



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

**The impact of HB 113 on local governments is expected to be minimal.**

According to the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) at least 40 cities maintain over 60 swimming pools/aquatic centers open to the public. KLC does not currently know how many or which cities currently provide an AED at their pools. All lifeguards are trained in CPR, but currently may not be trained in AED use. Additionally, other employees on site who are not lifeguards would likely also need AED training.

The proposal states that the pool operator would be required to acquire or relocate an existing AED in the area of the swimming pool. If local governments found it necessary to purchase an AED, rather than relocate one, the cost per unit would be approximately \$1,200. There would also be a yearly maintenance charge (such as replacement of batteries or pads) of approximately \$100 per machine plus regular inspections.

KLC's underwriter believes that placement of AEDs at public swimming pools could increase liability for cities and their employees. This is because HB 113 would add an additional requirement for city employees, thereby increasing the likelihood of mistakes being made. KLC also records a concern regarding AEDs use around swimming pools because both the individual and the area would need to be dry in order to administer a shock from the AED. KLC believes litigation costs could increase in the event an AED was used improperly.

The above analysis by KLC is generally applicable to counties as well. Thus, in summary, at a minimum there would be the cost of an AED unit and its maintenance if the local government has to purchase a unit. There would also be some minimal costs associated with statutorily required training for life guards and pool attendants. Liability and liability insurance could be an added expense.

**Data Source(s):** Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services; American Red Cross; Louisville Metro Government; Aquatics International; KY League of Cities; KY association of Counties.

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