## Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2023 Regular Session

**Part I: Measure Information** 

Bill Request #: 1172	2		
Bill #: SB 148			
<b>Document ID #:</b> 329	<u>)7</u>		
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to public employees.			
Sponsor: Senator Johnnie L. Turner			
Unit of Government:	X City	X County	X Urban-County Unified Local
	X Charter County	X Consolidated Local	
Office(s) Impacted: All local government offices which permit telework			
Requirement: X	Mandatory Opt	ional	
Effect on Powers & Duties:	_ Modifies Existing	<b>X</b> Adds New E	liminates Existing

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

SB 148 creates a new section in the KRS Chapter 61 that restricts telework for public agency employees, including employees of the Administrative Office of the Courts, except during a declared emergency when the Governor explicitly allows it. Certain employees are exempt from this restriction, such as justices of the Supreme Court, district or circuit judges, state police, employees involved in motor vehicle enforcement, plumbing inspection, health inspection, building inspection, and those whose job responsibilities require them to be away from their primary work station at least 50% of the time.

## SB 148 would likely have an unknown negative fiscal impact on local governments.

Local governments would need to implement policies and procedures to ensure compliance, which would require additional staff and resources. Additionally, the restriction on telework may limit the ability of local governments to attract and retain employees who prefer remote work arrangements, which could increase labor costs due

to turnover and recruitment. However, the exact amount that this would likely cost local governments cannot be accurately estimated.

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

Part II refers to SB 148 as drafted.

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