

The fiscal impact of SB 119 SCS is expected to be minimal. Though the bill somewhat lowers the threshold for what could be considered a sexual offense if that offense involves sexual contact, the revision is relatively small and likely would only have a marginal impact on the number of additional offenses that would qualify under KRS Chapter 510 because the “intentional touching of the clothing covering the immediate area of the [victim’s parts]” done for a “sexual purpose” would likely already be construed as sexual contact even under current statute. This bill mostly just clarifies and makes explicit what common sense would demand from law enforcement investigating sexual offenses.

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

Part II refers to SB 119 SCS 1. The SCS 1 version of SB 119 is substantively similar to the bill introduced but makes some minor changes in language. The fiscal impact to local governments remains the same as the impact stated in the bill as introduced.

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