

The expected fiscal impact of HB 3 GA is indeterminable. Expanding the definition of promoting human trafficking may result in more convictions and incarcerations for the offense. However, the offense is either a Class D or Class C felony depending on the age of the victim, so it is unlikely that many such offenders would serve time in local jails. For those that do, the cost of incarcerating such felons is outlined below.

Law enforcement would need to be made aware of new requirements for posting displays required by Sections 5, 7, 8, and 9, though this likely wouldn't require a significant commitment of additional resources. Fines collected under these sections would be paid to the human trafficking victims fund, some of which may be paid to law enforcement agencies as additional revenues.

When a court denies bail to a Class D felony defendant, the local government is responsible for incarcerating the defendant until disposition of the case in one of Kentucky's 74 full service jails or three life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, each additional inmate increases facility costs by an average cost to incarcerate of \$44.97, which includes the \$35.34 per diem and medical expenses that the Department of Corrections pays jails to house felony offenders. Upon sentencing, a Class D felon is housed in one of Kentucky's full service jails for the duration of his or her sentence. The Department of Corrections pays a jail \$35.34 per day to house a Class D felon. The per diem may be less than, equal to, or greater than the actual housing cost.

When a court denies bail to a Class C felony defendant, the local government is responsible for incarcerating the defendant until disposition of the case in one of Kentucky's 74 full service jails or three life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, each additional inmate increases facility costs by an average cost to incarcerate of \$44.97, which includes the \$35.34 per diem and medical expenses that the Department of Corrections pays jails to house felony offenders. Class C felons are ineligible for placement in local jails until they are classified at the lowest custody level with 24 months or less to their minimum expiration date or parole eligibility date. The Department of Corrections pays local jails \$35.34 per day to house these Class C felons. The per diem may be less than, equal to, or greater than the actual housing cost.

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