



# 127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 890

LR 1014(03)

## An Act To Ensure a Continuing Home Court for Cases Involving Children

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (H-522)

Committee: Judiciary

### Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
<b>Net Cost (Savings)</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$14,897	\$30,540
<b>Appropriations/Allocations</b>				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$14,897	\$30,540

#### Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$412,750 in fiscal year 2016-17 for the Judicial Department for one Judge position, one Deputy Marshall position and one Assistant Clerk position due to an anticipated increase in the number of district court cases involving children.

The Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) within the Department of Human Services has indicated to the Judiciary Committee that having all actively pending matters concerning a child and family unit addressed by a single District Court Judge will provide efficiencies and reduce workload within the OCFS. Accordingly, the OCFS has offered, and the bill includes, an offsetting General Fund deappropriation to the Department of Human Services of \$412,750 in fiscal year 2016-17.