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**MINORITY
CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
119TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 290, L.D. 398, Bill, "An Act to Require the Revocation of Probation for a Person Convicted of Domestic Violence if the Person Fails to Attend a Certified Batterers' Intervention Program"

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

FISCAL NOTE

The Judicial Department may require additional General Fund appropriations to cover indigent defense costs resulting from an increase in probation revocation cases in Superior Court and District Court. 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.

The Department of Corrections will incur some minor additional overtime costs for probation officers to start probation revocation proceedings for certain offenders. These costs can be absorbed by the Department of Corrections utilizing existing budgeted resources.

Jail sentences imposed as a result of probation revocations will result in costs to the counties of an estimated \$82.48 per day per prisoner. These costs are not reimbursed by the State. The number of probation revocations that result in jail sentences and the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

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This amendment is the minority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice. The amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.