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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

MINORITY

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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "B" 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. During the period of probation, the probationer shall complete 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

Positions - Legislative Count	(12,000)
Personal Services	\$415,031
All Other	177,199

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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2 Provides funds for 12 Probation Officer  
positions and related operating costs,  
4 effective October 1, 2000, to manage the  
estimated average increase of 12 months in  
6 the period of probation for domestic  
violence crimes.

8 **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
9 **TOTAL** \$592,230'

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

14 **FISCAL NOTE**

16 **1999-00**      **2000-01**

18 **APPROPRIATIONS/ALLOCATIONS**

20 General Fund \$592,230

22 This bill includes a General Fund appropriation of \$592,230  
24 in fiscal year 2000-01 for 12 additional probation officer  
positions and related all other costs, effective October 1, 2000,  
26 due to an increase in the length of probation for persons  
convicted of domestic violence. This amount is based on an  
28 estimated extended period of probation of one year and is also  
based on the department maintaining the current caseload of its  
30 officers.

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

42 **SUMMARY**

44 The amendment replaces the bill and is the minority report  
46 of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice. The  
amendment specifies that a person who is convicted of a Class D  
48 or Class E crime involving domestic violence must be sentenced to  
a period of probation of 2 years. The amendment also specifies  
50 that the probationer complete a certified batterers' intervention  
program during the period of probation.

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2           The amendment also adds an appropriation section and a  
fiscal note to the bill.

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