

CORRECTIONS IMPACT STATEMENT

SESSION: 15RS

BILL #: HB 68

BR #: 259

DOC ID#: BR025900.100 - 259 - 632

BILL SPONSOR(S): Rep. K. Flood

AMENDMENT SPONSOR(S):

SUBJECT: AN ACT relating to reckless driving.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: Amend KRS 189.990 to increase penalty for violation of KRS 189.290 where death or serious physical injury occur.

This bill amendment committee substitute is expected to:

Have the following Corrections impact Have no Corrections impact

Creates new crime(s)

Repeals existing crime(s)

Increases penalty for existing crime(s)

Decreases penalty for existing crime(s)

Increases incarceration

Decreases incarceration

Reduces inmate/offender services

Increases inmate/offender services

Increases staff time or positions

Reduces staff time or positions

Changes elements of offense for existing crime(s)

Otherwise impacts incarceration (Explain) _____

STATE IMPACT: Class A, B & C felonies are based on an average daily prison rate of \$60.38. Most Class D felons are housed in one of 79 full service jails for up to 5 years. DOC's cost to incarcerate a felony inmate in a jail is \$32.92 per day (includes jail per diem, medical & central office costs), not including substance abuse treatment. Projections are based on the daily rate x 365 x number of years.

Projected Impact: NONE MINIMAL MODERATE SIGNIFICANT

Potential Cost: Section 1 Would elevate a Reckless Driving offense from a Misdemeanor to a Class D Felony if the offense involved death or serious physical injury. While it is not possible to predict how many new felons this bill would generate, the impact is expected to be minimal.

A Class D Felony sentence is 1 to 5 years.

10 Class D Felons cost \$120,145 to \$600,724.

1 Class D Felon costs Ky. \$12,014 to \$60,072.

100 Class D Felons cost \$1.2M to \$6M.

LOCAL IMPACT: Local governments are responsible for the cost of incarcerating individuals charged with Class A or B misdemeanors and felony defendants until disposition of the case. While the expense varies by jail, this estimated impact will be based on \$32.25 per day, which equals the per diem and medical that DOC pays jails to house felony offenders.

Creates no new misdemeanor offenses.

The following offices contributed to this Corrections Impact Statement:

Dept. of Corrections Dept. of Kentucky State Police Administrative Office of the Courts Parole Board Other

NOTE: Consideration should be given to the cumulative impact of all bills that increase the felon population or that impose new obligations on state or local governments.

APPROVED BY: _____

Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Corrections

Date