Department of Planning and Budget
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State Fiscal Impact Statement

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Bill Number: SB137ER **Patron:** Pekarsky
Bill Title: Obstructing health care facility access; penalties.

Bill Summary: The enrolled bill creates a Class 1 misdemeanor for any person who (i) by force or threat of force, or by physical obstruction, intentionally injures, intimidates, or interferes with, or attempts to injure, intimidate, or interfere with, another person because such other person is or has been, or in order to intimidate such person or any other person or any class of persons from, obtaining or providing reproductive health services or (ii) intentionally damages or destroys, or attempts to damage or destroy, a reproductive health care facility because such facility provides reproductive health services.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No **Items Impacted:** None
Explanation: See below

Fiscal Summary: There is not enough information available to reliably estimate the increase in jail population or fine revenue as a result of this proposal that creates an additional Class 1 misdemeanor.

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.

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 2025), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged $58.25 per inmate, per day in FY 2024.

Other: None