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majority

L.D. 111
(Filing No. H-331)

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
128TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 79, L.D. 111, Bill, "An Act To Establish a Veterans Treatment Court in Androscoggin County"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Establish an Additional Veterans Treatment Court'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting the following:

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

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY BDS)

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services 0679

Initiative: Provides funds for case management services provided by the office of substance abuse and mental health services within the Department of Health and Human Services for a veterans treatment program.

GENERAL FUND	2017-18	2018-19
All Other	\$125,000	\$125,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$125,000</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF (FORMERLY BDS) DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2017-18	2018-19
GENERAL FUND	\$125,000	\$125,000

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 79, L.D. 111

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2 DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS \$125,000 \$125,000

3 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

4 Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

5 Initiative: Provides funds for active retired judges to cover other court time of full-time
6 sitting judges assigned to a veterans treatment court.

7 GENERAL FUND 2017-18 2018-19
8 Personal Services \$10,800 \$14,400
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10 GENERAL FUND TOTAL \$10,800 \$14,400

11 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT
12 DEPARTMENT TOTALS 2017-18 2018-19

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14 GENERAL FUND \$10,800 \$14,400

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16 DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS \$10,800 \$14,400

17 SECTION TOTALS 2017-18 2018-19

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19 GENERAL FUND \$135,800 \$139,400

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21 SECTION TOTAL - ALL FUNDS \$135,800 \$139,400
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23 SUMMARY

24 This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary.
25 This amendment replaces the bill, which requires the establishment of a veterans
26 treatment court in Androscoggin County. Instead, this amendment relies on the enabling
27 language already in statute for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court to establish
28 veterans treatment courts where appropriate and provides the funding for the courts as
29 well as for the services to be provided.

30 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

31 (See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



128th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 111

LR 350(02)

An Act To Establish a Veterans Treatment Court in Androscoggin County

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Fiscal Note

	FY 2017-18	FY 2018-19	Projections FY 2019-20	Projections FY 2020-21
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$135,800	\$139,400	\$139,400	\$139,400
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$135,800	\$139,400	\$139,400	\$139,400

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$10,800 in fiscal year 2017-18 and \$14,400 in fiscal year 2018-19 for the Judicial Department to establish a Veterans Court. The Governor's biennial budget for the 2018-2019 biennium, LD 390, provides funding to increase the rate paid to Active Retired Judges. This estimate of fiscal impact may need to be revised based on final Legislative action on the biennial budget.

The bill also includes annual General Fund appropriations to the Department of Health and Human Services of \$125,000 beginning in fiscal year 2017-18 for case management services provided by the Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services for a veteran's treatment program.