

Department of Planning and Budget
2006 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB868

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 Byron

3. Committee Health, Welfare and Institutions

4. Title Morning-after pill; parental consent for minors required; penalty.

5. Summary/Purpose: The bill requires a prescriber to obtain parental consent prior to prescribing Plan B, or any other form of the morning-after pill, to an unemancipated minor. Prescribing without consent is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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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