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L.D. 1445

Date: 6/6/13

Majority

(Filing No. H-385)

JUDICIARY

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
126TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1039, L.D. 1445, Bill, "An Act To Facilitate Children's Testimony"

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1321 in subsection 2 in paragraph C in the last line (page 1, line 25 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "well-being;" the following: 'and'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1321 in subsection 2 in paragraph D in the last line (page 1, line 27 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "exist; and" and inserting the following: 'exist.'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §1321 in subsection 2 by striking out all of paragraph E (page 1, lines 28 and 29 in L.D.)

Amend the bill by adding after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funds for one Assistant Clerk position, one System Support Specialist position and equipment costs necessary to accommodate testimony of a child outside the presence of the defendant.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	2,000	2,000
Personal Services	\$119,328	\$143,194
All Other	\$197,600	\$19,200
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$316,928</u>	<u>\$162,394</u>

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary. It removes from the bill the provision providing that the court, before allowing special procedures for a child's testimony, must find that the constitutional rights of the defendant are outweighed. The amendment also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)



126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1445

LR 1986(02)

An Act To Facilitate Children's Testimony

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-385)

Committee: Judiciary

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	\$316,928	\$162,394	\$166,690	\$171,115
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$316,928	\$162,394	\$166,690	\$171,115

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$316,928 in fiscal year 2013-14 and \$162,394 in fiscal year 2014-15 for the Judicial Department for one Assistant Clerk position, one System Support Specialist position and equipment costs necessary to accomodate testimony of a child outside the presense of the defendant.