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

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 224
Bill #: HB 254
Bill Subject/Title: The use of bicycle helmets by children under the age of 12
Sponsor: Rep. Joni L. Jenkins
Unit of Government: x City x County x Urban-County Lunified Local x Charter County x Consolidated Local x Government
Office(s) Impacted: Local law enforcement agencies
Requirement: <u>x</u> Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties:x _ Modifies Existingx _ Adds Newx _ Eliminates Existing

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

HB 254 mandates that children under 12 years of age must wear a helmet when riding a bicycle on a public road or any other public right-of-way. The bill imposes a \$25 fine on the parents or legal guardians of any child found in violation. There are no court costs or other fees associated with this fine, and first-time offenders can have the charge and fine dismissed if they buy the child a helmet and provide proof of purchase.

HB 254 establishes that revenue generated from the \$25 fine is to be divided equally between the traumatic brain injury trust fund (KRS 211.476) and the trauma care system fund (KRS 211.496).

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

Officials with the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police stated that the provisions of HB 254 would not have a significant impact on the workload of law enforcement officers, since any officer who sights someone for violating the provisions of HB 254 would do so during their normal work hours. **Therefore, the provisions of HB 254 is expected to have a minimal impact on the workload of law enforcement officers.**

Since any revenue generated from the \$25 fee would be fully divided between two the trauma-related funds, the fiscal impact on local governments is expected to be nil.

Data Source(s): LRC staff; Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police

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