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L.D. 2059

Date: 3/3/26

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
132ND LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 852, L.D. 2059, "An Act to Provide Required Funding for the Reimbursement of Assigned Counsel and to Develop the Public Defender Office for Cumberland County"

Amend the amendment on page 1 by striking out all of the 2nd indented paragraph (page 1, lines 14 and 15 in amendment) and inserting the following:

'Amend the bill by striking out all of the emergency preamble.'

Amend the amendment on page 1 in the 3rd indented paragraph in the first and 2nd lines (page 1, lines 16 and 17 in amendment) by striking out the following: "and before the emergency clause"

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

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

PUBLIC DEFENSE SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON

Maine Commission on Public Defense Services Z112

Initiative: Provides one-time funding to address the shortfall in funding available to compensate constitutionally and statutorily required assigned counsel in fiscal year 2026-27.

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$0	\$22,000,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$22,000,000

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

HOUSE AMENDMENT

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HOUSE AMENDMENT "A" to COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 852, L.D. 2059

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SUMMARY

This amendment removes the emergency preamble and emergency clause and moves the appropriations in fiscal year 2025-26 to fiscal year 2026-27.

SPONSORED BY: A. D. Kuhn

(Representative KUHN, A.)

TOWN: Falmouth

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED
(See attached)

HOUSE AMENDMENT



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 2059

LR 2847(05)

An Act to Provide Required Funding for the Reimbursement of Assigned Counsel and to Develop the Public Defender Office for Cumberland County

Fiscal Note for House Amendment "A" to Committee Amendment "A" (H-814)

Sponsor: Rep. Kuhn of Falmouth

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27	Projections FY 2027-28	Projections FY 2028-29
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	(\$13,000,000)	\$13,000,000	\$0	\$0
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	(\$13,000,000)	\$13,000,000	\$0	\$0

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The amendment removes the emergency preamble and clause and moves the General Fund appropriation from fiscal year 2025-26 to fiscal year 2026-27. As amended, \$22,000,000 will be appropriated in fiscal year 2026-27.