

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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Date. 6/20/23

Majority

L D 1535

(Filing No H-600)

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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 990, L.D. 1535, "An Act to Advance Justice in Sentencing by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute and Increasing Funding for Meetings of the Institute"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following  
**'An Act to Advance Justice in Sentencing by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute'**

Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in the first line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Institute" and inserting the following 'Conference'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 1 in the first line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following "Institute" and inserting the following 'Conference'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following "Institute" and inserting the following 'Conference'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following "institute" and inserting the following 'conference'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following "institute" and inserting the following 'conference'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following "institute" and inserting the following 'conference'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 2 in the 5th line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following "institute" and inserting the following 'conference'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 2 in the 7th line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by inserting after the following "counseling," the following 'prosecution-based victim witness advocates'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 3 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following "institute" and inserting the following 'conference'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H P 990, L D 1535

1 Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 4 in the first line (page 1, line 28 in  
2 L.D ) by striking out the following "institute" and inserting the following 'conference'

3 Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 5 in the 4th line (page 1, line 35 in  
4 L.D ) by striking out the following "institute" and inserting the following 'conference'

5 Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 5 in the 5th line (page 1, line 36 in  
6 L.D.) by striking out the following "institute" and inserting the following 'conference'

7 Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 5 in the 6th line (page 1, line 37 in  
8 L D ) by striking out the following "institute regarding matters considered by the institute"  
9 and inserting the following 'conference regarding matters considered by the conference'

10 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following

11 'Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and  
12 allocations are made

13 JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

14 Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

15 Initiative Provides ongoing funding for the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Conference  
16 to meet biennially

17	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
18	All Other	\$71,700	\$0
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20	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$71,700</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

24 SUMMARY

25 This amendment changes the name of the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute  
26 to the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Conference, adds to the membership of the  
27 conference prosecution-based victim witness advocates and changes the appropriations and  
28 allocations provided in the bill

29 FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED  
30 (See attached)

# COMMITTEE AMENDMENT



# 131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1535

LR 2203(02)

## An Act to Advance Justice in Sentencing by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute and Increasing Funding for Meetings of the Institute

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-600)  
 Committee: Judiciary  
 Fiscal Note Required: Yes

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$71,700	\$0	\$71,700	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$71,700	\$0	\$71,700	\$0

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$71,700 to the Judicial Department in fiscal year 2023-24 for a two-day Criminal Justice Sentencing Conference. An appropriation of the same amount will be required every other year for the Conference to occur at least once every two years. The cost is based on an estimate of 239 attendees at a cost of \$300 each to cover facility fees, technology and equipment, meals for all attendees and lodging for a portion of attendees. Conference members include all Supreme Judicial Court, Superior Court and District Court Justices and Judges, all District Attorneys and all attorneys within the Criminal Division of the Office of the Attorney General. Law enforcement and correctional personnel, representatives of advisory and advocacy groups and representatives of the defense bar and others will also be invited to attend.