



the remains at the request of the family. The coroner is permitted to speak with the family about making alternate arrangements for the return of the remains.

There would be very little, if any, cost associated with the bill. The Kentucky Coroners Association has indicated that coroners possess the capability of transporting remains in such a manner as to obscure the contour. Some coroners may already have a flag that could be used. A flag, if requested, would also be provided at no cost if the person is a United States veterans, and there is the possibility that flags could be donated. According to US Flagstore.com, a 5' x 9.5' United States interment flag may be purchased for approximately \$50, if in fact a flag must be purchased.

According to the United States Fire Administration, Kentucky had 0 firefighter in-line-of-duty deaths in 2019, 1 in 2018, and 2 in 2017. According to the Officer Down Memorial Page, Kentucky had 2 police officer in-line-of-duty deaths in 2019, 4 in 2018, and 1 in 2017. The occurrences requiring the return of a decedent under this bill should be minimal.

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

Part II, above, refers to SB 111 GA, which was the same as SB 111 SCS 1 with the exception of a title amendment. **The fiscal impact of SB 111 GA is the same as SB 111 SCS 1.**

**The fiscal impact of SB 111 SCS 1 changed from that of SB 111 as introduced.** SB 111 SCS 1 made the following changes to the introduced version:

- required the coroner to transport the remains in a professional manner that covers the contour of the remains, rather than transporting in a casket or similar vessel;
- deleted the requirement that the fiscal court bear the expense of obtaining a casket or similar vessel;
- deleted prohibition against the family keeping the interment flag; and
- permitted the coroner to speak with the family to arrange alternate transportation by a funeral home or other transport service.

**Data Source(s):** LRC Staff; Kentucky Coroner's Association; [https://www.usflagstore.com/Official\\_US\\_Interment\\_Flag\\_p/60-100-06999.htm](https://www.usflagstore.com/Official_US_Interment_Flag_p/60-100-06999.htm) (accessed Febuary 13, 2020); United States Fire Administration, [apps.usfa.fema.gov/firefighter-fatalities/fatalitydata/reportBuilder](https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/firefighter-fatalities/fatalitydata/reportBuilder); Officer Down Memorial Page, [odmp.org/search/year](https://odmp.org/search/year); Kentucky Fraternal Order of Police

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