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MINORITY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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FIRST REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 51, L.D. 65, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Length of Probation for Domestic Violence from one Year to 2 Years"

Amend the bill by inserting after section 1 the following:

'Sec. 2. Appropriation. The following funds are appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act.

2000-01

CORRECTIONS, DEPARTMENT OF

Probation and Parole

Positions - Legislative Count	(12.000)
Personal Services	\$415,031
All Other	177,199

Provides funds for 12 Probation Officer positions and related operating costs to manage the increase in the period of probation for domestic abuse crimes.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
TOTAL

\$592,230'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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

6 **FISCAL NOTE**

8 **2000-01**

10 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

12 General Fund \$592,230

14 This bill includes an additional General Fund appropriation
of \$592,230 in fiscal year 2000-01 for 12 new probation officer
16 positions and related all other costs to enable the Department of
Corrections to maintain the current case load of its officers due
18 to the increase in the period of probation for domestic abuse
crimes. The total annual cost of the 12 new positions and
20 related costs in fiscal year 2001-02 and thereafter is estimated
to be approximately \$753,000.

22 The Judicial Department may require additional General Fund
24 appropriations to cover indigent defense costs resulting from an
increase in probation revocation cases in Superior Court and
26 District Court. The amounts can not be estimated at this time.
The additional workload and administrative costs associated with
28 the minimal number of new cases filed in the court system can be
absorbed within the budgeted resources of the Judicial
30 Department. The collection of additional fines may also increase
General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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34 **SUMMARY**

36 The amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing
Committee on Criminal Justice. The amendment adds an
38 appropriation and fiscal note.