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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1049, L.D. 1406, 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 crimes. Sentences of more than nine months imposed for Class A crimes must be served in state correctional institutions. The cost to the State per sentence is \$211,893 based upon an average length of stay of 7 years and 2 months.

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class B crimes. Sentences of more than nine months imposed for Class B crimes must be served in state correctional institutions. The cost to the State per sentence is \$115,468 based upon an average length of stay of 3 years and 11 months.

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class C crimes. Sentences of more than nine months imposed for Class C crimes must be served in state correctional institutions. The cost to the State per sentence is \$71,306 based upon an average length of stay of 2 years and 5 months.

This bill may increase prosecutions for Class D crimes. If a jail sentence is imposed, the additional costs to the counties are estimated to be \$83.36 per day per prisoner. The number of prosecutions 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 the minority report of the Joint Standing  
15           Committee on Judiciary. The amendment adds a fiscal note to the  
16           bill.