

1 AN ACT relating to children's health and welfare fiscal impact statements.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 6 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 (1) No bill or resolution that relates to the health or welfare of children shall be voted
6 on by a standing committee of either chamber of the General Assembly unless a
7 children's health and welfare fiscal impact statement has been prepared and
8 attached to the bill or resolution pursuant to this section.

9 (2) (a) The director of the Legislative Research Commission shall have a children's
10 health and welfare fiscal impact statement prepared by the Legislative
11 Research Commission or by other departments or agencies of state
12 government for any bill or resolution introduced before the General
13 Assembly that relates to any aspect of children's health or welfare and that
14 would cause the state or a local government to incur a cost.

15 (b) Departments or agencies of state government requested by the director to
16 prepare a children's health and welfare fiscal impact statement under this
17 subsection shall comply with the request within seven (7) working days of
18 receipt.

19 (c) The children's health and welfare fiscal impact statement shall be filed with
20 the clerk of the chamber of the General Assembly in which the bill or
21 resolution was introduced and attached to each copy of the bill or
22 resolution.

23 (3) The Legislative Research Commission may submit to any other department or
24 agency of state government, or to any local government, any request for
25 information concerning fiscal management and fiscal conditions that relate to
26 child health or welfare. Each recipient shall be required to comply with requests
27 under this subsection within seven (7) working days.

1 (4) A children's health and welfare fiscal impact statement shall state whether the
2 bill or resolution is determined to be a state mandate on local government. This
3 determination shall be made by the director of the Legislative Research
4 Commission, except as provided by subsection (5) of this section. If the bill or
5 resolution is a state mandate on local government, the statement shall contain an
6 estimate of the effect the law will have on expenditures or revenues of local
7 government for the first full fiscal year the law is to be in effect.

8 (5) The director of the Legislative Research Commission, at his or her discretion,
9 may seek a certification from the Attorney General on the question of whether a
10 bill or resolution constitutes a state mandate on local government. The Attorney
11 General shall, within seven (7) working days from receipt of the request, certify to
12 the director that the bill or resolution is or is not a state mandate.

13 (6) If any bill or resolution is amended after the preparation of the children's health
14 and welfare fiscal impact statement, it shall be resubmitted to the person
15 responsible for preparation of the statement, who shall reevaluate the bill or
16 resolution as amended and change the statement in accordance with the
17 amendment.

18 (7) Copies of the children's health and welfare fiscal impact statement shall be
19 furnished by the Legislative Research Commission to any school official upon
20 written request.

21 (8) The director of the Legislative Research Commission shall establish policies and
22 procedures to ensure the accurate and timely production of children's health and
23 welfare fiscal impact statements, including but not limited to:

24 (a) Establishing a system for collecting, compiling, and analyzing fiscal and
25 other information from the state health and welfare system;

26 (b) Delegating responsibilities for aspects of the children's health and welfare
27 fiscal impact statement process to the various staff members of the

- 1 *Legislative Research Commission; and*
- 2 *(c) Establishing the format and design of the statements.*