



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1685

LR 2056(02)

An Act To Protect the Constitutional Rights of Indigent Defendants

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$336,685	\$317,559	\$327,749	\$338,264
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$336,685	\$317,559	\$327,749	\$338,264

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill transfers the financial screening function for eligibility for indigent legal services from the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services to the judicial branch and adds to the duties required. The bill includes a General Fund deappropriation to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services of \$562,663 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$579,655 in fiscal year 2022-23 to eliminate 7.5 financial screener positions and All Other costs. The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the judicial branch of \$899,348 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$897,214 in fiscal year 2022-23 to establish 10 full-time Financial Screener positions and one full-time Managing Staff Accountant position and provides funding for related All Other costs.