

Department of Planning and Budget 2011 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1605

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

2. Patron: Loupassi

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Patient records; changes fraudulent falsification of records from Class 2 misdemeanor to Class 1.

5. Summary: Changes the fraudulent falsification of patient records from a Class 3 misdemeanor offense to a Class 1 misdemeanor offense.

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 resulting from the proposal at this time, the legislation 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 up to a \$2,500 fine). Any increase in the 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 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.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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