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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 944, L.D. 1320, Bill, “An Act To Fairly Distribute the Debt Burden between the State and County Correctional Functions”

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

'An Act To Fairly Distribute Interest on County Jail Debt Service between the State and the Counties'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 30-A MRSA §701, sub-§2-C is enacted to read:

2-C. State debt service interest assessment. Notwithstanding subsections 2-A and 2-B, the State must be assessed a percentage of the debt service interest for any county that has county jail debt pursuant to Title 34-A, section 1803, subsection 12.

Sec. 2. 34-A MRSA §1803, sub-§12 is enacted to read:

12. Debt service interest determination. By January 1, 2014 and each January 1st thereafter, the board shall determine for each county that has county jail debt the percentage of the average daily inmate population that came from outside of that county in the previous fiscal year. A percentage of the interest portion of county jail debt equal to the percentage of the average daily inmate population from outside of that county may be included in the correctional services expenditures in each county budget under Title 30-A, section 710, to be assessed upon the State pursuant to Title 30-A, section 701, subsection 2-C, as long as the percentage is 10% or more.

Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**CORRECTIONS, STATE BOARD OF
State Board of Corrections Investment Fund Z087**

Initiative: Provides funds to pay the state portion of debt service costs at certain county correctional facilities.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
2	All Other	\$241,590	\$483,179
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$241,590</u>	<u>\$483,179</u>
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6 **SUMMARY**

7 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, replaces the bill. It
8 requires the State Board of Corrections to determine the percentage of the average daily
9 inmate population that came from outside of each county for the previous fiscal year. As
10 long as the percentage of the population from outside the county is 10% or more, the
11 county may include a percentage of the interest associated with corrections debt that is
12 equal to the percentage of inmates from outside that county in its budget submitted to the
13 State Board of Corrections.

14 The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

15 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

16 **(See attached)**