



The bill does not address incarceration; however, a person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to twelve months. 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. One defendant sentenced to six months' incarceration would cost a local jail approximately \$6,723.00 (six months = 180 days x \$37.35/day = \$6,723.00). While the majority of misdemeanor defendants are granted bail, those who do not will also cost local jails an average of \$37.35 per day.

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

Part II, above, pertains to the GA version. The GA version is the same as the bill as introduced. No amendments or substitutes were adopted when the bill passed its chamber of origin.

**Data Source(s):** Department of Corrections; Henry County Coroner

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