Local Mandate Fiscal Impact Estimate Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2015 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 342
Bill #: HB 109 GA
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to the use of a global positioning monitoring system for the purpose of stalking.
Sponsor: Representative John Tilley
Unit of Government: x City x County x Urban-County x Charter County x Consolidated Local x Government
Office(s) Impacted: Law enforcement / local jails
Requirement: <u>x</u> Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing
Part II: Purpose and Mechanics
This proposal makes stalking using a global positioning monitoring system (GPS) a Class A misdemeanor.
Global positioning systems (GPS) are used by stalkers to monitor a victim's movement by the placement of a device in cars, purses, or other personal belongings. The victim may not be aware that the device is being used, as they can be small and well hidden. Many cell phones can also be used as a GPS device. This enables stalkers to surprise victims by showing up without announcement.
HB 109 GA provides the following allowable uses for GPS tracking devices. These include:
- when authorized by a court order;
- when authorized by KRS 67.373 and as it pertains to domestic violence situations or as an alternative to incarceration;

- when consent from the individual being tracked including the consent of a parent or guardian of a minor or disabled person is obtained, or, in an emergency situation, is implied.
- when done as part of the care provided an adult as defined in KRS 209.020(4);
- when used by a public school district to track the location of children during the school day while attending or being transported to and from school or school events; or when the registered owner, lessor, or lessee of a motor vehicle consents to the use of a GPS with respect to that vehicle.

Part III: Fiscal Explanation, Bill Provisions, and Estimated Cost

The fiscal impact of HB 109 GA on local governments is expected to be minimal.

Although the Kentucky State Police do not have a record of a GPS-specific stalking case. The national numbers according to the Center for Disease Control estimates that one in six women have been stalked in their lifetime. That number is one in four for Kentucky and sometimes higher on college campuses. Additionally, the Bureau of Justice Statistics (U.S. Department of Justice) data reflects that 10% of all stalking crimes involve GPS technology.

GPS technology available to the general public is a relatively new technology. Whereas it is easily available, it will probably become more prevalent as a stalking tool in the near future.

A person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to one year. Misdemeanants are housed in one of Kentucky's 77 full service jails or five life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, each additional inmate increases facility costs by an estimated average of \$31.34 per day including medical costs.

Data Source(s): Center for Disease Control and Prevention, Kentucky State Police, Bureau

of Justice Statistics (U.S. Department of Justice)

Preparer: Wendell F. Butler **Reviewer:** MCY **Date:** 3/2/15