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.