Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB351H1 **Patron:** Salim
Bill Title: Certain civil arrests prohibited in courthouses; penalty.

Bill Summary: Provides that a party who is required to attend any court of the Commonwealth, or such party's family or household member or person attending the court with such party to serve as a witness, shall be privileged from civil arrest, defined in the bill, while attending, going to, or coming from the court. The bill also prohibits a person with the lawful authority to perform civil arrests from entering a courthouse to conduct a civil arrest unless he complies with certain requirements, including presenting a judicial warrant or judicial order authorizing the civil arrest to the appropriate courthouse officer or employee. The bill requires that any judicial warrant or judicial order authorizing the civil arrest be reviewed by a designated judicial officer or attorney before a civil arrest pursuant to such warrant or order can be performed. The bill provides that any person who conducts a civil arrest, or facilitates or assists with the performance of, a civil arrest in violation of the provisions of the bill shall be punished with contempt of court. The bill defines “protected areas” as spaces where certain authorities are not permitted to identify, arrest or otherwise impose a penalty upon a person for purposes of federal immigration enforcement. The bill also includes additional information for written school crisis, emergency management, and medical emergency response plans, and requirements on public institution of higher education as it relates to notifications of individuals present on campus for the purpose of investigations related to federal immigration law.

Budget Amendment Necessary: None **Items Impacted:** N/A
Explanation: See fiscal analysis

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Responding public institutions of higher education anticipate the institutions can implement the requirements of this bill with existing resources. The provisions related to local school board plans are permissive, not required. Any fiscal impact to local school divisions is indeterminate at this time.

Other: Related bill is HB650.