

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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L.D. 803

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STATE OF MAINE  
SENATE  
118TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 234, L.D. 803, Bill, "An Act to Protect the Rights of Children Who Have Been Victims of Sexual Abuse by a Juvenile"

Amend the amendment by striking out all of the 3rd indented paragraph before the fiscal note (page 3, lines 13 to 16 in amendment) and inserting in its place the following:

**Sec. B-4. Staff assistance.** The Department of Human Services and the Attorney General shall provide staffing assistance for the work group.

**Sec. B-5. Compensation.** The members of the work group who are Legislators are entitled to receive the legislative per diem as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 3, section 2 and reimbursement for travel and other necessary expenses for attendance at meetings of the work group. Other members are not entitled to compensation or reimbursement of expenses.

**Sec. B-6. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

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Study Commissions - Funding

Personal Services	\$440
All Other	400

**SENATE AMENDMENT**

2 Provides funds for the per  
4 diem and expenses of  
6 legislative members appointed  
8 to a work group examining the  
10 legal rights of children who  
12 testify in cases in which  
14 they have been the alleged  
16 victims of sexual abuse.

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12 **LEGISLATURE  
TOTAL**

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\$840

14 Further amend the bill in Part B in section 2 in the last 2  
16 lines (page 2, lines 30 and 31 in L.D.) by striking out the  
18 following: "119th Legislature on or before January 15, 1999" and  
inserting in its place the following: 'Second Regular Session of  
the 118th Legislature on or before January 1, 1998'

20 **FISCAL NOTE**

22 The amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill.  
24 General Fund appropriations are reduced by \$1,470 in fiscal year  
1998-99 leaving a General Fund appropriation in fiscal year  
26 1997-98 only of \$840.

28 The amendment also limits the staffing responsibility of the  
Legislature by requiring that the study be completed during the  
interim between sessions.

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32 **SUMMARY**

34 This amendment changes the reporting date and strikes the  
36 appropriation in fiscal year 1998-99.

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40 SPONSORED BY: Michael H. Michaud  
42 (Senator MICHAUD) JB

44 COUNTY: Penobscot