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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 621, L.D. 845, Bill, "An Act to Create a Cause of Action Against the State for Wrongful Imprisonment"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the statement of fact the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill allows the State to be sued up to a maximum amount of \$300,000, including costs, for wrongful imprisonment. If plaintiffs are successful, General Fund appropriations for the recoveries will be necessary. The amount and timing of the appropriations will depend on when suits are filed and their outcome.

The Judicial Department can absorb the additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of suits filed.

The additional costs to provide legal representation can be absorbed by the Department of the Attorney General utilizing existing budgeted resources.

The Department of Corrections will incur some minor additional costs to provide information to the Attorney General's office if suits are filed. These costs can be absorbed within the Department of Corrections' existing budgeted resources.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.

Reported by the Committee on Judiciary
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT