



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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LR 195(03)

An Act To Reestablish Parole

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The Department of Corrections (DOC) will require additional General Fund appropriations to establish positive reentry parole. Costs could include establishing a reentry center for individuals released on parole, additional Probation and Parole Officers, a Victim's Advocate position and related operating expenses.

The DOC will also require additional funding to support the Parole Board. It is anticipated that there will be a significant increase in the number of parole applications received, increasing the number of hearings the board must hold. As a result, the DOC would need to hire additional staff to process the applications, gather information and organize hearings.

Any additional costs to expand the parole board from 5 to 7 members is anticipated to be minor and can be absorbed within existing resources.