

Department of Planning and Budget 2016 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1197h1

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

2. Patron: Stolle

3. Committee: Passed House.

4. Title: Internet publication of personal information of law-enforcement officers; penalty.

5. Summary: The bill prohibits any person from publishing, selling, soliciting, or trading on the Internet, personal information of any law-enforcement officer, or member of their immediate family, with the intent to cause bodily harm or the threat of imminent bodily harm to such individual. A violation of this provision is a Class 1 misdemeanor.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary.

8. Fiscal Implications: Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal. Ultimately, the presiding judge will decide if there is to be any time served in jail; however, 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 a per prisoner, per person basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2015), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$32.34 per inmate, per day in FY 2014.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of State Police, Compensation Board, Department of Corrections, Department of Conservation and Recreation, and local law enforcement.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: None.

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