

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB1712

House of Origin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron Scott

3. Committee Militia and Police

4. Title Possessing dangerous weapons in Fairfax County facilities.

5. Summary/Purpose: Possessing dangerous weapons in certain county-owned or operated facilities; penalty. Provides that the governing body of any county that has adopted the urban county executive form of government may, by ordinance, make it unlawful and punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person to possess a dangerous weapon while in any county-owned building. The bill also provides that any such ordinance shall include appropriate exceptions for educational, instructional, theatrical and historical events, and shall not apply to the following individuals: (i) any law-enforcement officer, as defined by § 9-169; (ii) any game warden, animal warden, or deputy animal warden; (iii) any special police officer; or (iv) any magistrate, court officer or judge. The bill requires that notice of the ordinance shall be posted at each public entrance of every county-owned building.

6. Fiscal Impact: See Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications: The fiscal impact of the proposed legislation is not known. Any fiscal impact would depend on the number of convictions. Any increase in jail population due to the imposition of a Class 1 misdemeanor will increase costs to the state.

The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanant held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. In fiscal year 1999, the estimated total state support for local jails per inmate, per day, averaged approximately \$30.54.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Jails, court system.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Administration
Secretary of Public Safety