# Local Mandate Fiscal Impact Estimate Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2017 Regular Session

### **Part I: Measure Information**

<b>Bill Request #:</b> 1095
Bill #: HB 426
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to impersonation.
Sponsor: Representative Stan Lee.
Unit of Government:XCityXCountyXUrban-CountyXCharter CountyXConsolidated LocalXGovernment
Office(s) Impacted: Law Enforcement
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies ExistingX_ Adds New Eliminates Existing

## Part II: Purpose and Mechanics

HB 426 creates a new section of KRS 525. Provides that a person is guilty of online impersonation when he or she knowingly and without consent impersonates another person for the purpose of harming intimidating, threatening, or defrauding another person on an Internet Web site including opening an email account or profile on a social networking site . Online impersonation is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor.

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

#### The fiscal impact of HB 426 is expected to be minimal.

There will be minor cost related to disseminating the new law as well as training local law enforcement.

A person convicted of online impersonation which is 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.

## Data Source(s): LRC Staff, Department of Corrections

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