Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2023 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 952
Bill #: HB 146 HCS
Document ID #: 3504
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to unemployment insurance.
Sponsor: Representative Russell W. Webber
Unit of Government: X City X County X Urban-County X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government
Office(s) Impacted: All offices
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: X Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing

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

HB 146 HCS **Section 4** would amend KRS 341.385 to increase the minimum number of weeks of unemployment benefits for an eligible employee from 12 weeks to 16 weeks if the state average unemployment rate is less than or equal to 6.5%. That section would also eliminate the provision making the classification system in **Section 4** inapplicable to claimants with time certain return-to-work or recall-to-work prospects within 16 weeks from date of filing of their claim. **Section 6** of the bill would amend KRS 341.4169 to establish that a worker would not be denied shared work benefits for a week they are participating in employer sponsored training or training funded by the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

HB 146 HCS would have a minimal fiscal impact on local governments. Kentucky League of Cities reports the bill would not impact local government employers any differently than it would private employers. It may impose minimum additional costs to the local government for those unemployed that are determined eligible for the additional length of time that benefits will be made available under the bill.

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

Part II applies to House Committee Substitute to HB 146. The changes within the committee substitute do not change the fiscal impact of the bill on local governments.

Data Source(s): <u>Kentucky League of Cities; LRC staff</u>

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