

**Local Government Mandate Statement
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
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Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1855

Bill #: HB 368 GA

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Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to county detectives.

Sponsor: Representative David Meade

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

Office(s) Impacted: county attorneys

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**

HB 368 GA would amend KRS 69.360 and KRS 15.380 to provide that all county detectives have the power of arrest in the county and the right to execute process statewide. All county detectives appointed after July 1, 2019 would be required to be certified in accordance with KRS 15.380 - KRS 15.404.

HB 368 GA would have no to minimal fiscal impact on county attorney's offices because KRS 69.360 is not mandatory, but allows a county attorney to hire a county detective "as funding allows." The cost to go through the Department of Criminal Justice Training for certification for a county detective is approximately \$31,000. If the office of county detective is determined to be in an "eligible category" per 503 KAR 3:030, the certification training costs are waived, including room and board. Certification also requires applicants undergo certain tests, the fees for which are not waived, as follows:

Polygraph Exam	\$100
Drug Screen	\$16
Suitability Screen	\$65

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

The Local Mandate statement for HB 368 GA is the same as the Local Mandate statement for HB 368 HCS. The House adopted the House Committee Substitute and did not adopt any additional amendments.

The only change made by the House Committee Substitute to HB 368 as introduced is to make the requirement for certification applicable only to those county detectives hired after July 1, 2019. This change to HB 368 as introduced does not change the fiscal impact of the bill on county attorney's offices.

Data Source(s): Kentucky County Attorneys Association; LRC Staff

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