jurisdiction within the Department of Public Safety and the language in Part PP.

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

**Cc:**

Sam Praver, OPLA

Suzanne Voynik, OFPR



GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$294,549
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$116,402
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$410,951

**Justification:**

The initiative establishes 3 State Trooper positions to provide mandatory instruction in the area of law enforcement services at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. The State Police struggles to provide sufficient mandated training and often cannot provide elective training. With the social justice movement, police reform and demand for more professional officers, additional training is crucial, however additional resources are needed to provide that training. Racial tensions require ongoing implicit bias type trainings and better de-escalation training. Our increasing interactions with those suffering from mental health issues requires more training so that police officers in the State are better equipped to help those in a crisis.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Establishes 3 State Police Detective positions funded 65% General Fund and 35% Highway Fund within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 961

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	3.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$274,884
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$78,637
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$353,521

**Justification:**

The State Police has three Major Crimes Units located in southern Maine, central Maine, and northern Maine. These units primarily investigate child abuse and death. As concerns over children potentially being in jeopardy rise and as the number of Department of Health and Human Services caseworkers rise, the requests and needs for criminal investigations rise. Deaths due to overdoses continue to rise. Digital evidence in murder investigations continues to grow dramatically in complexity with large and time-consuming amounts of digital data. This initiative would provide two detectives to each Major Crimes Unit.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Establishes one State Police Sergeant-E position funded 65% General Fund and 35% Highway Fund within the same program to provide supervision in the cold case homicide unit and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 962

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$93,968

All Other	\$0	\$0	\$26,212
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$120,180

**Justification:**

The initiative establishes one State Police Sergeant-E position with the Cold Case Homicide Unit to provide supervision to the detectives who currently report to the Major Crimes Unit Lieutenant. This position will coordinate activities between the Medical Examiner's Office, the Attorney General's Office, the Crime Laboratory, and the three Major Crimes Units.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Establishes 8 Behavioral Health Program Coordinator positions funded 65% General Fund and 35% Highway Fund within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 963                                      Committee Vote: in                                      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	8.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$513,216
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$22,283
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$535,499

**Justification:**

This initiative provides funding to establish 8 Behavioral Health Program Coordinator positions to serve as social services coordinators to work with advocates in areas such as, domestic violence, mental health, elder abuse, child abuse, homelessness, and substance abuse. These positions would be dedicated to establishing and maintaining partnerships with our community advocates to ensure there is constant communication and accountability with each other's response to calls for service. One position would be assigned to each of the eight police barracks.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for monthly charges for a new data server to support new evidence-tracking software.

Ref. #: 964                                      Committee Vote: in                                      AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$9,933	\$19,867
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$9,933	\$19,867

**Justification:**

This initiative provides ongoing funding for monthly charges from the Office of Information Technology associated with a new, dedicated server that will support the new evidence tracking software that will meet expanding needs. The State Police program has been using evidence tracking software that no longer meets the needs.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for technology costs for the evidence-tracking software annual fees.

Ref. #: 965

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$7,150	\$7,150
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$7,150	\$7,150

**Justification:**

The initiative provides funding for the annual service costs required by the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Office of Information Technology to maintain the new evidence tracking software that will meet expanding need.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to upgrade polygraph equipment.

Ref. #: 966

One Time

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$13,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$13,000	\$0

**Justification:**

The initiative provides one-time funding to update and replace existing equipment necessary for pre-employment and criminal polygraphs conducted by the State Police.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for noise-reduction equipment.

Ref. #: 967

One Time

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$79,560
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$0	\$79,560

**Justification:**

The initiative provides one-time funding to provide noise suppression equipment to State Police troopers involved in deadly force encounters, perimeter control and shooting range situations. Noise suppression for long rifles will safeguard troopers' hearing and minimize their risk of detection in dangerous situations.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for increased technology costs for the Odyssey software system.

Ref. #: 968

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$20,150	\$20,150
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$20,150	\$20,150

**Justification:**

This initiative will provide funding for the Criminal History Records and the Odyssey software project.

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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for equipment for the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory.

Ref. #: 969

One Time

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Capital Expenditures	\$0	\$17,000	\$0
FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$17,000	\$0

**Justification:**

The initiative provides one-time funding that will establish a remote option for equipment use relating to the gas chromatograph in the State Police Crime Laboratory. The gas chromatograph is used for the detection of accelerants in cases of arson. This option will allow the State Police Crime Laboratory to be able to analyze evidence overnight and on weekends.

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**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Provides funding for technology costs related to a server, licenses and yearly maintenance costs for the Maine State Police Crime Laboratory.

Ref. #: 970

Committee Vote: in

AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL FUND	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$18,002	\$18,002
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$18,002	\$18,002

**Justification:**

The initiative provides funding for technology, license and maintenance costs related to the new Combined DNA Indexing System (CODIS) server for the State Police Crime Laboratory. The new server will operate on a State network with increased security, maintenance and recovery demands in compliance with Criminal Justice Information Network requirements. These enhancements will result in increased annual costs.

**State Police 0291**

Initiative: Establishes one State Police Polygraph Examiner position funded 65% General Fund and 35% Highway Fund within the same program and provides funding for related All Other costs.

Ref. #: 971

Committee Vote:

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AFA Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	0.000	1.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$0	\$78,026
All Other	\$0	\$0	\$2,785
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$80,811</b>

**Justification:**

The initiative establishes one State Police Polygraph Examiner position to provide pre-employment and criminal polygraph exams for the State Police. The position will support existing agency needs and will also provide services to other agencies at no cost.

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**PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$72,231</b>	<b>\$2,382,101</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$17,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$89,231</b>	<b>\$2,382,101</b>

**PART PP** - m

**Sec. PP-1. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Highway and Bridge Capital.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2022, the State Controller shall transfer \$85,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Transportation, Highway and Bridge Capital, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purpose of supporting highway and bridge projects.

**Sec. PP-2. Transfer from General Fund unappropriated surplus; Multimodal Transportation Fund.** Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, on or before June 30, 2022, the State Controller shall transfer \$15,000,000 from the unappropriated surplus of the General Fund to the Department of Transportation, Multimodal Transportation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account for the purpose of supporting multimodal transportation projects.

**PART PP  
SUMMARY**

This Part requires one-time transfers from the General Fund unappropriated surplus in fiscal year 2021-22 to the Highway & Bridge Capital, Other Special Revenue Funds account and the Multimodal Transportation Fund, Other Special Revenue Funds account within the Department of Transportation to support highway, bridge and multimodal transportation projects.