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L.D. 1524

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Reported by: *Minority*

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**STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
118TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to S.P. 492, L.D. 1524, Bill, "An Act to Reinstate the Death Penalty"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 8 the following:

'**Sec. 9. Appropriation.** The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

	1997-98	1998-99
ATTORNEY GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF THE		
Administration - Attorney General		
Positions - Legislative Count	(1.0)	(1.0)
Personal Services	\$33,288	\$46,165
All Other	3,500	1,875
Provides funds for one Assistant Attorney General position to handle the expected increase in the number of trials and appeals.		
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL		
TOTAL	\$36,788	\$48,040'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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FISCAL NOTE

1997-98 **1998-99**

APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS

General Fund \$36,788 \$48,040

The Department of the Attorney General will require additional General Fund appropriations of \$36,788 and \$48,040 in fiscal years 1997-98 and 1998-99, respectively, for one Assistant Attorney General position to handle the expected increase in the number of trials and appeals.

The Judicial Department will require additional General Fund appropriations to cover a significant increase in expenditures for court-appointed counsel, expert witnesses, additional judges and support staff, and security to process and review death penalty cases. The amount of the General Fund appropriations necessary to cover the additional expenditures can not be determined at this time.

The Department of Corrections will also require additional General Fund appropriations to construct and staff a separate, high-security wing for prisoners who are sentenced to death. The department may also experience future savings from reductions in the actual length of stay for certain prisoners. The amounts can not be determined at this time.

SUMMARY

This amendment, which is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice, adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.