

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

**MEASURE**

2022 BR NUMBER 215

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 79

**TITLE** AN ACT relating to mental health.

**SPONSOR** Representative Bill Wesley

**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: Criminal Justice Training

FUND(S) IMPACTED:  GENERAL  ROAD  FEDERAL  RESTRICTED KY Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund (KLEFPF)

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES				
EXPENDITURES		\$30,000	\$30,000	Variable (See Fiscal Explanation)
NET EFFECT		(\$30,000)	(\$30,000)	Variable (See Fiscal Explanation)

( ) indicates a decrease/negative

**PURPOSE OF MEASURE:** This measure includes telecommunicators as eligible participants in the Law Enforcement Professional Development and Wellness Program (LEPDWP) and requires law enforcement telecommunicators to receive annual in-service training and basic course training to include mental health awareness and treatment resources instruction.

**FISCAL EXPLANATION:** This legislation will pose minor costs to the KLEFPF. The Department of Criminal Justice Training’s budget request indicates costs for the entirety of fiscal year (FY) 2022 for LEPDWP will be \$1,080,400 for about 153 law enforcement professionals. This amounts to about \$7,061 per participant. At present, there are about 211 telecommunicators employed by the State Police; however, not all 211 telecommunicators are anticipated to participate in LEPDWP.

To estimate the annual population that might take advantage of the LEPDWP, an anticipated cost-to-participation ratio for current law enforcement was established for FYs 2022-2024. Using these percentages, a total of five telecommunicators are anticipated to participate in the LEPDWP annually, coming at a cost to the KLEFPF of about \$30,000 annually. Below are the assumptions behind all of the above-mentioned calculations.

Assumptions	Budgeted FY 22	Projected FY 23	Projected FY 24
Cost of LEPDW Program	\$1,080,400	\$1,080,400	\$1,080,400
Participants	153	180	180
Cost Per Participant	\$7,061	\$6,002	\$6,002
Total L.E. Personnel	7,800	7,800	7,800
Percentage Utilizing LEPDW	1.96%	2.31%	2.31%
Telecommunicator Pop	211	211	211
Assumed Percentage Utilizing LEPDWP	4	5	5
<b>Anticipated Cost</b>	<b>\$28,246</b>	<b>\$30,011</b>	<b>\$30,011</b>

Although telecommunicators' basic course training and annual in-service training will have to include courses on mental health, including post-traumatic stress disorder and work-induced stress, HB 79 does not mandate an increase in the overall number of required hours of training. Therefore, any variable costs associated with implementing these new training components will replace other training components currently offered by the Department by a like number of hours. That said, it is possible there may be a small cost associated with developing these new training parameters, however, that cost is unknown.

Looking beyond FY 2024, costs will fluctuate by an unknown degree contingent upon many factors, such as changes in operating and fringe costs, for example.

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