

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

MEASURE

2016 BR NUMBER **2028**

SENATE BILL NUMBER **226**

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

AMENDMENT NUMBER _____

SUBJECT/TITLE **An ACT relating to death benefits for social service workers.**

SPONSOR **Senator Buford**

NOTE SUMMARY

FISCAL ANALYSIS: IMPACT NO IMPACT INDETERMINABLE IMPACT

LEVEL(S) OF IMPACT: STATE LOCAL FEDERAL

BUDGET UNIT(S) IMPACT: _____

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	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
NET EFFECT	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)

() indicates a decrease/negative

MEASURE'S PURPOSE: To make social service workers eligible for death in the line of duty benefits.

PROVISIONS/MECHANICS: Amends KRS 61.315 to define a "social service worker" as an employee of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or the immediate supervisor of an employee whose professional duties include adult or child protective services related to: investigations; family need assessments; interviews, visits, or contact with an involved family member; or, transportation services.

Amends KRS 61.315 to include the spouse of a social service worker whose death occurs on or after January 1, 2016, as a direct result of an act in the line of to duty to receive a lump-sum payment of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) if there are no surviving children. If there are surviving children and a surviving spouse, the payment shall be apportioned equally among the children and the spouse. The sum shall be paid by the State Treasurer from the general fund of the State Treasury.

Amends KRS 61.315 to direct the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to promulgate administrative regulations establishing the criteria and procedures pertaining to social service

workers, including but not limited to which employees qualify for coverage and which circumstances constitute death in the line of duty.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: Per the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, two social service workers have died in the line of duty since 1987. If the amended language to KRS 61.315 was in place over during timeframe, the State would have paid a total of \$160,000 during that thirty year period.

To the extent that it is impossible to predict how many social service workers may be killed in the line of duty in a given timeframe, the fiscal impact is indeterminable.

DATA SOURCE(S): The Cabinet for Health and Family Services

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