

reciprocal agreements with other states that require a license if the license-holder will be traveling within the reciprocal state.

As with any expansion to criminal law, local law enforcement would have a learning curve, and would have to disseminate the information regarding the new law to its officers. Minor cost can be expected regarding these specific laws.

HB 316 expands KRS 527.020 with the inclusion of additional criminal acts detailed above. These additional criminal acts would share penalties already in the statute. Carrying a concealed weapon is a Class A misdemeanor, unless the defendant has been previously convicted of a felony in which case a deadly weapon was possessed, used, or displayed, in which case it is a Class D felony.

A person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to twelve months. Misdemeanants are housed in one of Kentucky's 76 full service jails or five life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, this estimated impact will be based on \$31.34 per day, which equals the per diem and medical expenses that the Department of Corrections pays jails to house felony offenders. While the majority of misdemeanor defendants are granted bail, those who do not will also cost local jails an average of \$31.34 per day.

When a court denies bail to a Class D felony defendant, the local government is responsible for incarcerating the defendant until disposition of the case in one of Kentucky's 76 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 \$31.34 per day, which equals the per diem and medical expenses that the Department of Corrections pays jails to house felony offenders. Upon sentencing, a Class D felon is housed in one of Kentucky's full service jails for the duration of his or her sentence. The Department of Corrections pays a jail \$31.34 per day to house a D felon. Since the per diem pays for the estimated average cost of housing a Class D felon, the per diem may be less than, equal to, or greater than the actual housing cost.

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