

2026-2028 KENTUCKY BRANCH BUDGET
Additional Budget Request: Program Narrative/Documentation Record

PRIORITY

Cabinet #: 9

Agency #: 7

OPERATING BUDGET REPORT B-4

Agency: State Police

Appropriation Unit: State Police

Program/Service Unit: Operations

Sub Program:

Governmental Branch: Executive

Cabinet/Function: Justice and Public Safety

Posting Unit:

REQUEST TITLE: Driver Testing Additional Offices

**I. PROGRAM/RESULTS
DOCUMENTATION**

Requested Requested Requested
FY 2025-26 FY 2026-27 FY 2027-28

(a) Total Funding	\$1,302,900	\$3,416,000
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(b) Quantitative Data

Location	Staff Required FY27	Staff Required FY28
Bardstown*	7	7
Leitchfield*	4	4
Hurstbourne – Louisville*	11	11
6 KYTC Proposed Offices	--	27
TOTAL STAFF REQUIRED	22	49

* Location is an existing KYTC Driver's Licensing
Regional Office

II. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION/PURPOSE

To meet the increasing demand for driver's testing services across the Commonwealth, the Kentucky State Police (KSP) Driver Testing Branch requests funding to establish additional testing locations at three (3) existing Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) Regional Driver's Licensing Offices in FY2027 and additional funding in FY2028 to establish six (6) additional testing locations in accordance with KYTC's proposed additional locations.

The KSP Driver Testing Branch administers all driver's tests in the state of Kentucky. This includes both written and skills tests for all licenses issued in Kentucky, including commercial driver's licenses. KSP Driver's Test Administrators work at the Regional Driver's License Offices operated by KYTC. All licenses are issued by KYTC, but KSP Driver Testing Branch administers all testing.

Through budget appropriations provided in 2024 RS HB 265, KYTC received funding for three additional Regional Driver's Licensing Offices. KSP did not receive additional funding to provide driver's testing services at any newly established offices.

Additionally, in 2025, House Bill 15 passed allowing 15-year-olds to test for their driver's permit. This has caused an overwhelming increase in demand, and appointments for driver's tests are extremely difficult to obtain.

KSP currently offers driver's tests at 28 KYTC locations. To meet the demand for driver's testing, the KSP Driver Testing Branch needs to expand to offer services in Leitchfield, Bardstown, and the Louisville - Hurstbourne location.

KSP is also requesting funding to provide driver's testing services at six (6) additional drivers testing offices in FY2028, based on KYTC's budget request to fund and establish six (6) additional KYTC Driver's Licensing Regional Offices.

III. PROGRAM RESULTS/FISCAL JUSTIFICATION

The KSP Driver Testing Branch intends to open one additional location in each quarter of FY2027 with all three (3) offices opened in FY2028 and is requesting funding in accordance with that phased approach.

The estimated cost to operate the proposed six (6) additional locations assumes each location includes four (4) staff and three (3) supervisors overall. KSP is requesting funding for these offices in FY2028, to allow KYTC time to establish the offices in FY2027.

FY2027	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL
Existing Locations (3)	\$1,049,700	\$253,200	\$1,302,900
Total	\$1,049,700	\$253,200	\$1,302,900

FY2028	PERSONNEL	OPERATING	TOTAL
Existing Locations (3)	\$1,396,800	\$173,200	\$1,570,000
Proposed Locations (6)	\$1,453,800	\$392,200	\$1,846,000
Total	\$2,850,600	\$565,400	\$3,416,000