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Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

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

**JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the child protective guardian ad litem hourly rate increase from \$50 per hour to \$60 per hour effective July 1, 2016 to be consistent with the rate paid to attorneys appointed to represent parents.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
All Other	\$0	\$443,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	\$0	\$443,000

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in hours from a 37.5-hour workweek to a 40-hour workweek for the administrative bargaining unit, remaining employees in the professional and supervisory bargaining units and confidential nonmanagement employees effective the first pay period following July 1, 2016.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
Personal Services	\$0	\$770,000
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	\$0	\$770,000

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Provides funding for the increase in the executive branch network charges based on current users.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
All Other	\$93,776	\$93,776
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	\$93,776	\$93,776

**Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

Initiative: Deappropriates one-time funds no longer needed for courthouse feasibility studies.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
All Other	(\$215,000)	\$0
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$215,000)</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**Judicial - Debt Service Z097**

Initiative: Reduces funding by recognizing one-time savings in debt service costs in fiscal year 2015-16 and fiscal year 2016-17.

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
All Other	(\$400,000)	(\$1,300,000)
<b>GENERAL FUND TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$400,000)</b>	<b>(\$1,300,000)</b>

<b>JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>2016-17</b>
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>(\$521,224)</b>	<b>\$6,776</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>(\$521,224)</b>	<b>\$6,776</b>

**Sec. 3. Effective date.** That section of this Act that enacts the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 4, section 1556, subsection 2, paragraph I takes effect July 1, 2016.'

**SUMMARY**

This amendment adds an effective date for funding for the increase in hours from a 37.5-hour workweek to a 40-hour workweek for the administrative bargaining unit, remaining employees in the professional and supervisory bargaining units and confidential nonmanagement employees and changes the appropriation from "All Other" to "Personal Services" and adds an effective date of July 1, 2016 to the changes in statute affecting the hourly rate of compensation for guardians ad litem. This amendment also clarifies that the deappropriation of funds no longer needed for courthouse feasibility studies and for debt service cost is for the 2016-2017 biennium only.

**FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**  
(See attached)