

Department of Planning and Budget 2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB243

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

2. Patron Shannon

3. Committee Courts of Justice

4. Title Battery against a sports official; penalty.

5. Summary/Purpose: Provides that if any person commits a battery against another knowing or having reason to know that such other person is a sports official engaged in the performance of his duties as such, he shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor and the sentence of such person upon conviction shall include a mandatory minimum fine of \$1,000. A "sports official" is defined as a coach, umpire, referee, line judge or other person employed or volunteering in a similar capacity during a sporting event.

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

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. 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: 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 Public Safety
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