



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1685

LR 2056(01)

An Act To Protect the Constitutional Rights of Indigent Defendants

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Harnett of Gardiner

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$336,685	\$317,559	\$327,749	\$338,264
Appropriations/Allocations				
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Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill transfers the financial screening function for eligibility for indigent legal services from the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services to the judicial branch and adds to the duties required. This would require a General Fund deappropriation to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services of \$562,663 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$579,655 in fiscal year 2022-23 to eliminate 7.5 financial screener positions and All Other costs. The judicial branch will require General Fund appropriations of \$899,348 in fiscal year 2021-22 and \$897,214 in fiscal year 2022-23 to establish 10 full-time Financial Screener positions and one full-time Managing Staff Accountant position and funding for related All Other costs.