# Local Mandate Fiscal Impact Estimate Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2016 Regular Session

#### **Part I: Measure Information**

Bill Request #: 920	<u>)                                    </u>						
Bill #: HB 160 SCS							
<b>Bill Subject/Title:</b> AN ACT relating to the disposal of hypodermic needles and medica waste.							
Sponsor: Representative Mike B. Denham							
Unit of Government:	XCityXCountyXUrban-CountyXCharter CountyXConsolidated LocalXGovernment						
Office(s) Impacted: Any local agency that has implemented a needle exchange program.							
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional							
Effect on Powers & Duties:	Modifies Existing X Adds New Eliminates Existing						

### **Part II: Purpose and Mechanics**

HB 160 SCS requires that the Department for Public Health in consultation with the Energy and Environment Cabinet, shall establish guidelines for the disposal of hypodermic syringes, needles, and other sharps used for self-administration purposes. The Department for Public Health shall encourage the use of drop boxes or supervised collection sites, programs allowing syringes, needles, and other sharps to be returned via mail, and syringe exchange programs operated through local health departments and in accordance with KRS 218A.500, and at-home needle destruction devices.

HB 160 SCS requires that the Department of Public Health to develop educational materials regarding the safe disposal of syringes, needles, and other sharps to be distributed to pharmacies and the public, and on its Web site. These materials shall include:

- Information regarding safer injections;
- Hepatitis C and human immunodeficiency virus prevention;
- Proper methods for the disposal of hypodermic syringes, needles, and other sharps:
- Contact information for drug abuse and addiction treatment

A sharps waste collection station may be located at the following locations:

- Hospital;
- Ambulatory surgical treatment center;
- Physician's office;
- Clinic, or other setting where a physician provides care;
- Pharmacy;
- Any government office where hypodermic, intravenous, or other medical needles or sharps are used or provided in the course of the official duties of the office.

# HB 160 SCS retains the major provisions of the measure as introduced and makes the following changes in the bill:

Limits local health departments that operate a substance abuse treatment outreach program to exchange hypodermic needles and syringes **only on a one-for-one basis.** 

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

### The fiscal impact of HB 160 SCS on local governments is expected to be nil.

The Department of Public Health within the Cabinet of Health and Family Services is charged with developing and distributing educational material. No cost to local government.

Waste collection receptacles are most likely already located at the locations listed in the proposal.

A portion of these needles are actually donated by various drug outreach programs and AIDS charities. However, this may not preclude the need for purchasing needles if the need is there.

There may be concern resulting from the one-for-one limitation regarding public health. The possibility exist, however small, of an increase of needles being discarded in parks and in public areas, an obvious health hazard to citizens and employees.

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