

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 765

House of Representatives, February 26, 2003

**An Act To Implement 2 Recommendations of the Commission on  
Fatherhood Issues Related to Family Case Management Officers  
and Noncustodial Parent Outreach Programs**

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Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

*Millicent M. MacFarland*  
MILLICENT M. MacFARLAND  
Clerk

Presented by Representative SIMPSON of Auburn.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District**

Initiative: Provides for the appropriation of funds to establish 5 additional Family Division Case Management Officer positions to support the 31 District Court locations throughout the State. These 5 positions will be funded 1/3 by the General Fund and 2/3 by the Federal Expenditures Fund. The 5 positions will be devoted to the Family Division of the District Court.

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
Personal Services	\$159,070	\$172,150
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<b>\$159,070</b>	<b>\$172,150</b>
<b>Federal Expenditures Fund</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
Positions - Legislative Count	(5,000)	(5,000)
Personal Services	\$308,780	\$334,150
<b>Federal Expenditures Fund</b>	<b>\$308,780</b>	<b>\$334,150</b>

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$159,070</b>	<b>\$172,150</b>
<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>308,780</b>	<b>334,150</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$467,850</b>	<b>\$506,300</b>

**ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE**

**Human Services Division**

Initiative: Provides for the appropriation of funds to establish 2 Outreach Investigator positions in order to continue the Noncustodial Parent Outreach and Investigation Project. The 2 Outreach Investigator positions will be funded 100% by the General Fund.

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
Positions - Legislative Count	(2,000)	(2,000)
Personal Services	\$118,350	\$123,084
All Other	12,808	14,808
<b>General Fund Total</b>	<b>\$131,158</b>	<b>\$137,892</b>

2	<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE</b>		
	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
4	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$131,158</b>	<b>\$137,892</b>
6	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$131,158</b>	<b>\$137,892</b>
8	<b>SECTION TOTALS</b>	<b>2003-04</b>	<b>2004-05</b>
10	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$290,228</b>	<b>\$310,042</b>
12	<b>FEDERAL EXPENDITURES FUND</b>	<b>308,780</b>	<b>334,150</b>
14	<b>SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$599,008</b>	<b>\$644,192</b>

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18 **SUMMARY**

20 This bill implements 2 of the recommendations of the  
 22 Commission on Fatherhood Issues related to the number of Family  
 24 Division Case Management Officer positions deployed in the Family  
 Division of the District Court and the continuation of the  
 Noncustodial Parent Outreach and Investigation Project.

26 Under this bill, additional funding is provided to the  
 28 Family Division of the District Court in order to increase the  
 30 number of Family Division Case Management Officer positions from  
 8 to 13. This bill appropriates the additional funds necessary  
 to provide the 34% state match that would leverage matching  
 federal funding for the deployment of 5 additional Family  
 Division Case Management Officer positions.

32 The bill also appropriates the funds necessary to establish  
 34 2 Outreach Investigator positions in the Department of the  
 36 Attorney General in order to continue the Noncustodial Parent  
 Outreach and Investigation Project programs for another 2 years.  
 38 Funded with federal grant funds, the Noncustodial Parent Outreach  
 and Investigation Project is currently a pilot project in York  
 40 and Somerset counties; however, federal funding for this pilot  
 project will lapse at the end of the 2002-03 fiscal year and  
 42 additional funds are needed to continue and expand the program to  
 other parts of Maine.