

Department of Planning and Budget 2015 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1082

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: Vogel

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Unattended children in motor vehicles; penalty.

5. Summary: Provides that any person responsible for the care of a child who leaves an unattended child in a motor vehicle is guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill defines "unattended child" as a child four years of age or younger who has been left in a motor vehicle by the person responsible for his care when such person is unable to continuously observe the child, unless a person 12 years of age or older is physically present in the motor vehicle with the child.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: 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 may 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 a significant portion 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 FY2013 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2014), the estimated total state support for local and regional jails averaged \$30.54 per state inmate, per day in FY 2013.

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

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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