



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

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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

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

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