



132nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 1263

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An Act Regarding Penalties for Fentanyl Trafficking When That Trafficking Results in an Overdose Causing Serious Bodily Injury of a Person

Preliminary Fiscal Impact Statement for Original Bill

Sponsor: Rep. Poirier of Skowhegan

Committee: Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

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Potential current biennium cost increase - General Fund

Correctional and Judicial Impact Statements

The bill creates a Class A crime of aggravated trafficking in a scheduled drug for when serious bodily injury of another person resulting from an overdose is caused by the use of fentanyl powder. It is unclear how many additional individuals will be convicted of a Class A crime who otherwise would not have been. The current average cost of incarcerating one individual for a single year is \$55,203. No funding has been included in the bill at this time.

The additional workload associated with the minimal number of new felony cases filed in the court system does not require additional funding at this time. The collection of additional fines will increase General Fund or other dedicated revenue by minor amounts.