Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2021 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1231							
Bill #: SB 250							
Document ID #: <u>4370</u>							
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to contraceptive coverage.							
Sponsor: Senator Morgan McGarvey							
Unit of Government: X City X County M M M M M							
X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government							
Office(s) Impacted: Local health deparatments							
Requirement: <u>X</u> Mandatory Optional							
Effect on Powers & Duties: X Modifies Existing X Adds New Eliminates Existing							

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

SB 250 would require health benefit plans (health insurance), including the state employee health plan, to provide coverage for contraceptive services. A religious employer could request a health benefit plan without the coverage. This part of the bill would have a delayed effective date of January 1, 2022.

Local health departments would be required to offer contraceptive services as part of the "foundational public health programs" that are necessary in order to receive state health department funding.

SB 250 would also require Medicaid and Medicaid managed care organizations to cover contraceptive services, and it would require the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program (KCHIP) to cover the services.

SB 250 would have a minimal to moderate fiscal impact on those local health departments.

According to one public health director of a local health department, many of the local health departments that ceased providing family planning programs did so because of the availability of the programs at federally qualified health centers and rural health centers.

SB 250 would require local health departments that do not have an existing family planning program to hire additional staff and train specific to those services. This would increase operational costs. SB 250 could force duplication of services in communities that do not need a service increase.

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

Part II, above, relates to the bill as introduced.

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