

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY STATE FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2018 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2018 BR NUMBER **0379**

HOUSE BILL NUMBER **364**

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

AMENDMENT NUMBER _____

SUBJECT/TITLE **An ACT relating to screening for hepatitis C.**

SPONSOR **Representative Wuchner**

NOTE SUMMARY

FISCAL ANALYSIS: IMPACT NO IMPACT INDETERMINABLE IMPACT

LEVEL(S) OF IMPACT: STATE LOCAL FEDERAL

BUDGET UNIT(S) IMPACT: **Cabinet for Health and Family Services**

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

FISCAL SUMMARY

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES				
EXPENDITURES		Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
NET EFFECT		(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)

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MEASURE'S PURPOSE: HB 364 requires a pregnant woman to be tested for the presence of the hepatitis C virus antibodies and RNA in the blood. It also requires the attending healthcare professional to officially record the results. Furthermore, any positive test result requires the pregnant woman to be notified and recommends the child or children born to be tested at the twenty four (24) month recommended well baby pediatric check-up.

PROVISIONS/MECHANICS: Section 1 requires every physician or other person legally permitted to engage in attendance upon a pregnant woman shall take a specimen of blood and to submit the specimen for serologic testing for the presence of hepatitis C and RNA in the blood. Section 1 requires the test results to be recorded by the physician or other person legally permitted to engage in attendance upon the pregnant woman in the permanent medical record of the woman and the child or children born. Section 1 requires the physician or other person legally permitted to engage in attendance upon a pregnant woman to notify the pregnant woman if the test results are positive. This section also recommends that any child or children, the woman was pregnant with at the time of the positive test, be tested at the twenty four (24) month recommended well baby pediatric check-up.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: According to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), there will likely be an increase in costs for the testing of pregnant women with no insurance or with healthcare coverage that does not cover the testing that are referred to the local or district health departments (LHDs). It will be a minimal fiscal impact to the LHDs and to CHFS. The impact is expected to be minimal because most blood testing is already performed on pregnant women and this specific test would be added to an existing sample of blood.

DATA SOURCE(S): Cabinet for Health and Family Services

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