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**STATE OF MAINE  
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131ST LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 990, L.D. 1535, “An Act to Advance Justice in Sentencing by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute and Increasing Funding for Meetings of the Institute”

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

**'An Act to Advance Justice in Sentencing by Amending the Laws Governing the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute'**

Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in the first line (page 1, line 4 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**Institute**" and inserting the following: '**Conference**'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 1 in the first line (page 1, line 5 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**Institute**" and inserting the following: '**Conference**'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**Institute**" and inserting the following: '**Conference**'

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Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 1 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 7 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**institute**" and inserting the following: '**conference**'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 2 in the 3rd line (page 1, line 12 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**institute**" and inserting the following: '**conference**'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 2 in the 5th line (page 1, line 14 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**institute**" and inserting the following: '**conference**'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 2 in the 7th line (page 1, line 16 in L.D.) by inserting after the following: "**counseling.**" the following: '**prosecution-based victim witness advocates**'

Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 3 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 19 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "**institute**" and inserting the following: '**conference**'

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

1 Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 4 in the first line (page 1, line 28 in  
2 L.D.) by striking out the following: "institute" and inserting the following: 'conference'

3 Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 5 in the 4th line (page 1, line 35 in  
4 L.D.) by striking out the following: "institute" and inserting the following: 'conference'

5 Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 5 in the 5th line (page 1, line 36 in  
6 L.D.) by striking out the following: "institute" and inserting the following: 'conference'

7 Amend the bill in section 1 in §454 in subsection 5 in the 6th line (page 1, line 37 in  
8 L.D.) by striking out the following: "institute regarding matters considered by the institute"  
9 and inserting the following: 'conference regarding matters considered by the conference'

10 Amend the bill by striking out all of section 2 and inserting the following:

11 '**Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations.** The following appropriations and  
12 allocations are made.

13 **JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT**

14 **Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063**

15 Initiative: Provides ongoing funding for the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Conference  
16 to meet biennially.

17	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
18	All Other	\$71,700	\$0
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20	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	\$71,700	\$0

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

24 **SUMMARY**

25 This amendment changes the name of the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Institute  
26 to the Maine Criminal Justice Sentencing Conference, adds to the membership of the  
27 conference prosecution-based victim witness advocates and changes the appropriations and  
28 allocations provided in the bill.

29 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

30 **(See attached)**