

Section 2 of HB 253 amends KRS 620.030 to add animal control officers to the list of reporters that are named explicitly in statute; however, in Kentucky all persons are required to report if a child is believed to be dependent, neglected, or abused to the proper authorities.

The fiscal impact to local governments is negligible. The mandated trainings can be incorporated into existing trainings for new and existing animal control officers.

LRC reached out the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) and KLC responded that HB 253 as proposed may have a negative fiscal impact on cities. The impact would be a result of the increased time commitment and cost of implementing the additional training. Training is a professional service that cities typically contract out. Expanding the current training offered due to the new requirement could result in an additional contract or an increase in the cost of the current contract to integrate any new training. Additionally, added costs for cities could occur as the trainings are either updated or expanded.

A final additional cost for cities may be additional time and administrative resources spent investigating potential crimes, or in court if a crime does occur because more cases have been identified. As a result, HB 253 as proposed may result in a negative fiscal impact for cities.

LRC staff also reached out to the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo). If KACo provides information this mandate statement may be amended.

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