

SB 233 creates a new section of Chapter 39G requiring the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security to promulgate administrative regulations for the control of drones on, over, and across state-owned property.

SB 233 expands KRS 466.010 to define a “drone” as any unmanned aircraft for which Federal Aviation Administration registration is required and that is required to be labeled with an N-number or other unique identifying number issued by the Federal Aviation Administration.

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

The immediate fiscal impact of SB 233 is expected to be minor, but as technology improves and the costs of owning a drone becomes more affordable, a rise in this activity may occur.

A person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to one year. Misdemeanants are housed in one of Kentucky’s 78 full service jails or five life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, each additional inmate increases facility costs by an estimated average of \$31.92 per day. While the majority of misdemeanor defendants are granted bail, those who do not will also cost local jails an average of \$31.92 per day.

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