

130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Expand Access to Justice in Rural Maine through Legal Education

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment " " to Committee Amendment "A"

Sponsor: Sen. Breen of Cumberland

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 | \$0 | (\$340,000) | (\$340,000) | (\$340,000) |
| Appropriations/Allocations General Fund | \$0 | (\$340,000) | (\$340,000) | (\$340,000) |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment eliminates the ongoing General Fund appropriations in the bill of \$340,000 per year beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 to the University of Maine System to establish a rural practice clinic in Aroostook County as part of a 3-year pilot program.

As amended, this bill still requires the University of Maine System to establish a rural practice clinic in Aroostook County as a 3-year pilot project of the existing legal aid clinic at the University of Maine School of Law. Funding for the first 2 years of the pilot project will be provided by a payment of \$680,000 to the University of Maine System from the funds received by the Office of the Attorney General for antitrust enforcement and enforcement of the Unfair Trade Practices Act.