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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 492, L.D. 1557, Bill, “An Act To Authorize an Additional Position in the Office of the Public Advocate”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Adjust the Staffing and Resources of the Office of the Public Advocate'

Amend the bill by adding after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. 35-A MRSA §1701, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2011, c. 655, Pt. P, §1, is further amended to read:

3. Salaries of certain employees. The salaries of the following employees of the Public Advocate are within the following salary ranges:

- A. Deputy Public Advocate, salary range 53;
- B. Senior Counsel, salary range 36;
- ~~D. Research Assistant, salary range 30;~~
- E. Business Services Manager, salary range 26; ~~and~~
- F. Special Assistant to the Public Advocate, salary range 20-; and
- G. Economic Analyst, salary range 36.

The employees listed in this subsection serve at the pleasure of the Public Advocate and are confidential employees. All other employees of the Public Advocate are subject to the Civil Service Law.

The Public Advocate may compensate one or more Senior Counsels at salary range 37 if, in the judgment of the Public Advocate, an increase is necessary to provide competitive salary levels.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment adds a provision to the bill to replace, in the Office of the Public Advocate, one Research Assistant position, salary range 30, with one Economic Analyst position, salary range 36, to align compensation with the assigned duties and qualifications of staff.