



If an individual falsely states or represents that he or she has a valid certificate of employability issued by DOC, then that individual would be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor.

**The fiscal impact of HB 497 is expected to be minimal.**

The Department Of Corrections provided the following information: The jobs skills assessment needed to obtain a Certificate of Employments would be provided by a jail staff member, or a provider selected by the jail to provide educational services, or by Skills U, the entity under the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet that provides adult education in most county jails. If a state inmate serving in a jail completes a GED, the jail would submit this to DOC where it would be recorded in the Offender Management System (OMS).

The Certificate of Employment would be generated from the OMS as would the other release documents. Either DOC personnel or jail staff would provide the Certificate along with the other documents to the inmate upon release. Since jail staff currently process releases for a number of state inmates, the additional documents would not add substantial burden to the jails workload.

A person convicted of a Class B misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to 90 days. 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 an average cost to incarcerate of \$37.35 per day. While the majority of misdemeanor defendants are granted bail, those who do not will also cost local jails an average cost to incarcerate of \$37.35 per day.

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

HB 497 HCS 1 keeps most of the provisions of HB 497 as they relate to local jails with the following changes:

- replaces the issuance of a government issued ID card or documents to assist the prisoner upon release in obtaining government issued identification cards with an operator's license or personal identification card that is a voluntary travel ID document.

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