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

#### **Part I: Measure Information**

Bill Request #: 1624
Bill #: SB 211
<b>Document ID #:</b> 3751
Bill Subject/Title: AN ACT relating to the forensic processing of firearms.
Sponsor: Senator Karen Berg
Unit of Government: X City X County X Urban-County Unified Local
X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government
Office(s) Impacted: Local law enforcement
Requirement: <u>x</u> Mandatory Optional
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies Existingx Adds New Eliminates Existing

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

SB 211 creates a new section of KRS Chapter 15 to require law enforcement agencies to transmit information to national law enforcement databases about firearms collected during criminal investigations. This includes ballistic results from test-firing firearms and spent shell casing recovered at a crime scene.

# The fiscal impact on local law enforcement is unknown, but expected to be minimally negative.

The legislation does not identify the specific crime labs to be used for the forensic analyses. The Kentucky State Police (KSP) has six crime labs throughout the state. This analysis assumes that local law enforcement would use one of these crime labs. According to KSP, they receive and process all evidence brought to them for analysis, including firearms and spent shell casings. The testing is done at no charge to the local law enforcement agency. The items tested and the corresponding test results are returned to the local agency. Any data entered into a specific database is done at the local level.

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

The analysis discussed above in Part II is based on SB 211 as introduced. There are no previous versions for comparison.

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