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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 788, L.D. 1240, “An Act to Develop a Pilot Program to Provide Legal Representation to Families in the Child Protection System”

Amend the bill by inserting after section 2 the following:

**'Sec. 3. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and allocations are made.

**INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE COMMISSION ON  
Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112**

Initiative: Appropriates one-time funding for the design and administration of a 2-year pilot program beginning October 1, 2023 to provide legal counsel and related advocacy services to indigent parents and custodians in Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties who have become the subject of a child protection investigation by the Department of Health and Human Services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$225,000	\$300,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$225,000</u>	<u>\$300,000</u>

**Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112**

Initiative: Appropriates one-time funding to establish and operate a "warmline" to provide information and referrals to parents and custodians statewide who are subject to child protection investigations and to screen parents and custodians for eligibility to receive pilot program services.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
All Other	\$112,500	\$150,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$112,500</u>	<u>\$150,000</u>

**Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112**

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 Initiative: Appropriates one-time funding for attorney reimbursement for indigent legal  
 2 services and related advocacy services provided to pilot program participants in their  
 3 dealings with the Department of Health and Human Services and on other civil legal issues  
 4 related to the participants' child protection matters.

5	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
6	All Other	\$281,250	\$375,000
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8	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$281,250</u>	<u>\$375,000</u>

9 **Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services Z112**

10 Initiative: Appropriates one-time funding to contract for an independent evaluation of the  
 11 pilot program to provide legal counsel and related advocacy services to indigent parents  
 12 and custodians in Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford counties who have become the  
 13 subject of a child protection investigation by the Department of Health and Human  
 14 Services.

15	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
16	All Other	\$93,750	\$125,000
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18	<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<u>\$93,750</u>	<u>\$125,000</u>

20 **INDIGENT LEGAL SERVICES, MAINE**  
 21 **COMMISSION ON**  
 22 **DEPARTMENT TOTALS**

23		<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
24	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$712,500</b>	<b>\$950,000</b>
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26	<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$712,500</b></u>	<u><b>\$950,000</b></u>

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

30 **SUMMARY**

31 This amendment, which is the minority report of the committee, adds an appropriations  
 32 and allocations section.

33 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
 34 **(See attached)**