

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2019 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2019 BR NUMBER 0133

SENATE BILL NUMBER 53

TITLE AN ACT relating to kinship and fictive kin care.

SPONSOR Senator Reginald Thomas

FISCAL SUMMARY

STATE FISCAL IMPACT: YES NO UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY: ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS LOCAL MANDATE CORRECTIONS IMPACT HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: Department for Community Based Services

FUND(S) IMPACTED: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED _____

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2018-2019	2019-2020	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES		\$34,600,000 FF \$23,000,000 GF	\$34,600,000 FF \$23,000,000 GF
NET EFFECT		(\$34,600,000) FF (\$23,000,000) GF	(\$34,600,000) FF (\$23,000,000) GF

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PURPOSE OF MEASURE: The purpose of the measure is to establish a program for kinship and fictive kin caregivers who have temporary or permanent custody of a child.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: The Cabinet for Health and Family Services estimates that the legislation would have a significant fiscal impact on the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS), as there would not be adequate funding to accommodate the additional expenditures. The legislation allows payments to be made to fictive kin caregivers which makes benefits allowable to a new population of caregivers. The legislation also requires support services and case management services that may be provided for both caregivers and children.

According to DCBS analysis, if Kentucky were to reinstate kinship care benefits as required by the legislation, it is estimated that approximately 16,000 active relative cases at a minimum monthly benefit of \$300 would create a total annual cost of approximately \$57.6 million dollars. Assuming a blended funding split of 60 percent Federal and 40 percent General, the funding equates to \$34.6 million Federal funds and \$23.0 million State funds. It is also estimated that the population would continue to grow in the out years which would create additional expenditures for the agency.

DATA SOURCE(S): Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Community Based Services

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