

maintaining a publicly searchable database by July 1, 2015, are not known at this time. It is possible that costs can be somewhat contained by utilizing or expanding the conflict of interest disclosure system already established and active at the SOC. Another possibility is that the costs associated with processing and reviewing disclosure form submissions could in part, be covered by the fact that the bill removes conflict of interest functions from the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (SOC). This would potentially allow for the transfer of approximately \$70,000 currently budgeted for this purpose in the SOC. This \$70,000 currently covers two FTE positions in the SOC.

In addition to the potential costs enumerated above, the proposed bill could impact local and regional jails and the State Compensation Board. Although insufficient data exists to determine the fiscal impact due to this proposal, the proposed 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 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 per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's FY2012 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2013), the estimated total state support for local and regional jails averaged \$30.06 per state inmate, per day in FY 2012.

The changes to disclosure rules set-out in this bill are not expected to create a significant cost to state agencies or other political subdivisions.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: All state agencies and political subdivisions.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The bill is identical to Senate Bill 649 as enrolled. The House budget provides \$300,000 in general fund dollars and 3 positions each year to the Division of Legislative Services for the costs of this bill as detailed in budget amendment 6#1h.

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