

**127th MAINE LEGISLATURE****LD 451****LR 637(02)****An Act To Improve Disclosure Procedures****Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "****Committee: Judiciary****Fiscal Note Required: Yes**

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Appropriations/Allocations				
Federal Expenditures Fund	(\$96,489)	(\$101,189)	(\$106,238)	(\$111,550)
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$111,664	\$116,838	\$122,394	\$127,706
Revenue				
Other Special Revenue Funds	\$111,664	\$116,838	\$122,394	\$127,706

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This legislation expands the circumstances under which the Department of Labor must disclose employment data for certain individuals to include small claims court disclosure proceedings and allows for the department to collect a reasonable fee for providing the information.

The department has indicated that the Bureau of Unemployment Compensation will require one Office Associate II position to perform the duties necessary to comply with the requirements of this bill. Although the bureau does currently have a vacant Office Associate II position, it is federally funded and the duties required by this legislation fall outside the scope of work that federal funds can be used for.

This bill includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$96,489 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$101,189 in fiscal year 2016-17 and corresponding Federal Expenditures Fund deallocations to the Employment Security Services program within the Department of Labor to transfer and reallocate the cost of the vacant Office Associate II position from the Federal Expenditures Fund to Other Special Revenue Funds. This bill also includes Other Special Revenue Funds allocations of \$15,175 and \$15,649 in fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17, respectively for the All Other costs. This fiscal note assumes that sufficient revenue will be generated from the fees to cover the personal services and all other costs of the position.

The Judicial Department will experience an increase in the workload of District Court Justices and a reduction in clerk duties. The net impact is expected to be minor