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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to S.P. 301, L.D. 1022, Bill, “An Act Regarding the Crime of Tampering with a Witness, Informant, Juror or Victim”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

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

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §458 is enacted to read:

§458. Retaliation against a witness, informant, victim or juror

A person is guilty of retaliation against a witness, informant, victim or juror if, believing that another person is participating or has participated as a witness, informant, victim or juror in an official proceeding, as defined in section 451, subsection 5, paragraph A, or in an official criminal investigation, the actor engages in criminal conduct with the intent to retaliate for that other person's role in the official proceeding or official criminal investigation. Violation of this section is a Class C crime.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and provides a new title. The amendment creates a new Class C crime of retaliation against a witness, informant, victim or juror if a person, believing that another person is participating or has participated as a witness, informant, victim or juror in an official proceeding, as defined in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 17-A, section 451, subsection 5, paragraph A, or in an official criminal investigation,

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1 engages in criminal conduct with the intent to retaliate for that other person's role in the
2 official proceeding or criminal investigation.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED

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(See attached)