



enforcement personnel at \$8 an hour for providing services to a Circuit Court. The Sheriff's offices interviewed report they pay their bailiffs another \$1 to \$2 per hour, which comes out of the sheriff's office budget. Uniforms, footwear, firearms, gun belts also are paid from the sheriff's office budget, at a cost of approximately \$1500. The county fiscal court pays for the benefits for full-time bailiffs. Sheriff's offices also receive disbursements from the court costs distribution fund provided for in KRS 42.320(2)(i) to help defray the cost of providing security services to the court and related activities. That statute provides that 10.1% of each court cost deposited in the court costs distribution fund shall be paid to the county sheriff in the county where the court cost was paid. Disbursements from this fund would not increase under the bill because the number of court cases would not increase. The financial burden of hiring 1 to 2 additional court security personnel would fall heavier on small sheriffs' offices such as the one in Gallatin County, which currently employs 3 court bailiffs serving a population of approximately 8,474. Local governments also are obligated to pay some related costs. For example, fiscal courts are responsible for office space and records maintenance space for the county sheriff's office.

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