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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Reported by: Senator BENOIT of Franklin for the Committee.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 204, L.D. 547, Bill, "An Act to Broaden the Crime of Criminal Mischief and to Repeal the Crime of Animal Enterprise Terrorism"

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill broadens the definition of what constitutes the Class C crime of aggravated criminal mischief. Sentences of more than 12 months imposed for Class C crimes must be served in a state correctional institution. The cost to the State per sentence is \$48,584 based upon an average length of stay of one year and 9 months. The State also must reimburse counties for sentences served in county jails of 12 months or less for Class C crimes.

The Judicial Department may require additional General Fund appropriations to cover indigent defense costs related to these new cases. The amounts can not be estimated at this time. The additional workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial Department's administrative account. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

STATEMENT OF FACT

This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.