

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY STATE FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2016 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2016 BR NUMBER **1564**

SENATE BILL NUMBER **156**

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

AMENDMENT NUMBER _____

SUBJECT/TITLE **An ACT relating to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program.**

SPONSOR **Senator Girdler**

NOTE SUMMARY

FISCAL ANALYSIS: IMPACT NO IMPACT INDETERMINABLE IMPACT

LEVEL(S) OF IMPACT: STATE LOCAL FEDERAL

BUDGET UNIT(S) IMPACT: **Department of Criminal Justice Training**

FUND(S) IMPACT: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED AGENCY _____ OTHER

FISCAL SUMMARY

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES				
EXPENDITURES		\$477,000	\$477,000	\$477,000
NET EFFECT		(\$477,000)	(\$477,000)	(\$477,000)

() indicates a decrease/negative

MEASURE'S PURPOSE:

The purpose of this measure is to extend to conservation officers an annual proficiency grant offered to various other law enforcement officers, to be paid for from the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund (KLEFPF).

PROVISIONS/MECHANICS:

Section 1 amends KRS 15.410 to include state law enforcement officers, not otherwise excluded in statute, to receive the KLEFPF proficiency grants.

Section 2 defines a conservation officer as a full-time peace officer appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and includes conservation officers in the definition of a police officer. Section 2 also defines "unit of government" to include the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Section 3 mandates that conservation officers are to complete the same requirements as current recipients of the proficiency grant. Conservation officers will be required to have the same

number of basic training hours, the same educational attainment, and the same number of annual in-service training hours as current statutory participants. Section 3 also amends statute to conform to new definitions of police officer defined in Section 2.

Section 4 provides gender-neutral language and amends KRS 15.450 to conform to the definition of unit of government defined in Section 2.

Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 amend KRS 15.460, 15.470, 15.480, 15.490, 15.500, and 15.340 to conform to definitions amended in Section 2.

FISCAL EXPLANATION:

The estimated fiscal impact of this legislation makes the following assumptions:

- For FY 2017, the Actuarial Required Contribution (ARC) of 23.82% was used in determining costs and is based on the contribution rate adopted by the Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS). This ARC is also assumed for FY 2018.
- The number of conservation officers is assumed to be 121, based on a snapshot of these personnel in November 2015 by the Department of Criminal Justice Training.
- The stipend is based on the statutory amount.

The impact of this legislation is estimated to be \$477,000 in each fiscal year of the upcoming biennium. All funds expended for the inclusion of conservation officers will come from the KLEFPF, which is a restricted funds account within the Department of Criminal Justice Training.

DATA SOURCE(S): Department of Criminal Justice Training

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