

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

The fiscal impact has changed from that of SB 111 as introduced. Part II, above, refers to SB 111 SCS 1, making the following changes to the introduced version:

- requires 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;
- deletes the requirement that the fiscal court bear the expense of obtaining a casket or similar vessel;
- deletes prohibition against the family keeping the interment flag; and
- permits 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 (accessed Febuary 13, 2020); United States Fire Administration, apps.usfa.fema.gov/firefighter-fatalities/fatalitydata/reportBuilder; Officer Down Memorial Page, odmp.org/search/year; Kentucky Fraternal Order of Police

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