

## Department of Planning and Budget 2002 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** HB958

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

2. **Patron** Almand

3. **Committee** Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. **Title** Carrying weapon into State Capitol; penalty.

5. **Summary/Purpose:** Provide that any person who possesses in or transports into the State Capitol Building or the General Assembly Building any (i) gun or other weapon designed or intended to propel a missile or projectile of any kind, (ii) frame, receiver, muffler, silencer, missile, projectile or ammunition designed for use with a dangerous weapon and (iii) any other dangerous weapon, is guilty of a Class I 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 I 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