

Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: SB1416ER

Patron: Ebbin

Bill Title: Careless driving and infliction of injury or death on vulnerable road users; definition.

Bill Summary: Defines "careless or distracted manner" for the purposes of the Class 1 misdemeanor of operating a motor vehicle in a careless or distracted manner such that such operation is the proximate cause of serious bodily injury or death of a vulnerable road user lawfully present on the highway at the time of injury or death.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: There is an indeterminate amount of possible civil penalty revenue to the Literary Fund.

Fiscal Analysis: Anyone convicted of a Class 1 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to 12 months in jail and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both. Proceeds of all fines and penalties collected for offenses committed against the Commonwealth are paid into the state treasury to the credit of the Literary Fund.

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 localities \$5.00 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 2024), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$56.38 per inmate, per day in FY 2023.

Other: None.