

Regarding SB 171 GA “splash pad” provisions the Kentucky League of cities (KLC) states as follows:

- Although KLC does not have a specific count of how many cities operate splash pads, it is aware of that city officials are installing them more frequently because they are cheaper to operate and the public demand for them has grown recently. Current **regulations require cities to operate splash pads as though they are swimming pools**. Swimming pool regulations require the items listed in § 1(2)(b), but splash pads do not need lifeguards, or supplies associated with them (e.g., life pole, ring buoy), and other current pool requirements that are unnecessary for splash pads. These pool requirements add several hundreds of dollars to the cost to install and operate a splash pad. In addition, superfluous items must be replaced if they are damaged or vandalized in order to stay in compliance with regulations. SB 171 would require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to create a regulation that better addresses the needs and operation of splash pads, saving cities money by reducing certain pool-related requirements.

Regarding investment provisions the KLC states:

- The **investment portion of the bill cleans up an oversight in a previous change to allowable municipal investments**. Some cities want to invest in mutual funds that consist solely of investments that are unlimited by current law. The law would increase flexibility for cities to invest in the lowest risk mutual funds. Otherwise, mutual funds with restricted investments would still be limited to 40% of their total money invested. This change would simply make it easier for cities to invest in low-risk funds and more easily diversify their investments.
- SB 171 GA’s **\$1 million advertisement limit** should not impact cities much, given that most, if not all, of these notes presently total over \$1 million. As a result, the KLC does not foresee increased costs resulting from this provision.

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

SB 171 GA was passed with SB 171 SCS and no amendments. **The fiscal impact remains indeterminable, minimal and positive.**

Data Source(s): Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police; Kentucky Sheriffs Association; Kentucky League of Cities; Kentucky County Judge Executive Association; Kentucky Association of Counties; LRC staff

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