

Department of Planning and Budget
2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB369

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

2. Patron Cosgrove

3. Committee Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title Obstructing justice by giving a false statement.

5. Summary/Purpose: Provides that any person who knowingly and willfully makes any materially false, fictitious or fraudulent statement or representation to a law enforcement officer who is in the course of conducting a criminal investigation is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

6. Fiscal Impact: PRELIMINARY, 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 2 misdemeanor will increase costs to the state.

The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanor 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 inmate, per day basis varies from locality to locality. The estimated total state support for local jails per inmate, per day, averaged approximately \$30.94 in FY2000.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Compensation Board, local and regional jails.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No.

11. Other comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Administration