

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

**Part I: Measure Information**

**Bill Request #:** 1421

**Bill #:** HB 434 GA

**Bill Subject/Title:** An ACT relating to the office of coroner

**Sponsor:** Rep. Mike Denham

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

Office(s) Impacted: Coroners' offices

Requirement:   x   Mandatory      Optional

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

**Part II: Purpose and Mechanics**

Section 1 of HB 434 creates a new section of KRS Chapter 72 to establish conditions under which an outgoing coroner must turn over his or her records (within 10 days) to the clerk of the fiscal court, who must in turn deliver them to the new coroner within 10 days. Failure of a coroner to turn over records is punishable by a fine of \$100 per each day the records are not delivered. The fine is remitted to the county general fund. A coroner may appeal a fine to Circuit Court.

HB 434 amends KRS 72.415 to provide that deputy coroners that fail training requirements are ineligible to perform their duties. It establishes notification requirements and requirements for reinstatement. The section also provides for suspension of deputy coroner compensation if required training is not successfully completed, and for reinstatement of compensation procedures when such training is completed. Notification requirements are also provided for in this section.

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

**The fiscal impact of HB 434 is indeterminable and will range from nil to minimal.** There may be some savings (per this bill) if compensation is withheld (timely) from

deputy coroners who do not take or successfully complete required training. Also, there may be some small revenue increase resulting from fines assessed for late turnover of coroner records.

**Data Source(s):** Kentucky Association of Counties; Kentucky Magistrates and Commissioners Association; Kentucky Coroners Association; Kentucky County Judge Executive Association

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