Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2019 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1034
Bill #: SB 183
Document ID #: 1926
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to animal sheltering and care.
Sponsor: Senator Tom Buford
Unit of Government: x City x County x Urban-County Unified Local x Charter County x Consolidated Local x Government
Office(s) Impacted: Fiscal courts, county clerks, local law enforcement and jails
Requirement: x Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties:x _ Modifies Existingx _ Adds New Eliminates Existing

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

The fiscal impact of SB 183 is minimal. Time and effort costs will be incurred related to the adoption of ordinances affecting the dog ownership responsibilities required by the Act. Some time and effort costs will be incurred by local law enforcement related to the enforcement of the provisions of SB 183. Counties will receive fees collected for issuing required dog licenses. The bill creates a new misdemeanor crime that could increase local jail incarcerations. Costs related to misdemeanor incarceration are described 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 introduced and there are not any prior introduced versions of the bill to complete the Part III section.

Data Source(s): <u>Kentucky County Judge Executive Association; Kentucky Association of</u>

Counties; Kentucky Jailers Association; Kentucky Association of County

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