



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1416**LR 2388(02)**

An Act to Require the Department of Health and Human Services to Immediately Take Custody of Persons Sentenced to Mental Health Facilities That May Not Include County or Regional Jails

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "**Committee: Health and Human Services****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

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The general operating expenses of this study are projected to be \$1,400 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$1,650 in fiscal year 2026-27. The Legislature's budget for the 2026-2027 biennium includes \$7,253 in fiscal year 2025-26 and \$17,696 in fiscal year 2026-27 for the costs of legislative studies, as well as \$41,338 of balances carried over from prior fiscal years for this purpose. Whether these amounts are sufficient to fund all studies will depend on the number of studies authorized by the Legislative Council and the Legislature. The additional costs of providing staffing assistance to the study during the interim can be absorbed utilizing existing budgeted staff resources.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

Any additional costs to the designated departments and agencies to participate in the work of the Commission are assumed to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.