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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 71, L.D. 84, Bill, "An Act to Make It a Crime to Solicit a Child by Means of Computer to Commit an Unlawful Sexual Act"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act to Make It a Crime to Solicit a Child by Means of Computer to Commit a Prohibited Act'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~\$259.~~" in subsection 1 in paragraph C in the first line (page 2, line 6 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "16" and inserting in its place the following: '14'

Further amend the bill in section 3 in that part designated "~~\$259.~~" in subsection 3 in last line (page 2, line 28 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "Class C" and inserting in its place the following: 'Class D'

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

'FISCAL NOTE

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class D crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$82.48 per day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by the State. The number of prosecutions that may

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2 result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county
jail system are expected to be insignificant.

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

14 SUMMARY

16 The amendment clarifies the title and reduces from 16 years
to 14 years the age the offender knows or believes the potential
18 victim to be. The amendment reduces the class of the crime from
a Class C crime to a Class D crime. The amendment also adds a
20 fiscal note to the bill.

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