

**Local Government Mandate Statement
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
2019 Regular Session**

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 208

Bill #: HB 59

Document ID #: 424

Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to road safety.

Sponsor: Rep. Regina Huff

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

Office(s) Impacted: Local Jails and law enforcement.

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 59 amends KRS 512.070 to include the dropping on a highway of “unsafe amounts of mowed grass” among the things that constitute criminal littering.

The fiscal impact of HB 59 is indeterminate and minimal. There may be some small increase in Class A misdemeanor convictions and incarcerations/fines for criminal littering as a consequence of this legislation. The incarceration costs associated with Class A misdemeanors are identified below.

A person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to twelve months. Misdemeanants are housed in one of Kentucky’s 76 full service jails or four life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, this estimated impact will be based on \$31.34 per day, which equals the per diem and medical expenses that the Department of Corrections pays jails to house felony offenders. 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.

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

The Part II section above pertains to the bill as drafted and there are not any prior versions of the bill to complete the Part III section.

Data Source(s): Kentucky Jailers Association; Kentucky Department of Corrections

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