

**Local Government Mandate Statement  
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission  
2024 Regular Session**

**Part I: Measure Information**

**Bill Request #:** 1799

**Bill #:** HB 2 HCS 1

**Document ID #:** 8341

**Bill Title:** AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of  
Kentucky relating to education funding.

**Sponsor:** Representative Suzanne Miles

Unit of Government:  City  County  Urban-County  
Unified Local  
 Charter County  Consolidated Local  Government

Office(s) Impacted: County clerk

Requirement:  Mandatory  Optional

Effect on  
Powers & Duties:  Modifies Existing  Adds New  Eliminates Existing

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

HB 2 HCS 1 proposes a new section be added to the Constitution of Kentucky stating that the General Assembly may provide financial support for the education of students outside the system of common schools.

By the language of the bill and as allowed by Kentucky Constitution Section 256, the proposed amendment would be submitted to the voters at the next regular election at which time members of the General Assembly are chosen. This means that the proposed amendment would be considered in November 2024.

**The costs of HB 2 HCS 1 to local governments due to adding a constitutional amendment to a ballot would be minimal.**

Balloting and publishing proposed constitutional amendments is a regular duty of county clerks, paid for by the county fiscal court. There are additional programming costs

associated with adding a new category (local option question or constitutional amendment) to the ballot on an already scheduled statewide election.

Ballot printing costs are also a factor in election expenses. If the proposed amendment results in additional pages needed for the ballot, that would be an additional cost to the county clerk's office. It has been estimated that the cost of one extra page for a ballot is \$0.25.

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