



129th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1375

LR 20(02)

An Act To Prevent Law Enforcement Officers from Using Their Authority To Extract Sexual Favors

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 B crimes; increases correctional and judicial costs.

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

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new 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.

The Department of Corrections has not indicated a need for additional funding at this time.

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill creates a new variant of gross sexual assault as a Class B crime for certain situations involving law enforcement officers. It also expands Class C crimes by adding to the conduct that is prohibited as obstructing criminal prosecution giving "anything of benefit" to another with the intent to induce the other person to refrain from initiating or continuing with a criminal prosecution.