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

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "*A*" to H.P. 805, L.D. 1128, Bill, "An Act Creating Offenses Against Unborn Children"

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

**FISCAL NOTE**

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class A, B, C and D crimes. Sentences of more than 9 months imposed for Class A, B and C crimes must be served in a state correctional institution. For Class A crimes, the cost to the State per sentence is \$185,680 based upon an average length of stay of 6 years and 9 months. For Class B crimes, the cost to the State per sentence is \$96,237 based upon an average length of stay of 3 years and 6 months. For Class C crimes, the cost to the State per sentence is \$61,894 based upon an average length of stay of 2 years and 3 months. The State also must reimburse counties for sentences served in county jails of 9 months or less for Class A, B and C crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed for Class D crimes, 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 for Class D crimes that may result in a jail sentence and the resulting costs to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

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

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**SUMMARY**

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This amendment is a minority report of the committee.

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This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.