



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 512

LR 749(02)

An Act To Implement Certain Recommendations of the Criminal Law Advisory Commission Relative to the Maine Criminal Code

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Minor revenue increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Increases certain assault penalties from Class B crimes to Class A crimes, increasing correctional and judicial costs. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Corrections will incur additional costs as a result of the increase in the length of sentence. The average cost of a Class A crime is \$203,141 per sentence based on an average length of stay of 1,886 days. The average cost of a Class B crime is \$62,687 per sentence based on an average length of stay of 582 days. The Maine Commission on Indigent Legal Services will also experience an increase in costs, estimated to be \$1,502 per case. The number of occurrences in any given fiscal year is not projected at this time.