

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY STATE FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT  
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION  
2017 REGULAR SESSION**

**MEASURE**

2017 BR NUMBER **0179**

**SENATE** BILL NUMBER **31/HFA2**

RESOLUTION NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

AMENDMENT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT/TITLE** **An ACT relating to the law enforcement and firefighters foundation programs and making an appropriation therefor.**

**SPONSOR** **Representative Couch**

**NOTE SUMMARY**

FISCAL ANALYSIS:  IMPACT     NO IMPACT     INDETERMINABLE IMPACT

LEVEL(S) OF IMPACT:  STATE     LOCAL     FEDERAL

BUDGET UNIT(S) IMPACT: **Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources**

FUND(S) IMPACT:  GENERAL     ROAD     FEDERAL     RESTRICTED AGENCY \_\_\_\_\_  OTHER

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>FISCAL ESTIMATES</b>	<b>2016-2017</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>			
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			\$767,000
<b>NET EFFECT</b>			\$767,000

( ) indicates a decrease/negative

**MEASURE'S PURPOSE:** This legislation adds Conservation Officers (Fish and Wildlife Officers) to the list of eligible state officers to receive a \$4,000 proficiency grant paid from the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund (KLEFPF) beginning July 1, 2018. The KLEFPF is administered by the Department of Criminal Justice Training (DOCJT). The Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will receive reimbursement from the KLEFPF for each \$4,000 proficiency grant and associated fringe benefit costs.

**PROVISIONS/MECHANICS:** SB 31 HFA 2 amends SB 31 GA to include Conservation Officers as state officers.

**FISCAL EXPLANATION:** The impact of SB 31 HFA 2 is estimated to be \$767,000 in FY 2019 and beyond, contingent upon variable costs.

Specifically, 2016 Regular Session HB 303, the Executive Branch Budget bill, budgeted a total of 146 Conservation Officer positions in the current biennium. Using these 146 positions, the FY 2018 actuarially required contribution (ARC) for associated retirement costs, the \$4,000 grant amount, and FICA expenses, it is estimated that the KLEFPF will bear \$767,000 in additional,

annual expenditures beginning in FY 2019. Any changes to these variables will yield a different estimate.

Please note that the KLEFPF is anticipated to have sufficient funding for the inclusion of Conservation Officers. That said, the availability of funds are contingent upon revenues generated from a premium surcharge on casualty insurance, so projections regarding the availability of funds are subject to change.

It is important to note that if KLEFPF resources are unable to satisfy required expenditures, regardless of this legislation, current statutory provisions mandate that the insurance premium surcharge rate will be increased by an amount that will generate sufficient revenues.

**DATA SOURCE(S): LRC Staff**

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