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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 149, L.D. 211, Bill, "An Act to Criminalize the Negligent or Purposeful Transmission of HIV"

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

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FISCAL NOTE

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This bill may increase prosecutions for Class A crimes. Sentences of more than 9 months imposed for Class A crimes must be served in state correctional institutions. The cost to the State per sentence is \$185,680 based upon an average length of stay of 6 years and 9 months. The State also must reimburse counties for sentences served in county jails of 9 months or less for Class A crimes.

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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. The collection of additional fines may also increase General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

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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.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT