

## **Department of Planning and Budget 2009 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number:** SB1066ER

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

**2. Patron:** Puller

**3. Committee:** Passed Both Houses

**4. Title:** Trains operated by transportation districts.

**5. Summary:** Establishes a class 2 misdemeanor penalty for boarding or riding a train with a fraudulent, not validated, or counterfeit ticket or for using a valid ticket outside the designated zone of the paid ride. Also increases a related civil penalty for these violations from \$250 to \$500.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Final. See Item 8.

**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 since a Class 2 misdemeanor can result in a sentence of up to 6 months in jail (and \$1,000 fine). 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 FY2007 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2008), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$28.77 per inmate, per day in FY 2007.

Some additional revenue may be generated by violations of the provisions of this legislation. However, it is impossible to determine the amount at this time. Any fines collected would be deposited to the literary fund.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Court System

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** None