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Augusta, Maine
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**CHAPTER 720
H.P. 1255 - L.D. 1686**

An Act To Establish Public Defender Positions and Provide Support for Indigent Legal Services Providers

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1804, sub-§2, ¶F, as enacted by PL 2009, c. 419, §2, is amended to read:

F. Standards for the reimbursement of expenses incurred by assigned counsel and contract counsel, including attendance at training events provided by the commission; and

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Establishes one District Defender position (Elected DA-equivalent Grade 90), 2 Assistant Defender I positions (ADA-equivalent Grade 38) and 2 Assistant Defender II positions (ADA-equivalent Grade 30), to be dispatched in the State where needed, and provides for their ancillary costs and meals and travel expenses.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
POSITIONS - LEGISLATIVE COUNT	0.000	5.000
Personal Services	\$0	\$704,482
All Other	\$0	\$261,415
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$965,897

Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds for a contract for online legal research access to be provided to up to 300 rostered attorneys and for annual reimbursement for written legal materials purchased by attorneys.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$275,580
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$275,580

INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON DEPARTMENT TOTALS

	2021-22	2022-23
GENERAL FUND	\$0	\$1,241,477

DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$0	\$1,241,477
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**CHAPTER 721
H.P. 1345 - L.D. 1803**

An Act To Attract and Retain Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services Personnel through the Maine Length of Service Award Program

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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

FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMISSION, MAINE

Maine Fire Protection Services Commission 0936

Initiative: Provides one-time funding for the Maine Length of Service Award Program to provide length of service awards to eligible volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$500,000

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**CHAPTER 722
H.P. 1349 - L.D. 1816**

An Act To Promote Labor Education through the University of Maine System

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. Labor and community education center. The University of Maine System shall establish the Dr. Charles A. Scontras Labor Center, referred to in this Act as "the center," a labor and community education center, at the University of Southern Maine. The center must focus on providing lifelong community-based labor education, research and outreach and must offer workshops, symposia, skills-based learning and opportunities to conduct applied research. The center must work collaboratively with the President of the University of Southern Maine to integrate university curricula and faculty into education offered by the center. In establishing the center, the University of Maine System shall designate the credentials provided

by the center, including, but not limited to, professional certifications and continuing education units.

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE

Labor and Community Education Center N942

Initiative: Provides ongoing funds to establish and maintain a labor and community education center at the University of Southern Maine to provide labor education and outreach.

GENERAL FUND	2021-22	2022-23
All Other	\$0	\$500,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	\$500,000

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**CHAPTER 723
S.P. 648 - L.D. 1831**

An Act To Improve the Child and Family Court Process

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §10-A is enacted to read:

§10-A. Annual training; domestic violence and child abuse issues

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall establish annual training and education designed to inform Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court on domestic violence and child abuse, neglect and maltreatment issues.

Sec. 2. 4 MRSA §122 is enacted to read:

§122. Annual training; domestic violence and child abuse issues

The Chief Justice of the Superior Court shall establish annual training and education designed to inform Justices of the Superior Court on domestic violence and child abuse, neglect and maltreatment issues.

Sec. 3. 4 MRSA §164, sub-§17, ¶E, as amended by PL 1993, c. 680, Pt. A, §6, is further amended to read:

E. The Chief Judge, following notification to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court or the Chief Justice's delegate, may authorize such forms and procedures as the Chief Judge considers appropriate to carry out this subsection; ~~and~~

Sec. 4. 4 MRSA §164, sub-§18, ¶E, as enacted by PL 1991, c. 635, is amended to read:

E. The Chief Judge, following notification to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court or the Chief Justice's delegate, may authorize forms and procedures as the Chief Judge considers appropriate to carry out this subsection; and

Sec. 5. 4 MRSA §164, sub-§19 is enacted to read:

19. Annual training; domestic violence and child abuse issues. Establish annual training and education designed to inform District Court Judges on domestic violence and child abuse, neglect and maltreatment issues.

Sec. 6. 4 MRSA §183, sub-§1, ¶D, as amended by PL 2015, c. 296, Pt. C, §1 and affected by Pt. D, §1, is further amended by amending subparagraph (2) to read:

(2) Interim orders in actions involving divorce, legal separation, parentage or parental rights, including interim orders in postjudgment proceedings arising out of these actions; ~~except that a contested motion concerning interim parental rights and responsibilities, excluding interim child support orders, may be determined by the family law magistrate only if both parties consent to determination of the issue or issues in dispute by the family law magistrate;~~

Sec. 7. 4 MRSA §183, sub-§5 is enacted to read:

5. Annual training; domestic violence and child abuse issues. The Chief Judge of the District Court shall establish annual training and education designed to inform family law magistrates on domestic violence and child abuse, neglect and maltreatment issues.

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**CHAPTER 724
S.P. 661 - L.D. 1862**

An Act To Strengthen Maine's Good Samaritan Laws Concerning Drug-related Medical Assistance

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1111-B, as amended by PL 2021, c. 299, Pt. C, §1 and c. 434, §8, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

§1111-B. Immunity from arrest, prosecution and revocation and termination proceedings when assistance has been requested for suspected drug-related overdose