

## Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number** HB1551

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<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron** Scott, J.M.

**3. Committee** Courts of Justice

**4. Title** Assault and battery against a family or household member.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Creates a Class 2 misdemeanor when a person commits an act of assault and battery against a family or household member knowing that a child under the age of 14 is present.

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

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

**8. Fiscal implications:** The fiscal impact of the proposal is not fully known at this time. Anyone convicted of a Class 2 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to six months in jail. 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 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's most recent Jail Cost Report (FY 2004), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$26.03 per inmate, per day in FY 2004.

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

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

**11. Other comments:** None.

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Secretary of Public Safety