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

## **Part I: Measure Information**

Bill Request #: 1692						
Bill #: HB 487						
<b>Document ID #:</b> <u>3548</u>						
Bill Title: AN ACT relating to campaign finance.						
Sponsor: Representative Daniel Grossberg						
Unit of Government: City X County X Urban-County Unified Local X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Covernment						
X Charter County X Consolidated Local X Government   Office(s) Impacted: Jails						
Requirement: X Mandatory Optional						
Effect on Powers & Duties: X Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing						

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

Section 1 of HB 487 amends KRS 121.015 to define "campaign consultant" as a person who provides one or more of the paid services defined within this Section. If the person is a registered agent, they are considered a campaign consultant if they provide any of the services regardless of whether they are paid to do so. Persons convicted of fraud, bribery, or electioneering are prohibited from serving as a campaign consultant.

**Section 2** creates new sections of KRS Chapter 121 to establish the registration process for campaign consultants, set penalty for failure to register, and require employers of campaign consultants to pay a registration fee. Any campaign consultant or employer who intentionally fails to register shall be guilty of a Class D felony.

Section 3 requires that an employer of one or more campaign consultants must pay a registration fee of \$250 to the registry.

### HB 487 is expected to have an indeterminate impact on local governments because the number of violations of this act cannot be anticipated.

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.

## **Data Source(s):** <u>LRC Staff; Kentucky Department of Corrections</u>

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