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## Bill Summary

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### Overview

This bill adds a conviction for malicious punishment of a child to the list of prior convictions that can be used to enhance penalties for a violation of the domestic assault law.

- 1 Gross misdemeanor.** Current law enhances the penalty for domestic assault from a misdemeanor to gross misdemeanor when a person commits a domestic assault between the time of a conviction under any one of several designated laws and the end of five years following discharge from sentence for that conviction. This bill includes a conviction for malicious punishment of a child within the list of offenses that can be used to enhance the penalty for domestic assault.
- 2 Felony.** Current law enhances the penalty for domestic assault from a misdemeanor to a felony when a person commits domestic assault *against the same victim* between the first of *two or more* previous convictions under several designated laws and the end of five years following discharge from sentence for that conviction. This bill includes a conviction for malicious punishment of a child within the list of offenses that can be used to enhance the penalty for domestic assault.
- 3 Effective date.** Effective August 1, 1999, for crimes committed on or after that date.