

**Local Government Mandate Statement  
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission  
2018 Regular Session**

**Part I: Measure Information**

**Bill Request #:** 1191

**Bill #:** HB 232

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**Bill Subject/Title:** AN ACT relating to open records.

**Sponsor:** Representative Chris R. Harris

Unit of Government:  City  County  Urban-County  
Unified Local  
 Charter County  Consolidated Local  Government

Office(s) Impacted: Any local office that might be subject to a open records request.

Requirement:  Mandatory  Optional

Effect on  
Powers & Duties:  Modifies Existing  Adds New  Eliminates Existing

**Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government**

Currently, “public agency” by statutory definition exempts contractors who are currently providing public utilities, water and wastewater services, fire protection, corrections and incarceration, law enforcement, tax assessment and collection, or waste management services to local governments.

HB 232 removes this exemption as it relates to funds expended for the above-listed services. By removing the exemption, HB 232 would require local governments who utilize contractors for those specified services to comply with requirements for open records requests related to those services.

The fiscal impact of HB 232 on local governments is indeterminable, but expected to be minimal and dependent on the cost of responding to any additional public records request HB 232 may initiate.

**Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions**

Part II pertains to the bill as introduced. No prior versions of the bill have been introduced necessitating Part III to be completed at this time.

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