



# 129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 182**

**LR 595(02)**

## **An Act To Amend the Maine Bail Code Regarding the Financial Capacity of a Defendant To Post Bond**

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

### **Fiscal Note**

	<b>FY 2019-20</b>	<b>FY 2020-21</b>	<b>Projections FY 2021-22</b>	<b>Projections FY 2022-23</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$361,710	\$348,241	\$359,669
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$361,710	\$348,241	\$359,669

#### **Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill transfers 6 full-time financial screener positions and 3 half-time financial screener positions responsible for determining a defendant's ability to pay for counsel from the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (MCILS) to the Judicial Branch in fiscal year 2020-21. The bill includes offsetting General Fund deappropriations and appropriations of \$525,319, respectively, to the MCILS and the Judicial Branch for these transfers. The bill also includes an additional \$361,710 in fiscal year 2020-21 to the Judicial Branch to increase the 3 half-time positions to full-time and to establish one additional Financial Screener position and one Managing Staff Accountant to hire, train and supervise the financial screeners.