

131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act to Provide Funding for Prosecutor Positions

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill Sponsor: Sen. Lawrence of York Committee: Judiciary Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement

| | FY 2023-24 | FY 2024-25 | Projections FY 2025-26 | Projections FY 2026-27 |
|---|------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Net Cost (Savings) General Fund | \$980,000 | \$1,240,000 | \$1,288,000 | \$1,337,920 |
| Appropriations/Allocations General Fund | \$980,000 | \$1,240,000 | \$1,288,000 | \$1,337,920 |

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill includes General Fund appropriations of \$980,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$1,240,000 in fiscal year 2024-25 to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for 10 new Assistant District Attorney positions, 8 of which will be prosecutors for recovery courts, specialty dockets and diversion programs and 2 will be prosecutors for appellate and post-conviction review cases.

The OAG has indicated that it currently provides funding for the Personal Services costs of Assistant District Attorney positions while counties fund the All Other costs associated with such positions. A funding approach consistent with this tradition would reduce the General Fund appropriations to \$900,000 in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 2024-25.