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L.D. 1918

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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
130TH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1424, L.D. 1918, "An Act To Provide Funding for Guardians Ad Litem"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1 and inserting the following:

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

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for guardian ad litem services in family matters cases.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$1,540,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$0	\$1,540,000

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

SUMMARY

This amendment increases the appropriation to the Judicial Department to \$1,540,000 to be used to fund guardian ad litem services for family matters cases.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1918

LR 2142(02)

An Act To Provide Funding for Guardians Ad Litem

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment *(ACH-808)*

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	\$1,540,000	\$1,540,000	\$1,540,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,540,000	\$1,540,000	\$1,540,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to the Courts of \$1,540,000 beginning in FY 2022-23 for guardian ad litem services in family matters cases. According to information provided by the Judicial Branch, it is estimated that there are over 900 family matters cases where guardian ad litem services are needed but both parties in the case are unable to afford the guardian ad litem. The total estimated cost per case is around \$1,700.