

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 570

House of Representatives, March 4, 2025

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**Resolve, to Establish the Criminal Justice Legal Aid Clinic Pilot  
Project at the University of Maine School of Law**

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Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick.  
Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and  
Representatives: HENDERSON of Rumford, KUHN of Falmouth, LEE of Auburn, MOONEN  
of Portland, SATO of Gorham, SINCLAIR of Bath, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: BENNETT  
of Oxford.

1 **Sec. 1. Criminal justice legal aid clinic pilot project established. Resolved:**  
 2 That the University of Maine System shall establish within the University of Maine School  
 3 of Law a criminal justice legal aid clinic 3-year pilot project.

4 **Sec. 2. Reports. Resolved:** That the University of Maine System shall submit an  
 5 interim report no later than January 15, 2027 and a final report no later than November 6,  
 6 2028 to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education  
 7 matters, judiciary matters and appropriations and financial affairs on the criminal justice  
 8 legal aid clinic pilot project established pursuant to section 1. The reports must include, but  
 9 are not limited to, the number of clients served by the clinics at the University of Maine  
 10 School of Law, including through the criminal justice legal aid clinic pilot project; the  
 11 number of student attorneys who participated in the pilot project; any barriers to the success  
 12 of the pilot project; and recommendations, including any suggested legislation, for the  
 13 future of the criminal justice legal aid clinic to be housed within the existing clinics at the  
 14 University of Maine School of Law.

15 **Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations. Resolved:** That the following  
 16 appropriations and allocations are made.

17 **UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE**  
 18 **Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031**

19 Initiative: Provides one-time funding to establish a criminal justice legal aid clinic as a 3-  
 20 year pilot project of the Clinics at Maine Law.

21 <b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2025-26</b>	<b>2026-27</b>
22 All Other	\$1,000,000	\$0
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24 <b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>

25 **SUMMARY**

26 This resolve requires the University of Maine System to establish within the University  
 27 of Maine School of Law a criminal justice legal aid clinic 3-year pilot project and provides  
 28 one-time funding for that purpose. The resolve also requires the University of Maine  
 29 System to submit interim and final reports to the joint standing committees of the  
 30 Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters, judiciary matters and appropriations  
 31 and financial affairs on the criminal justice legal aid clinic pilot project.