



131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1352

LR 1355(02)

An Act to Remove Barriers to Becoming a Lawyer

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	Projections FY 2025-26	Projections FY 2026-27
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes an ongoing General Fund appropriation of \$200,000 per year to the Judicial Branch to be distributed to the Board of Bar Examiners and the Board of Overseers of the Bar to provide funding for staffing costs and related expenditures associated with establishing a law office study program as an alternative to qualify for admission to the bar of the State. The appropriation is intended to supplement funds generated by new or increased fees charged by the boards in accordance with rules adopted by the Supreme Judicial Court.