Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2023 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1353
Bill #: SB 117
Document ID #: 3303
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to the Firefighters Foundation Program Fund
Sponsor: Senator Brandon Storm
Unit of Government: X City X County X Urban-County
Office(s) Impacted: Fiscal courts
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

SB 117 would amend KRS 95A.230, 95A.240, and 95A.262 to decrease the maximum required basic training hours for firefighters and volunteer firefighters needed for a local government to be eligible for funds from the Firefighters Foundation Program fund, while retaining the Kentucky Fire Commission's power to set a lower number of hours.

Section 1 decreases the required basic training for a fire fighter from 400 hours to 300 hours within the first year of employment. It also would change the yearly 100-hour inservice training requirement for all firefighters from each calendar year to each fiscal year.

Section 2 decreases the required basic training for volunteer fire fighters from 150 hours to 115 hours in order for the department to qualify for the Firefighters Foundation Program fund.

The fiscal impact of SB 117 on local governments cannot be quantified, but is expected to be positive. According to the Kentucky Fire Commission, the reduced training requirements will result in savings that will vary from county to county.

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

Part II refers to SB 117 as introduced. There are no prior versions.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff, Kentucky Fire Commission, Kentucky Firefighters Association

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