

**Local Government Mandate Statement  
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission  
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**Part I: Measure Information**

Bill Request #: 1646

Bill #: HB 556

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Bill Title: AN ACT relating to coverage for injectable epinephrine devices.

Sponsor: Representative Cherylynn Stevenson

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

Office(s) Impacted: All local government offices that offer health insurance coverage to their employees and employees' families.

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 556 would require all health benefit plans offered in Kentucky cover injectable epinephrine devices for persons 18 years or younger, without copayment, coinsurance, deductibles or other cost-sharing requirement. If this requirement would cause a health benefit plan’s failure to qualify as a Health Savings Account-qualified High Deductible Health Plan under federal law then the requirement would not apply to that plan until the minimum deductible is satisfied.

Section 5 of the bill would require the Kentucky Employees Health Plan and any fully insured health benefit plan or self-insured plan issued or renewed to public employees to comply.

**HB 556 would likely have a minimal positive fiscal impact on cities.** Many health care plans do not cover the name brand EpiPen, but do cover generic injectable epinephrine devices. While the requirement that epinephrine devices be fully covered at

no cost could negatively impact health premiums, such impact would be limited due to the age limit for required coverage. Usage of the devices may prevent more serious medical claims, which could result in cost savings.

Input for this mandate analysis was requested from the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo). If input is received from KACo this mandate statement may be amended.

**Data Source(s):** Kentucky League of Cities; LRC Staff.

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