

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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