

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

Bill Request #: 37

Bill #: HB 65 GA

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Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to crimes against sports officials.

Sponsor: Representative Randy Bridges

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

Office(s) Impacted: local law enforcement and jails

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

The fiscal impact of HB 65 GA is indeterminate and minimal. The Act creates a new section of KRS Chapter 518 to create the crime of intimidation of a sports official as a Class A misdemeanor. Increasing the offense from a Class B to a Class A misdemeanor may increase the length of incarceration in local jails for this offense. Below is a description of costs associated with Class A and B misdemeanor incarcerations.

A person convicted of a Class B misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to 90 days. A person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to twelve months. Misdemeanants are housed in one of Kentucky’s 77 full service jails or three 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

HB 65 GA passed with House Committee Substitute and House floor Amendment 3 (which changed provisions of HB 65 HCS to **clarify that the four identified forms of intimidation provided for in HB 65 HCS must be directed toward a “sports official” rather than a “person”**). **The fiscal impact of HB 65 GA with Floor Amendment 3 is identical to that of HB 65 HCS.**

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

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