

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT  
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION  
2022 REGULAR SESSION**

**MEASURE**

2022 BR NUMBER 440

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 63-HFA1

**TITLE** AN ACT relating to school resource officers.

**SPONSOR** Representative Jeffery Donohue

**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: Learning and Results Services

FUND(S) IMPACTED:  GENERAL  ROAD  FEDERAL  RESTRICTED \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FISCAL ESTIMATES</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>	<b>ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		up to \$71.4 million	up to \$71.4 million	up to \$71.4 million
<b>NET EFFECT</b>		(up to \$71.4 million)	(up to \$71.4 million)	(up to \$71.4 million)

( ) indicates a decrease/negative

**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:** This legislation would require the General Assembly to appropriate funds to support the cost of a full-time certified school resource officer (SRO) in each school.

**FISCAL EXPLANATION:** Information provided by the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) and Kentucky Association of School Superintendents (KASA) to the Budget Review Subcommittee on Education on November 19, 2019 was used to estimate the costs of the legislation.

The presentation to the subcommittee estimated 384 SROs statewide and 1,161 A-1 school buildings in Kentucky. In order to have one SRO in every school building, there is a need for an additional 777 SROs. The estimated range of salary and benefit costs for an SRO is \$58,000 to \$65,000. Using the midpoint of \$61,500, the annual cost to pay for an additional 777 SROs would be \$47.8 million or \$71.4 million to support all 1,161 SROs.

The annual cost to implement this legislation would depend on many factors including, salaries, benefit costs, and number of officers. It is also unknown if the state would be required to pay for all SROs or only the additional SROs. Thus, the cost could be up to \$71.4 million if all costs were paid by the state for all SROs.

**DATA SOURCE(S): KASS, KSBA, LRC Staff**

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