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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 297,
L.D. 872, Bill, "An Act To Improve the Quality of Guardian ad Litem Services for the
Children and Families of Maine"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §1552 in subsection 2 in the first line (page 2,
line 1 in amendment) by striking out the following: "and Title 22"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §1552 in subsection 2 in the 2nd line (page 2,
line 2 in amendment) by striking out the following: "and Title 22"

Amend the amendment in section 1 in §1552 by inserting after subsection 4 the
following:

'5. Effective date. This section takes effect January 1, 2015.'

Amend the amendment in section 4 in the first 2 lines (page 7, lines 28 and 29 in
amendment) by striking out the following: "Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary by
February 15, 2014" and inserting the following: 'joint standing committee of the
Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters by February 15, 2017'

Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 5 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 5. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and
allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funds for one Family Process Specialist position and one part-time
Administrative Assistant position and related costs effective January 1, 2015 to provide
oversight of guardians ad litem.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	1.500
Personal Services	\$0	\$57,555
All Other	\$0	\$32,445

SENATE AMENDMENT

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2 GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$0 \$90,000

3 **Sec. 6. Effective date.** Those sections of this Act that require the judicial branch
4 to develop and implement a post-judgment evaluation policy and process to collect and
5 analyze data and that require the Chief Judge of the District Court to report to the joint
6 standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters take
7 effect January 1, 2015.'

8 **SUMMARY**

9 This amendment removes guardians ad litem appointed under the Maine Revised
10 Statutes, Title 22 from the provisions covering data reporting, standardized billing and
11 other administrative requirements. It establishes January 1, 2015 as the effective date for
12 the provisions of the bill that address the administration of guardians ad litem, the post-
13 judgment evaluation policy and the reporting requirement. It also replaces the
14 appropriations and allocations section to provide funding for one full-time position and
15 one part-time position for the Judicial Department.

16 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

17 (See attached)

18 SPONSORED BY: 

19 (Senator HILL)

20 COUNTY: York

**126th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 872****LR 874(04)****An Act To Improve the Quality of Guardian ad Litem Services for the Children and Families of Maine****Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment 'A' to Committee Amendment "A"****Sponsor: Sen. Hill of York****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$193,609)	(\$121,330)	(\$30,889)	(\$36,183)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$193,609)	(\$121,330)	(\$30,889)	(\$36,183)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment reduces the General Fund cost of the bill by \$193,609 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$121,330 in fiscal year 2014-15. It includes a General Fund appropriation of \$90,000 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Judicial Department for one Family Process Specialist position and one part-time Administrative Assistant position and related costs to provide oversight of Guardians Ad Litem.