

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

MEASURE

2016 BR NUMBER **0290**

SENATE BILL NUMBER **48**

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

AMENDMENT NUMBER _____

SUBJECT/TITLE **An ACT relating to problem, compulsive, or pathological gambling and making an appropriation therefor.**

SPONSOR **Senator Embry**

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			\$800,000	\$200,000
NET EFFECT			(\$800,000)	(\$200,000)

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MEASURE’S PURPOSE: This measure establishes the Problem and Pathological Gamblers Awareness and Treatment Program.

PROVISIONS/MECHANICS: Section 1 establishes the title of the bill.

Section 2 amends KRS 222.003 to provide that certain gambling addiction self-help and community groups are not restricted or regulated by the legislation.

Section 3 amends KRS 222.005 to define “pathological gambling” and “problem gambling”.

Section 4 creates a new section of KRS Chapter 222 to create the Problem and Pathological Gamblers Awareness and Treatment Program and to direct the use of funds and limit annual administrative costs to \$200,000.

Section 5 creates a new Section of KRS Chapter 22 to establish the Gamblers Awareness and Treatment Program Advisory Council, establish the council’s membership and responsibilities,

and require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to promulgate administrative regulations in collaboration with the council. The section also establishes a funding and application process, certify disbursement of funds, require annual reports, and assign responsibilities to the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental, and Intellectual Disabilities (BHDID).

Section 6 appropriates \$600,000 in FY 2017-2018 and \$1,200,000 in FY 2018-2019 in general funds for the program.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: The Cabinet for Health and Family Services estimates that at least three additional employees would be needed to develop and administer the Problem and Pathological Gamblers Awareness and Treatment Program on an ongoing basis. Administrative costs would total approximately \$200,000 per year (salary and fringe) which is the amount appropriated to BHDID under the legislation.

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

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