

**132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 2059****LR 2847(01)****An Act to Provide Required Funding for the Reimbursement of Assigned Counsel and to Develop the Public Defender Office for Cumberland County****Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill****Sponsor: Sen. Carney of Cumberland****Committee: Judiciary****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

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**Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement**

	<b>FY 2025-26</b>	<b>FY 2026-27</b>	<b>Projections FY 2027-28</b>	<b>Projections FY 2028-29</b>
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$13,483,262	\$10,644,548	\$1,700,150	\$1,757,921
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$13,483,262	\$10,644,548	\$1,700,150	\$1,757,921

**Fiscal Detail and Notes**

The bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Maine Commission on Public Defense Services of \$483,262 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$1,644,548 in fiscal year 2026-27 for one District Defender position, one Assistant District Defender I position, 4 Assistant District Defender II positions, 2 Paralegal positions, one Field Investigator position, one Case Manager position and one Office Specialist I position as well as All Other costs, including rent and parking, for a public defender office serving Cumberland County.

It also includes one-time General Fund appropriations to the Commission of \$13,000,000 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$9,000,000 in 2026-27 to address the shortfall in funding available to compensate constitutionally and statutorily required assigned counsel.