

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2002 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB369

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

**2. Patron** Cosgrove

**3. Committee** Passed both Houses

**4. Title** Obstructing justice by giving a false statement.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Provides that a nyperson who knowingly and willfully makes any materially false statement or representation to a law -enforcement officer who is in the course of conducting an investigation of a crime by another is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

**6. Fiscal Impact:** FINAL, 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 FY 2000.

**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