Local Mandate Fiscal Impact Estimate
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
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Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1262

Bill #: SB 138 SCS

Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to firefighters.

Sponsor: Senator McGarvey

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

Office(s) Impacted: City and County Fire Departments

Requirement: **X** Mandatory ___ Optional

Effect on
Powers & Duties: **X** Modifies Existing ___ Adds New ___ Eliminates Existing

Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

SB 138 SCS amends KRS 61.315 by stating the bill does not affect, and is separate from, workers' compensation. Any line of duty death benefit does not imply a presumption of a workers' compensation claim or benefit. However, the bill does not foreclose any opportunity to file for workers' compensation or other related claims.

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

SB 138 SCS will have minimal impact on local fire departments.

Because SB 138 SCS more clearly defines how line of duty death benefits are applied and does not include any fiscal obligation for local governments, SCS is expected to have minimal impact on local governments, for the benefits are still distributed from the general fund.

Data Source(s): Kentucky Firefighters Association; Kentucky Professional Firefighters; LRC Staff

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