



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1022

LR 1932(03)

An Act To Establish as a Class C Crime Criminal Conduct in Retaliation against a Witness, Informant, Victim or Juror

Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:

C "A" (S-159)

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note

Minor cost increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - General Fund
Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Establishes new Class C crimes; increases correctional and judicial costs.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time.

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

The Department of Corrections has not indicated a need for additional funding.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill creates a new Class C crime of retaliation against a witness, informant, victim or juror. Any future charges brought under this new crime are likely to coincide with criminal charges for conduct that is already a violation of existing law. As such, additional new cases and individuals incarcerated as a result of the establishment of this crime are expected to be few. Any additional costs to the Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services to defend against this new charge are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.