Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2024 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #: 1794						
Bill #: HB 461 GA						
Document ID #: 8188						
Bill Title: AN ACT relating to school bus safety.						
Sponsor: Representative David Hale						
Unit of Government: X City X County Multiple Multiple Multiple Multiple Multiple Unified Local Multiple Multiple Multiple Multiple						
X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government						
Office(s) Impacted: All local government school districts						
Requirement: <u>X</u> Mandatory Optional						
Effect on Powers & Duties: X Modifies Existing X Adds New Eliminates Existing						

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

HB 461/GA would allow, but not mandate the use of camera monitoring systems on all school buses by any school districts, and require the enforcement of a civil penalty for stop arm camera violations recorded by a camera monitoring system. The civil penalty for a first violation will be \$500 and the civil penalty for a second and subsequent violations within a three-year period will be \$1,000. The same penalties will also apply for a violation of KRS 189.370 (passing a stopped school or church bus), enforced by law enforcement and not a stop arm camera.

HB 461/GA allows for suspension of vehicle registration for failure to pay a fine within 60 days. Participating counties will notify the Transportation Cabinet to release a suspension within one business day of collecting the funds to satisfy the civil penalty. The sheriff may charge and collect from the county a fee of \$50 from every civil penalty collected by the county under Section 3 of this Act for a violation that was enforced by the sheriff's office.

A contest to stop arm camera violation shall be heard by the District Court, and the legislative body of the county shall direct the county attorney to defend the stop arm camera violation.

The fiscal impact to county government is not determinable, expected to be positive but not significant. According to data from the Administrative Office of the Courts for fiscal year 2023, local law enforcement issued 361 citations for violation of KRS 189.370, which resulted in 151 convictions. Participating local governments may see a slight increase in revenue due to receiving the civil penalty revenue for stop arm camera violations less any court costs and fees to sheriff's offices. Likewise for sheriff's offices.

Data Source(s): <u>AOC</u>

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