

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

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 64

Bill #: HB 27

Bill Subject/Title: An Act relating to sex offender registrants.

Sponsor: Representative Kim King

Unit of Government: City County Urban-County
Unified Local
 Charter County Consolidated Local Government

Office(s) Impacted: Law enforcement, county attorney

Requirement: Mandatory Optional

Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

HB 27 amends KRS 17.545 relating to restrictions on registered sex offenders to add a prohibition against registered sex offenders being on publically owned playgrounds. Registered sex offenders are currently prohibited from residing within 1,000 feet of a publicly owned playground.

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

The fiscal impact of HB 27 is indeterminable, but expected to be minimal. Based on information from the Kentucky State Police provided the first of November 2014, the number of registered sex offenders residing in Kentucky was 7,202. Costs under this provision would depend on the number of registered sex offenders arrested for violations of this provision.

A first violation of KRS 17.545 is a Class A misdemeanor. 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 \$33.26 per day including medical costs.

Data Source(s): Kentucky State Police, Kentucky Corrections Cabinet, LRC staff

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