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

Bill Request #: 211

Bill #: SB 137 GA

Bill Subject/Title: An Act relating to domestic violence.

Sponsor: Sen. Chris Girdler

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

Office(s) Impacted: law enforcement and jails, peace officers

Requirement: **x** Mandatory ____ Optional

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

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

SB 137 clarifies that the provisions of KRS 431.064 relating to pretrial release of an arrested person must consider whether (in addition to the "alleged victim or other family or household member") the arrested person is a threat to a "member of an unmarried couple to the arrested person" as the term is defined in KRS 403.720. Further, the bill provides that if such a threat is determined, the arrested person must not be released from custody for at least 12 hours subsequent to the determination.

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

The fiscal impact of SB 137 on local government is expected to be minimal.

Requiring custody of an arrested person for a period of 12 hours subsequent to a determination of threat, and the issuing of related court protective orders, will result in a small increase in the number of arrested persons being jailed overnight, or for one day, or a portion of one day. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, each additional inmate increases facility costs by an estimated average of $31.34 per day.

Data Source(s): Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police; Kentucky Jaileers Association; Kentucky Sheriffs Association; LRC staff; Department of Correstions

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