



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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An Act To Ensure Access to Justice for Victims of Sexual Assault

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Sen. Herbig of Waldo

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Future biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new felony cases does not require additional funding at this time for the courts.

The collection of additional fine revenue will increase General Fund and dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill amends the Maine Criminal Code to extend from 8 to 20 years the statute of limitations applicable to certain Class A, B and C crimes. While there could be an increase in the number of cases filed and individuals incarcerated, the changes to the statute of limitations apply only to instances committed on or after the effective date of the bill or for cases where the statute of limitations has not yet expired under current law. As such, any increased costs to the Judicial Branch, the Department of Corrections, and Indigent Legal Services would occur in a future biennium.