

**Department of Planning and Budget  
2003 Fiscal Impact Statement**

**1. Bill Number** HB2210

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

**2. Patron** Jones, S.C.

**3. Committee** General Laws

**4. Title** Sensitive Records Protection Act; penalty.

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

Create the Sensitive Records Protection Act, which prohibits the release of sensitive records, as defined in the Act, notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary. The bill provides a penalty for violation and provides for exceptions to the general prohibition against release.

**6. Fiscal impact cannot be determined**

**7. Budget amendment necessary:** No

**8. Fiscal implications:** Anyone convicted of a Class 2 misdemeanor is subject to a sentence of up to six months in jail. There is not enough information available to reliably estimate how many additional inmates in jail could result from this proposal. Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth pays the localities \$8.00 a day for each misdemeanor or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in jail. It also funds most 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, the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$31.86 per inmate, per day in FY2001.

**9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** Department of Corrections, Compensation Board, local jails

**10. Technical amendment necessary:** No

**11. Other comments:** None

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cc: Secretary of Public Safety, Secretary of Administration