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130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 1242, L.D. 1671, “Resolve, To Implement Security Screenings in the State House and Capitol Area Offices”

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

'Resolve, To Require the Department of Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Public Safety To Develop Short-term and Long-term Plans for Security Screenings in the Burton M. Cross Building and the State House'

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

'Emergency preamble. Whereas, acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, the rise of political polarization and extremism has been linked to several major security incidents involving government offices; and

Whereas, the protection of state employees, including Legislators, legislative employees and state agency employees, is essential to the proper functioning of government; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Amend the resolve by striking out everything after the title and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. Request for proposals. Resolved: That the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of General Services shall issue a request for proposals for and contract with a licensed security consultant to assess the security of the Burton M. Cross Building and the State House and provide specific recommendations on improving the security at those buildings to protect the buildings and the individuals working in and visiting the Burton M. Cross Building and the State House.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1 request for proposals for and contract with a licensed security consultant to assess the
2 security of the Burton M. Cross Building and the State House and provide specific
3 recommendations on improving the security at these buildings to protect the buildings and
4 the individuals working in and visiting them. The Department of Public Safety is required
5 to determine which immediate changes to these buildings are necessary to increase security
6 and protection in the short term, including the costs for each change. The Department of
7 Administrative and Financial Services and the Department of Public Safety are both
8 required to solicit input from the State House and Capitol Park Commission and the
9 Legislative Council on the assessments and recommendations each is required to develop
10 under this resolve. The Department of Public Safety is required to submit a report to the
11 Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by December 1, 2021. The
12 Department of Administrative and Financial Services is required to submit a report to the
13 joint standing committee by January 15, 2022. The committee may report out a bill in
14 response to each report to the Second Regular Session of the 130th Legislature. The
15 amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

16 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

17 **(See attached)**