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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

MAJORITY

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 381, L.D. 512, Bill, "An Act to Increase the Length of Probation for a Person Convicted of Domestic Violence"

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 17-A MRSA §1202, sub-§1-B is enacted to read:

1-B. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the period of probation for a person convicted of a Class D or Class E crime involving domestic violence must be 2 years, except that the term of probation must be terminated at the time the probationer completes a certified batterers' intervention program as defined in Title 19-A, section 4014.

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

R.S.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 381, L.D. 512

2	Positions - Legislative Count	(4,000)
	Personal Services	\$138,344
4	All Other	59,067

6 Provides funds for 4 Probation Officer  
 7 positions and related operating costs,  
 8 effective October 1, 2000, to manage the  
 9 estimated average increase of 3 months in  
 10 the period of probation for domestic  
 11 violence crimes.

12	<b>DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS</b>	
13	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>\$197,411'</u>

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

20 **'FISCAL NOTE**

22 **2000-01**

24 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

26	General Fund	\$197,411
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28 This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$197,411  
 29 in fiscal year 2000-01 for 4 additional probation officer  
 30 positions and related all other costs, effective October 1, 2000,  
 31 due to an increase in the length of probation for persons  
 32 convicted of domestic violence. This amount is based on an  
 33 estimated extended period of probation of 3 months and is also  
 34 based on the department maintaining the current caseload of its  
 35 officers.

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

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**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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**SUMMARY**

The amendment replaces the bill and is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice. The amendment specifies that a person who is convicted of a Class D or Class E crime involving domestic violence must be sentenced to a period of probation of 2 years, except that the period of probation must be terminated when the person completes a certified batterers' intervention program. The amendment also adds an appropriation section and a fiscal note to the bill.