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STATE OF MAINE

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130TH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 648, L.D. 1831, "An Act To Improve the Child and Family Court Process"

Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 1 in the 5th line (page 1, line 32 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "24" and inserting the following: '12'

Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 1 in paragraph D in subparagraph (4-B) in the last line (page 2, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "~~and~~" and inserting the following: 'and'

Amend the bill in section 6 in subsection 1 in paragraph D by striking out all of subparagraph (4-C) (page 2, lines 29 to 31 in L.D.).

Amend the bill in section 7 in subsection 2 in the last line (page 3, line 21 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "24" and inserting the following: '12'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

'Sec. 9. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for 4 Family Law Magistrate positions, 4 Deputy Marshal positions, 4 Assistant Clerk positions, one Law Clerk position and related costs in the Judicial Department to increase the number of full-time family law magistrates from 8 to 12.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	13.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$1,455,768
All Other	\$0	\$50,088
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$1,505,856

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 648, L.D. 1831 (S-514)

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

SUMMARY

This amendment decreases the number of additional family law magistrates to 4, for a total of 12.

The amendment deletes the expansion of magistrate jurisdiction relating to child protection matters. It also adds an appropriations and allocations section.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1831

LR 2285(02)

An Act To Improve the Child and Family Court Process

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (S-514)

Committee: Judiciary

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	\$0	\$1,505,856	\$1,518,271	\$1,564,953
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,505,856	\$1,518,271	\$1,564,953

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes an ongoing appropriation of \$1,505,856 in fiscal year 2022-23 to the Judicial Department to fund 4 Family Law Magistrate positions, 4 Deputy Marshall positions, 4 Assistant Clerk positions, one Law Clerk position and related costs to increase the number of full-time family law magistrates from 8 to 12.