

## Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB584

House of Origin	<u>X</u>	Introduced	<u>  </u>	Substitute	<u>  </u>	Engrossed
Second House	<u>  </u>	In Committee	<u>  </u>	Substitute	<u>  </u>	Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Marsden

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Using transportation district trains without a valid ticket.

**5. Summary:** Rewrites the code section that punishes unlawfully riding on a transportation district train. The bill punishes failure or refusal to pay the posted fare, or failure to properly validate a train ticket, as a Class 4 misdemeanor. The bill punishes use of a validated ticket outside of the zone of the ticketed ride as a Class 4 misdemeanor. The bill punishes use of a fraudulent or counterfeit ticket as a Class 2 misdemeanor. The bill limits the amount of recoverable costs to the same amount as the maximum fine.

**6. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary; see Item 8 below.

**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 removes a possible Class 2 misdemeanor (sentence up to 12 months in jail and/or \$2,500 fine) for failing or refusing to pay a posted fare, failing to properly validate a train ticket, and using a validated ticket outside the designated zone of the paid ride. With these offenses being reduced to Class 4 misdemeanors (up to a \$250 fine), it is possible that fewer inmates will be housed in local and regional jails due to this proposal, as well as a possible reduction in fine revenues collected.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of State Police, local law enforcement agencies, local and regional jails.

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

**11. Other Comments:** Identical to HB 688 and SB 25.

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