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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1256, L.D. 1687, "An Act To Improve the Provision of Indigent Legal Services"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 10 and inserting the following:

'Sec. 10. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Appropriates funds for the cost of changing the salary range of the executive director from 52 to 37.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
Personal Services	\$9,152	\$9,152
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$9,152	\$9,152

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Provides additional funding to reflect projected costs of the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$2,804,980	\$2,804,980
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$2,804,980	\$2,804,980

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Establishes and appropriates funds for 4 Public Service Manager II positions and 2 Paralegal positions to lead and staff the attorney supervision subdivision and the auditing subdivision. Also provides funding for All Other costs.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	6.000	6.000

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1	Personal Services	\$670,116	\$691,559
2	All Other	\$47,073	\$27,573
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4	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$717,189</u>	<u>\$719,132</u>

5 **Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112**

6 Initiative: Appropriates funds to increase reimbursement for indigent legal services from
7 \$60 per hour to \$80 per hour.

8	GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
9	All Other	\$5,732,980	\$5,732,980
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11	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$5,732,980</u>	<u>\$5,732,980</u>

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13 **INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE**
14 **COMMISSION ON**
15 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

16		2021-22	2022-23
17	GENERAL FUND	\$9,264,301	\$9,266,244
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19	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	<u>\$9,264,301</u>	<u>\$9,266,244</u>

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21 Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section
22 number to read consecutively.

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SUMMARY

24 This amendment is the majority report of the committee. It retains the funding for the
25 increase in the salary range for the executive director, raises the reimbursement rate from
26 \$60 to \$80 per hour, fully funds the projected costs and funds the basic central office staff
27 of 6 additional positions for supervision and auditing.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



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LD 1687

LR 2054(02)

An Act To Improve the Provision of Indigent Legal Services

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

A(H-707)

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$9,264,301	\$9,266,244	\$9,288,667	\$9,311,807
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$9,264,301	\$9,266,244	\$9,288,667	\$9,311,807

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services (MCILS) of \$9,264,301 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$9,266,244 in fiscal year 2022-23 for an increase in the salary range for the Executive Director of MCILS, raising the reimbursement rate for indigent legal services from \$60 per hour to \$80, providing additional All Other funding to reflect actual costs of the MCILS, establishing 6 positions and providing All Other funding for the supervision subdivision.