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

## **Part I: Measure Information**

| Bill Request #: 1262  |
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| Bill #: SB 138  |
| Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to firefighters.  |
| Sponsor: Senator Morgan McGarvey  |
| Unit of Government: X City X County X Urban-County Unified Local X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government |
| Office(s) Impacted: Fire departments; Local government finance departments  |
| Requirement: X Mandatory Optional   |
| Effect on Powers & Duties: X Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing   |
| Part II: Purpose and Mechanics  |

SB 138 amends KRS 61.315 to presume firefighter deaths by certain cancers as a direct result of an act in the line of duty, if certain criteria are met. The following criteria must be met:

- active firefighter for at least five (5) consecutive years
- developed one (1) or more of the cancers proposed in this bill
- did not use tobacco products at least ten (10) years prior to the cancer diagnosis
- under age 65 at the time of death
- was not diagnosed with any cancer prior to employment as a firefighter, and
- was exposed to a known carcinogen reasonably associated with one (1) of the cancers proposed in this bill

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

## SB 138 is expected to have minimal fiscal impact on local governments.

The line of duty benefits for firefighters in KRS 61.315 is \$80,000, and is provided by general fund dollars. Due to the restrictions in the bill, there is an anticipated amount of only 1-2 claims per year. Other estimates range from 2-4 deaths. Because the qualifications in the bill limit the number of claims to approximately fewer than 5 per year and the death benefits are provided by general funds, the bill would have minimal impact on local fire departments.

**Data Source(s):** Kentucky Fire Commission; Kentucky Professional Firefighters

Association; Kentucky League of Cities;

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