

**Department of Planning and Budget**  
**2006 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** SB146

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

**2. Patron** Deeds

**3. Committee** Courts of Justice

**4. Title** Sale of methamphetamine precursor drugs ephedrine and pseudoephedrine; penalty.

**5. Summary/Purpose:** Provides that no person shall offer methamphetamine precursor drugs (ephedrine and pseudoephedrine) for retail sale except from behind the counter or with other comparable restrictions. No more than three packages may be sold. No more than nine grams may be sold. The seller is also required to record the purchaser's name and the date of purchase. The purchaser must sign the purchase log. The log may not be revealed except to law enforcement. A violation of this provision 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:** Identical to HB505.

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety