

## Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB2248

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

**2. Patron:** Torian

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Interference with transit operation or operator; penalty.

**5. Summary:** Provides that any person who obstructs, hinders, or interferes with the operation or operator of a transit vehicle engaged in the performance of a public transportation service or a person engaged in his official duties as a conductor, station agent, or station attendant of a public transportation service is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** Although insufficient data exists to determine the fiscal impact due to this proposal, the proposal could result in an increase in the jail population since Class 1 misdemeanor outcomes result in sentences of up to 12 months in jail (and a fine up to \$2,500). Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth presently pays the localities \$4.00 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 FY2009 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2010), the estimated total state support for local and regional jails averaged \$33.01 per state inmate, per day in FY 2009.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Local and regional jails, Compensation Board.

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

**11. Other Comments:** None.

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