

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT  
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION  
2021 REGULAR SESSION**

**MEASURE**

2021 BR NUMBER 117

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 44/HCS2

**TITLE** AN ACT relating to mental health and making an appropriation therefor.

**SPONSOR** Representative Jason Petrie

**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: Kentucky Community and Technical College System

FUND(S) IMPACTED:  GENERAL  ROAD  FEDERAL  RESTRICTED Firefighters  
Foundation Program Fund

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2020-2021	2021-2022	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES		<\$1,250,000	<\$1,250,000
NET EFFECT		<\$1,250,000	<\$1,250,000

( ) indicates a decrease/negative

**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:** The bill would create a Crisis Intervention Team training program for firefighters and would dedicate \$1.25 million to a program for firefighters diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and/or post-traumatic injury disorder by a psychiatrist, psychologist, or professional counselor.

**FISCAL EXPLANATION:** The Cabinet for Health and Family Services states that the requirements in Section 1 to modify the training curriculum and train the Crisis Intervention Team training instructors would have no fiscal impact on the Cabinet. Section 1 of the bill would result in no fiscal impact on the Fire Commission or the Firefighters Foundation Program Fund because it would not require all firefighters to take the new Crisis Intervention Team training program, but would add the Crisis Intervention Team training program to the menu of training options that firefighters can choose from in order to complete their training requirements.

Section 2 of the bill would allow firefighters to seek reimbursement from the Firefighters Foundation Program Fund for out-of-pocket costs for treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder and/or post-traumatic injury disorder. The current budget (20 RS HB 352) appropriates \$1.25 million Restricted Funds in FY21 for firefighters affected by post-traumatic stress and/or post-traumatic injury disorders. HB 44 PHS2 does not appropriate funds for firefighter mental health treatment, so any reimbursement claims would result in a fiscal impact on the Firefighters Foundation Program Fund beginning in FY22. Data from the Fire Commission for FY21 suggests it is highly unlikely that reimbursement claims in FY22 or subsequent

fiscal years would exceed the \$1.25 million identified in the budget bill for FY21, so the fiscal impact will be less than \$1.25 million annually in FY22 and at full implementation.

**DATA SOURCE(S): Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Kentucky Fire Commission**

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