



# 126th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1515

LR 2091(07)

## An Act To Increase the Availability of Mental Health Services

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "B" (H-585)**

**Committee: Appropriations and Financial Affairs**

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	Projections FY 2015-16	Projections FY 2016-17
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

#### Legislative Cost/Study

The general operating expenses of the Forensic Mental Health Services Oversight Committee are projected to be \$5,000 in fiscal year 2013-14. The Legislature's proposed budget includes \$10,000 in fiscal year 2013-14, which is fully committed based on studies, commissions and task forces approved by the Legislative Council. The estimated cost of this oversight committee will be paid from existing appropriations to the Legislature. The additional costs associated with providing staffing assistance to the committee can be absorbed by the Legislature utilizing existing staff resources.

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$1,381,771 for the Department of Corrections to contract for clinical services to be provided in a mental health unit located within the Maine State Prison. The Department of Corrections has indicated no additional security staff will be required as a result of this bill. It provides a General Fund appropriation of \$750 in fiscal year 2013-14 for the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services based on an anticipated increase in court hearings. It also contains a General Fund deappropriation of \$1,382,521 in fiscal year 2013-14 from salary savings within the Department of Health and Human Services.