

Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB2690

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

2. **Patron** Welch

3. **Committee** Courts of Justice

4. **Title** Crimes against public and private school employees.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Provides that any person who commits battery against any school employee of any public or private elementary or secondary school, engaged in the performance of his duties shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. Provides further that threats and certain acts of violence against any public school employee committed on school property, school buses, or school-sponsored activities must be reported to the school principal. Public and private school employees also have been granted immunity for any civil damages arising out of the performance of their duties.

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:** Court system, jails.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No.

11. **Other comments:** None.

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