



130th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1134

LR 20(02)

An Act To Amend the Maine Bail Code Regarding Certain Conditions of Release and the Maine Criminal Code Regarding Warrantless Arrests

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment " "

Committee: Judiciary

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

Current biennium savings - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

Eliminates Class C crimes; decreases correctional and judicial costs.
Establishes new Class E crimes

Fiscal Detail and Notes

The bill repeals the Class C crime for violations of some conditions of release and limits the criminal penalty for certain violations to a Class E crime. Sentences for Class C crimes are served in state correctional facilities, while any sentence for a Class E crime is served in a county jail. Any savings to the State as a result of this bill will depend on how many individuals are no longer convicted of this Class C crime. The current average cost of incarcerating an individual for one day in a correctional facility is \$151.24, totaling \$55,203 per year.

Any additional costs to the Judicial Branch to implement the changes included in the bill are expected to be minor and can be absorbed within existing budgeted resources.