

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

**Part I: Measure Information**

**Bill Request #:** 1485

**Bill #:** HB 520

**Document ID #:** 2726

**Bill Title:** AN ACT relating to destruction of firearms.

**Sponsor:** Representative Keturah J. Herron

Unit of Government:  City  County  Urban-County  
 Charter County  Consolidated Local  Unified Local  
Government

Office(s) Impacted: Law enforcement agencies of a consolidated local government.

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**

BR 1485 amends KRS 500.090 to allow a law enforcement agency of a consolidated local government that receives custody of any firearm that is abandoned, confiscated, or forfeited to destroy the firearm in accordance with any guidelines set forth by the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATFE). Consolidated local governments are not required to destroy the firearms, they can transfer possession of the firearm to the Department of Kentucky State Police for disposition as provided by KRS 16.220, which is the current method.

**The fiscal impact of BR 1485 on law enforcement agencies of a consolidated local government. is minimal.** ATFE describes acceptable procedures for destroying firearms on their website. Acceptable methods of destruction include completely melting, shredding or crushing the firearm receiver. In the alternative, the weapon can be destroyed by making three cuts that remove at least ¼ inch of metal with an acetylene torch in at least three different critical locations in the firearm. These cuts include the forward wall or barrel mounting area, the rear wall, and an area having a critical fire-

control component mounting pin and/or the slot in which the operating handle reciprocates.

**Data Source(s):** LRC Staff, United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

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