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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
119TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" to H.P. 894, L.D. 1251, Bill, "An Act to Change the Reimbursement Rate for Law Enforcement Personnel Who Testify in Court"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Allocation. The following funds are allocated from Other Special Revenue funds to carry out the purposes of this Act.

**2000-01**

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

**Courts - Supreme, Superior,  
District and Administrative**

All Other \$109,270

Allocates funds to authorize expenditures in excess of current allocations from the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund to reflect the increase of the reimbursement amount paid to municipal and county law enforcement agencies from \$25 a day to \$50 a day.'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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**FISCAL NOTE**

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**2000-01**

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**APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

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Other Funds

\$109,270

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This bill increases the reimbursement fee paid to municipal and county law enforcement agencies by the court from \$25 to \$50. The additional amount to be paid from the Law Enforcement Agency Reimbursement Fund will be \$293,311 in fiscal year 2000-01. The additional expenditures will reduce the amount to be transferred to the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year by this same amount.

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Based on initial estimates when this dedicated fund was established, Public Law 1997, chapter 750, the revenue accruing to the fund was approximately equal to the estimated expenditures, as a result no General Fund revenue is currently budgeted to be transferred. Based on more recent estimates after several months of actual experience, the dedicated revenue accruing to this dedicated fund will be sufficient to cover the additional expenditures. An adjustment to the allocation to authorize the additional expenditures will be less than the increased cost due to these revised estimates and is estimated to be \$109,270 in fiscal year 2000-01.'

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment adds an allocation section and a fiscal note to the bill.