

## Department of Planning and Budget

### 2022 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** HB413

<b>House of Origin</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
<b>Second House</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

**2. Patron:** Delaney

**3. Committee:** Courts of Justice

**4. Title:** Minor victims of sex trafficking; services.

**5. Summary:** Provides that a minor engaged in prostitution or keeping, residing in, or frequenting a bawdy place shall not be proceeded upon as delinquent and shall be referred to the local department of social services for an assessment and services.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No.

**7. Fiscal Impact Estimates:** None.

**8. Fiscal Implications:** This bill does not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Social Services. Local departments of social services already provide human trafficking assessment. Additionally, the agency reports that only four juveniles have been charged with prostitution-related charges since 2019. Therefore, this legislation will not result in a significant increase in the number of human trafficking assessments conducted.

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. However, there is not enough information available to reliably estimate the decrease in jail population as a result of this proposal. Any decrease in jail population will reduce 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 portion of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's most recent Jail Cost Report (November 2021), the estimated total state support for local jails averaged \$37.58 per inmate, per day in FY 2020.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Social Services, local departments of social services

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:**

**11. Other Comments:**