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Amend the bill in section 1 in the first paragraph in the 2nd and 3rd lines (page 1, lines 5 and 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "\$20,000" in the first year and \$7,725 ~~\$20,000~~" and inserting the following: '\$18,000 in the first year and \$7,725 \$18,000'

Amend the bill by inserting after section 12 the following:

Sec. 13. Executive Director of Legislative Council required to review the status of Legislators being considered self-employed and independent contractors by February 15, 2014. The Executive Director of the Legislative Council shall determine the implications of considering Legislators self-employed and independent contractors and the effect of such a consideration on workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, retirement, Social Security and Medicare benefits, disability and withholding obligations. The executive director may consult with the Department of Labor, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Maine Revenue Services, the United States Social Security Administration, the federal Internal Revenue Service, the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and other entities as needed. The executive director shall report the executive director's findings and recommendations to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government no later than February 15, 2014. The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government may report out a bill to the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature related to the findings and recommendations in the report.

Sec. 14. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

LEGISLATURE

Legislature 0081

Initiative: Adjusts funding to reflect the change in the employment status and salaries of Legislators.

GENERAL FUND	2013-14	2014-15
Personal Services	\$0	(\$5,184,266)
All Other	\$0	\$3,447,000
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$0	(\$1,737,266)

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

SUMMARY

This amendment is the minority report of the committee and provides that Legislators are paid \$18,000 in both the first regular session and the second regular session instead of \$20,000 in each session as provided in the bill. The amendment requires the Executive Director of the Legislative Council to determine the implications of considering Legislators self-employed and independent contractors and to report findings and recommendations on the effect of such a consideration on workers' compensation, unemployment insurance, retirement, Social Security and Medicare benefits, disability and withholding obligations to the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government by February 15, 2014. The Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government may report out a bill in the Second Regular Session of the 126th Legislature related to the findings and recommendations in the report.

This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill.

FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

(See attached)