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**MINORITY  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

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**STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
120TH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1124, L.D. 1493, Bill, "An Act to Reinstate the Death Penalty for the Murder of Children"

Amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

**FISCAL NOTE**

The estimated cost of sending this measure out to referendum will vary according to the total number of referenda enacted during the First Regular Session of the 120th Legislature to be submitted to the voters in November. The estimated cost to the Secretary of State if one to 6 referenda are enacted is \$121,392. Each additional referendum costs an additional \$8,000.

If approved by the voters, the Department of the Attorney General will require additional General Fund appropriations for one Assistant Attorney General position to handle the expected trials and appeals.

The Judicial Department will also require additional General Fund appropriations to cover the cost of court-appointed counsel, expert witnesses, new staff and security to process and review death penalty cases. The total amount required can not be determined at this time.

The Department of Corrections will also require additional General Fund appropriations for the construction and staffing of a separate, high-security wing for prisoners sentenced to death

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2 and for psychiatric and medical fees. The department may also  
experience future savings from reductions in the actual length of  
4 stay for certain prisoners. The amounts can not be determined at  
this time.

6 The Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and  
Substance Abuse Services may also require additional General Fund  
8 appropriations to support the costs of care and treatment of  
persons committed to the department.'

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### SUMMARY

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

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