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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 208, L.D. 261, Bill, "An Act to Establish the Crime of Elevated Aggravated Assault"

Amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§208-B." in subsection 1 in the 2nd line (page 1, line 8 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "uses a dangerous weapon to"

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§208-B." in subsection 1 in paragraph A in the first line (page 1, line 10 in L.D.) by striking out the word "cause" and inserting in its place the following: 'causes'

Further amend the bill in section 1 in that part designated "§208-B." in subsection 1 in paragraph B in the first line (page 1, line 13 in L.D.) by striking out the word "Engage" and inserting in its place the following: 'Engages'

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

FISCAL NOTE

This bill increases the penalties for certain crimes from Class B to Class A crimes. Sentences of more than 9 months for both Class B crimes and Class A crimes must be served in a state correctional institution. Since the average length of stay for a Class A crime is twice as long as a Class B crime, the incremental increase in the average cost to the State's correctional facilities is \$89,719. Sentences of 9 months or less for both Class A crimes and Class B crimes must be served in a county jail. The State provides reimbursement to the counties for housing these offenders.

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2 The Judicial Department may require additional General Fund
3 appropriations to cover increased indigent defense costs related
4 to these cases where the class of crime is increased. The
5 amounts can not be estimated at this time. The collection of
6 additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor
7 amounts.'

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SUMMARY

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This amendment strikes redundant language, corrects the
corresponding verb change and adds a fiscal note to the bill.

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