

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number: SB1234**

<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: Saslaw**

**3. Committee: Passed both houses**

**4. Title: Giving false information to police**

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Under current law, it is a Class 2 misdemeanor to knowingly give a false report about the commission of a crime by another person to a law enforcement officer who is investigating that crime. The proposed legislation would increase the penalty to a Class 1 misdemeanor.

**6. Fiscal Impact: See Item No. 8.**

**7. Budget amendment necessary: None.**

**8. Fiscal implications:**

The legislation would increase the maximum penalty for the offense from six months in jail (Class 2 misdemeanor) to 12 months in jail (Class 1 misdemeanor). There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanor or other wise local responsible prisoner 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. However, according to the Compensation Board, the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$31.86 per inmate, per day in FY 2001.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Local jails.**

**10. Technical amendment necessary: None.**

**11. Other comments: None.**

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