

Department of Planning and Budget 2008 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB734

House of Origin X Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Caputo

3. Committee: Militia, Police and Public Safety

4. Title: **Possession of firearms; public libraries; penalty.**

5. Summary: Prohibits the possession of a firearm at a state, regional, or local public library. Violation of this section would be a Class 1 misdemeanor (up to 12 months in jail and/or \$2,500 fine). The provisions of this section would not apply to a law-enforcement officer or security guard while in the performance of his official duties.

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.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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cc: Secretary of Administration
Secretary of Public Safety