

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2005 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB2250

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

**2. Patron** Bell

**3. Committee** Courts of Justice

**4. Title** Crimes; child endangerment

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Eliminates the requirement that a child's physical injury be inflicted by a member of the household before a parent or person in custody, who fails to secure medical attention for the child, is guilty of failing to secure medical attention for the injured child, a Class 1 misdemeanor.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are:** PRELIMINARY; See Item 8 below.

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No.

**8. Fiscal implications:** Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail. According to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission, 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 misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible inmate 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. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (FY 2003), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$27.42 per inmate, per day in FY 2003.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Local and regional jails, Compensation Board, state and local law enforcement agencies.

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No.

**11. Other comments:** None.

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cc: Secretary of Administration  
Secretary of Public Safety