

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB890

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

2. Patron: Webert

3. Committee: Courts of Justice

4. Title: Carrying a switchblade knife; exception.

5. Summary: Authorizes any person who has a valid concealed handgun permit to carry a concealed switchblade knife when the knife is carried for the purpose of engaging in a lawful profession or lawful recreational activity when the performance such activity is aided by the use of a switchblade knife. Currently persons who possess switchblade knives would be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail. The proposed legislation could reduce the number of inmates sentenced to jail; however, there is not sufficient data to estimate the potential reduction that would occur because of this provision.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local and Regional jails.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None

11. Other Comments: None