

Department of Planning and Budget 2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1308

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

2. Patron: DeSteph

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: **Pedestrians; interference with traffic; penalty.**

5. Summary: Current law prohibits a pedestrian from carelessly or maliciously crossing a highway. The proposed legislation makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor offense for a pedestrian, when crossing a highway, to maliciously or intentionally interfere with the orderly passage of vehicles. This proposal also removes language that would prohibit a law enforcement officer from stopping a pedestrian for this violation effective March 1, 2021.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

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

8. Fiscal Implications: Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both. The Commonwealth currently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local-responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds a large portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2020), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$34.59 per inmate, per day in FY 2019.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Law enforcement agencies, Courts, and local and regional jails.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None