

131st MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 123

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An Act to Eliminate the Educational Purposes Exception to the Prohibition on the Dissemination of Obscene Matter to Minors

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill Sponsor: Sen. Libby of Cumberland Committee: Education and Cultural Affairs Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Current biennium 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 bill creates a Class C crime by eliminating the exception to the prohibition on dissemination of obscene material to minors for educational purposes in public schools. The current average cost of incarcerating one individual for a single year is \$55,203.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new felony 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.