



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1486

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An Act To Improve Investigations of Child Sexual Abuse

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

Minor revenue increase - Other Special Revenue Funds

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

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

Eliminates Class D crimes.

The collection of additional fines costs related to those cases where the class of crime is increased may increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill elevates from a Class D to a Class C the crime of patronizing prostitution of a person who has not attained 18 years of age. Sentences for Class C crimes are served in a state correctional facility while sentences for Class D crimes are served in a county jail, increasing state correctional costs. It is unclear how many individuals will now be convicted of a Class C crime who otherwise would not have been. The current average cost of incarcerating an individual for a single year is \$55,203. The Department of Corrections has not indicated the need for additional funding at this time and no funding is included in the bill.