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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
130TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1255, L.D. 1686, "An Act To Implement a Geographically Limited Public Defender Office"

Amend the amendment by inserting after the title the following:

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

'An Act To Establish Public Defender Positions and Provide Support for Indigent Legal Services Providers'

Amend the amendment by striking out the first paragraph after the title (page 1, line 11 in amendment) and inserting the following:

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

'Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1804, sub-§2, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 419, §2, is amended to read:

F. Standards for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by assigned counsel and contract counsel, including attendance at training events provided by the commission; and

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

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Establishes one District Defender position (Elected DA-equivalent Grade 90), 2 Assistant Defender I positions (ADA-equivalent Grade 38) and 2 Assistant Defender II positions (ADA-equivalent Grade 30), to be dispatched in the State where needed, and provides for their ancillary costs and meals and travel expenses.

Table with 3 columns: GENERAL FUND, 2021-22, 2022-23. Rows include POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT, Personal Services, All Other, and GENERAL FUND TOTAL.

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Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for a contract for online legal research access to be provided to up to 300 rostered attorneys and for annual reimbursement for written legal materials purchased by attorneys.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$275,580
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$275,580


**INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE
COMMISSION ON
DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
	\$0	\$1,241,477
DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$1,241,477

- Amend the amendment by striking out all of section 2.
- Amend the amendment by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

- This amendment replaces Committee Amendment "A." The amendment:
 1. Adds attendance at training events to the standards governing the delivery of indigent legal services;
 2. Establishes public defender positions to be dispatched in the State where needed; and
 3. Provides money for legal research by the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services attorneys.

SPONSORED BY: 
 (Senator BREEN, C.)

COUNTY: Cumberland

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)**



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1686

LR 2055(05)

An Act To Implement a Geographically Limited Public Defender Office

Fiscal Note for Senate Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (S-624)

Sponsor: Sen. Breen of Cumberland

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$1,096,355)	(\$890,482)	(\$929,707)	(\$976,284)
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$1,096,355)	(\$890,482)	(\$929,707)	(\$976,284)

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This amendment replaces the bill and provides General Fund appropriations of \$1,241,477 beginning in fiscal year 2022-23 to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services to establish one District Defender position, 2 Assistant Defender I positions, 2 Assistant Defender II positions and related costs and for online legal research access and annual reimbursement for written legal materials purchased by attorneys. This fiscal note reflects the incremental funding difference between the amendment and the bill.