# Department of Planning and Budget
## 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB1277

   **House of Origin**  $\underline{X}$  Introduced  ___ Substitute  ___ Engrossed

   **Second House**  ___ In Committee  ___ Substitute  ___ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Spruill

3. **Committee:** Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. **Title:** **Firearms; carrying at Capitol Square.**

5. **Summary:** Prohibits the possession of firearms on Capitol Square. Violation of the section is a Class 1 misdemeanor (a fine up to $2,500 and/or up to 12 months in jail). There is an exception for law-enforcement officers and licensed security guards. For purposes of this section, "Capitol Square" means the grounds in that area of the City of Richmond bounded by Bank, Governor, Broad, and Ninth Streets, and the interior of the State Capitol, the General Assembly Building, and the Patrick Henry Building.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** _PRELIMINARY_.

7. **Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** Although insufficient data exists to determine the fiscal impact due to the legislation at this time, the legislation could result in an increase in the jail population. 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 FY2006 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2007), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged $28.42 per inmate, per day in FY 2006.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Local and regional jails, law enforcement agencies statewide, State Compensation Board, Capitol Police.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.

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