Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2023 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 952
Bill #: HB 146 GA
Document ID #: <u>4362</u>
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to unemployment insurance.
Sponsor: Representative Russell W. Webber
Unit of Government: X City X County X Urban-County Unified Local Image: Second Secon
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 GA **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 that makes 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 GA 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 the GA version of HB 146. The House adopted the House Committee Substitute to the bill, and made no other changes to HB 146 as introduced. Neither the HCS nor the GA version change the fiscal impact of the bill as introduced.

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