



# 130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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## An Act To Improve Investigations of Child Sexual Abuse

**Fiscal Note for Bill as Engrossed with:**

**C "A" (H-611)**

**Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety**

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### 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.