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

## **Part I: Measure Information**

Bill Request #: 1721								
Bill #: HB 484 SCS 1								
<b>Document ID #:</b> 9566								
Bill Title:         AN ACT relating to emergency medical services.								
Sponsor: Representative Deanna Frazier Gordon								
Unit of Government:	XCityXCountyXUrban-CountyXCharter CountyXConsolidated LocalXGovernment							
Office(s) Impacted:	Revenues							
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 484 SCS 1 Section 1 would amend KRS 189.010 to define "super speeder" as a driver convicted of driving 25 miles per hour or more over the speed limit.

**Section 2** would create a new section of KRS Chapter 189 to impose an additional fee for conviction as a super speeder. Failure to pay the fee within 90 days would result in suspension of driving privileges and an additional fee. Fees collected would be distributed to the following funds established in the bill: the Bentley rural hospital preservation fund, the Kentucky trauma care system fund, and the emergency medical services education grant fund.

**Section 3** of HB 484 SCS 1 would establish an emergency medical services education grant program overseen by the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services. The program would be comprised of 3 components:

- 1. Student tuition support;
- 2. Agency support; and

3. Emergency medical services training or educational institution support.

Nonprofit entities and those serving/planning to serve underserved areas would be prioritized. The bill would establish in the State Treasury, the emergency medical services education grant fund consisting of state appropriations, contributions, donations, and gifts. Staffing and administrative costs of the grant fund would be prohibited from exceeding 5% of the fund amount.

**Section 5** would establish that a driver's license would not be issued to a super speeder whose driving privilege have been suspended and who has not paid the assessed fees.

## HB 484 SCS 1 as proposed would have no direct fiscal impact on local governments but could have a minimal to moderate positive fiscal impact on local governments.

The emergency medical services education grant program would be funded through state appropriations, donations, gifts, or contributions and not by local taxes. Awarded grant funds may reduce city costs for EMT training, equipment, and technology.

The Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) reports that as of 2022 there existed 34 ambulance services owned by counties, 4 joint county/city enterprises, and 38 ambulance services were funded by their own taxing district.

The funds established by HB 484 SCS 1 would each have a positive fiscal impact on local governments. In addition to the services provided by the programs funded by the fees generated, each program could also increase employment opportunities, especially in small, rural communities.

|--|

<b>Preparer:</b>	Mary Stephens (BW)	<b>Reviewer:</b>	KHC	Date:	3/28/24
------------------	--------------------	------------------	-----	-------	---------