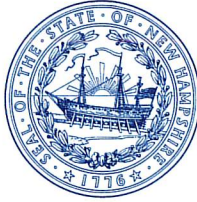


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Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to grant an annual salary increment to Thomas A. Defosses, Criminal Justice Investigator (Position #9U695, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-26100000-014-500134), in the amount of \$4,317, from a salary level of \$87,780 (LG BB, Step 6) to a salary level of \$92,097 (LG BB, Step 7), effective October 6, 2026, upon Governor and Executive Council approval. 100% General Funds.

EXPLANATION

In accordance with NH RSA 94:3, Mr. Defosses is eligible for a salary increment as of October 6, 2026, subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council. Mr. Defosses made significant contributions to the Department during the past year as a Criminal Justice Investigator in the Public Integrity Unit and should be recognized with an increase to the next step of the salary schedule. Mr. Defosses' salary will increase by \$4,317, from \$87,780 to \$92,097.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this request. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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