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

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1156					
Bill #: HB 264					
Bill Subject/Title: An ACT relating to state employee leave.					
Sponsor: Rep. Jim DuPlessis					
Unit of Government:xCityxCountyxUrban-CountyxCharter CountyxConsolidated LocalxGovernment					
Office(s) Impacted: volunteer fire departments; county and city legislative bodies					
Requirement: Mandatory x Optional					
Effect on Powers & Duties: <u>x</u> Modifies Existing <u>x</u> Adds New Eliminates Existing					

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

HB 264 provides that all state agency workers who are volunteer fire fighters or members of an ambulance service in their communities may be granted up to twelve hours leave time by the state agency (up to four hours per event) during a three-month period for emergency medical or firefighting service.

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

The fiscal impact of HB 264 on local government is expected to be minimal.

There will be some time and effort required to determine which local ambulance and volunteer firefighter personnel are also state workers, and to keep a record of their active service in order to verify their eligibility for leave compensation by the Commonwealth. HB 264 would have little to no impact on Kentucky cities. That is, costs associated with the bill would likely come from the regulatory side, where a local government would likely have to certify to the Personnel Cabinet who their volunteer firefighters are. That information could also come from the Kentucky Fire Commission, although local governments would still have to report if a volunteer firefighter is no longer involved in the fire department.

HB 264 could have a small positive impact on counties and cities by potentially increasing the pool of potential firefighters and emergency medical staff in the community, due to state employees having more flexibility in their schedule.

Data Source(s):	Kentucky League of Cities; Kentucly Association of Counties; Kentucky				
	Firefighters Association; Kentucky Dept. for Local Government				

Preparer:	Hank Marks	Reviewer:	MCY	Date:	2/9/15
------------------	------------	------------------	-----	-------	--------