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H.P. 570

House of Representatives, March 4, 2025

Resolve, to Establish the Criminal Justice Legal Aid Clinic Pilot Project at the University of Maine School of Law

Reference to the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "R B. Hunt".

ROBERT B. HUNT
Clerk

Presented by Representative ANKELES of Brunswick.
Cosponsored by Senator CARNEY of Cumberland and
Representatives: HENDERSON of Rumford, KUHN of Falmouth, LEE of Auburn, MOONEN
of Portland, SATO of Gorham, SINCLAIR of Bath, ZAGER of Portland, Senator: BENNETT
of Oxford.

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Sec. 2. Reports. Resolved: That the University of Maine System shall submit an interim report no later than January 15, 2027 and a final report no later than November 6, 2028 to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters, judiciary matters and appropriations and financial affairs on the criminal justice legal aid clinic pilot project established pursuant to section 1. The reports must include, but are not limited to, the number of clients served by the clinics at the University of Maine School of Law, including through the criminal justice legal aid clinic pilot project; the number of student attorneys who participated in the pilot project; any barriers to the success of the pilot project; and recommendations, including any suggested legislation, for the future of the criminal justice legal aid clinic to be housed within the existing clinics at the University of Maine School of Law.

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Educational and General Activities - UMS 0031

GENERAL FUND	2025-26	2026-27
All Other	\$1,000,000	\$0
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$1,000,000	\$0

This resolve requires the University of Maine System to establish within the University of Maine School of Law a criminal justice legal aid clinic 3-year pilot project and provides one-time funding for that purpose. The resolve also requires the University of Maine System to submit interim and final reports to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over education matters, judiciary matters and appropriations and financial affairs on the criminal justice legal aid clinic pilot project.