Local Mandate Fiscal Impact Estimate
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
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Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1418

Bill #: SB 124

Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to canines

Sponsor: Sen. Tom Buford

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

Office(s) Impacted: Fiscal courts and local governing bodies

Requirement: x Mandatory ____ Optional

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

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

SB 124 creates a new section of KRS Chapter 65 which states that a local government may pass any ordinance, regulation, or policy concerning dog safety and welfare or public safety, so long as it is not specific as to the breed of dog. The provisions of SB 124 would override any existing local ordinance, regulation, or policy which is specific to the breed of dog.

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

The fiscal impact of SB 124 on local governments is expected to be nil to minimal.

Although the exact number of local governments that have ordinances, regulations, or policies that specifically name the breed of a dog is unknown, an official with the Best Friends for Animals Society said that they had identified at least 17 Kentucky counties that have within their borders at least one local government with such ordinances. Upon the effective date of SB 124, these ordinances would be unenforceable and would need to be repealed. **There is expected to be minimal administrative costs associated with repealing such ordinances, regulations, or policies.**

Data Source(s): LRC staff, Friends of Animal Society, City of Maysville Code Enforcement

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