



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

**The fiscal impact of SB 28 on local governments is expected to be minimal.**

The Kentucky State Police was contacted regarding crimes in which a handgun was used by a minor to commit a crime. The KSP queried their database based on the following criteria: a firearm type was named, one of the violations below was listed, and the word *minor* appeared in the narrative as part of the report filed by the officer. The inclusion of the word *minor* in the narrative does NOT necessarily mean that a minor was part of the crime and may only clarify that a “minor was not present”.

For the year 2016, the word *minor* appeared in 39 crime narratives. The data does not identify whether or not the handgun was secured or not; but only that a handgun was used in the commission of the crime. Within those 39 instances, a gun was used in the commission of the following crimes and the word minor was part of the narrative:

Murders:	1
Rapes:	0
Robberies:	1
Assaults:	5
Burglaries:	1
Larceny:	9
Auto Thefts:	0
Arson:	0

What we may ascertain from the above data is that a minor was involved in the commission of a crime and that a secured or unsecured handgun was used LESS THAN 39 times statewide. In the case of the line items above, the number of times a minor was involved and that a secured or unsecured handgun was used is equal to or less than the number reflected.

Persons in violation of the provisions of SB 28 will be found guilty of either a Class A or Class B misdemeanor.

A person convicted of a Class B misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to 90 days. A person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to one year. 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, each additional inmate increases facility costs by an estimated average of \$31.34 per day. 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):** Kentucky State Police; LRC Staff

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