Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2020 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1029							
Bill #: HB 343							
Document ID #: 2299							
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to supplment payments to police officers.							
Sponsor: Representative Melinda Gibbons Prunty							
Unit of Government: <u>X</u> City <u>X</u> County	X Urban-County Unified Local						
X Charter County X Consol	dated Local X Government						
Office(s) Impacted: Local Law Enforcement							
Requirement: Mandatory X_ Optional							
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies Existing Adds N	ew Eliminates Existing						

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

HB 343 expands the definition of police officer to include a member of a joint task force who is otherwise eligible for an annual supplement, but who does not receive one. By doing so, these individuals would be eligible for supplemental payments originating from the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program (KLEFP).

These officers are certified police officers or law enforcement officers who are mandated to keep up the training and certifications like any other officer within the Commonwealth.

The fiscal impact of HB 343 on local governments is dependent on the availability of adequate funding, but could be minimal to moderate.

Payments from the KLEFP are currently \$4,000. Per KRS 15.460, and if funds are available, the local government shall receive reimbursement equaling 7.65 percent of the total annual supplement for amounts greater than \$3,100 for each qualifying officer; the total amount distributed not exceeding \$525,000 for each fiscal year. If there are

insufficient funds to provide for full reimbursement, the amount shall be distributed equally among the governmental units.

In addition to the above payments, the local government shall also receive any fringe benefit amounts associated with the \$4,000 supplement, but only to the extent of retirement plan contributions and the federal insurance contributions act tax.

The local government may use the moneys received in any manner it deems necessary to partially cover the costs of administering the payment received.

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

Part II refers to the bill as introduced.

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