

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB1665

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:** Hayes

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Battery against a sports official; penalty.

**5. Summary:** This bill prohibits anyone from committing a battery against another person knowing or having reason to know that the other person is a sports official engaged in the performance of his duties. Violation of this provision is punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor. The bill also provides that the sentence of such person upon conviction must include a mandatory minimum fine of \$500 and also requires such person to perform a mandatory minimum of 20 hours of community service as a condition of probation supervision. The bill defines a sports official as a coach, umpire, referee, line judge, or other person employed or volunteering in a similar capacity during an amateur or professional sporting event.

**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. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate the increase in jail population as a result of this proposal. However, any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth currently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local-responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds a large 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 most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2019), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$34.07 per inmate, per day in FY 2018.

This bill imposes a minimum fine of \$500 for anyone who is convicted under the provisions of this bill. Although revenue collected for such fines would be deposited into the Literary Fund, the amount of revenue generated cannot be determined at this time. The bill also requires anyone convicted to perform a mandatory minimum of 20 hours of community service as a condition of probation supervision. This provision may impact local probation programs; however, because the number of defendants who may be affected by this provision is not known, the impact cannot be determined at this time.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Courts, local and regional jails, local and state probation programs

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** None

**11. Other Comments:** None