

Department of Planning and Budget

2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number SB508

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed
Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Reynolds

3. Committee House Courts of Justice

4. Title Inhalants; selling to minors.

5. Summary/Purpose: Makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor to sell to a minor any drugs or any other noxious substances or chemicals containing any ketone, aldehydes, organic acetates, ether, chlorinated hydrocarbons or vapors that he knows or has reason to know will be inhaled or smelled by the minor to intoxicate, inebriate, excite, stupefy or to dull his brain or nervous system.

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. However, the penalty for a Class 2 misdemeanor is confinement in jail for not more than six months and a fine of not more than \$1,000, either or both. Any increase in jail population due to the imposition of a Class 1 will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanant held in a jail and \$14.00 a day for each state responsible inmate. 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
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