



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Provide Funding for Guardians Ad Litem

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	Projections FY 2023-24	Projections FY 2024-25
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,540,000	\$1,540,000	\$1,540,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$0	\$1,540,000	\$1,540,000	\$1,540,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes ongoing General Fund appropriations to the Courts of \$1,540,000 beginning in FY 2022-23 for guardian ad litem services in family matters cases. According to information provided by the Judicial Branch, it is estimated that there are over 900 family matters cases where guardian ad litem services are needed but both parties in the case are unable to afford the guardian ad litem. The total estimated cost per case is around \$1,700.