



JUDICIAL FORM RETIREMENT SYSTEM

JUDICIAL RETIREMENT PLAN | LEGISLATORS RETIREMENT PLAN

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February 29, 2024

Ms. Katie Carney
Director's Office
Legislative Research Commission
Capitol Annex, Room 104
Frankfort, KY 40601

**RE: HB 617 - AN ACT relating to behavioral health services.
AA Statement 1 and 2 of 5**

Dear Ms. Carney:

HB 617 (BR 2129) would create new sections of KRS Chapter 210 to define terms; establish the Kentucky Youth Mobile Crisis Response Program within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; set requirements for mobile crisis response teams; require the cabinet to develop protocols and issue a report to the Interim Joint Committees on Health Services and Families and Children; require the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations; establish the Youth Behavioral Health Crisis Advisory Board; require behavioral health emergency services provided by a mobile crisis response team to be paid for by the state if a youth is uninsured or the services are not covered under his or her insurance plan; create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require a health benefit or plan that provides benefits for mental health or substance abuse to provide coverage for behavioral health emergency services; amend KRS 205.522 to require Medicaid to cover behavioral health emergency services; amend KRS 205.6485 to require behavioral health emergency services to be covered by the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program; amend KRS 164.2871 to require coverage for behavioral health emergency services under self-insured employer group health plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution; amend KRS 18A.225 to require coverage for behavioral health emergency services under the state employee health plan; direct the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to seek federal approval if deemed necessary

Staff of the Judicial Form Retirement System (JFRS) has reviewed **HB 617 (BR 2129)** and determined it would not materially increase or decrease benefits, or increase or decrease participation in benefits, or change the current actuarial liability of either plan administered by JFRS. The requirements outlined in the legislation could cause an increase to insurance premiums for the plans provided through JFRS, but that is not easily measurable at this time.

In compliance with KRS 6.350(2)(c), the Judicial Form Retirement Systems (the agency in charge with the administration of JRP and LRP) certifies the following:

1. The estimated number of participants potentially affected, as of June 30, 2023, are 1,018 individuals participating in JRP or LRP.
2. There is no estimated change in benefits.
3. There is no estimated change to current employer costs; however, if the requirements outlined in the legislation increased insurance premiums, there could be an increase in employer cost.
4. There is no estimated change to administrative expenses.

We have not requested any further actuarial analysis of **HB 617 (BR 2129)** by the Systems' independent actuary. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this analysis.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bo Cracraft". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bo Cracraft,
Executive Director



KENTUCKY PUBLIC PENSIONS AUTHORITY

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March 11, 2024

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RE: House Bill 617 (24 RS BR 2129)
AA Statement Required by KRS 6.350
AA Statement 3 and 4 of 5

Dear Ms. Carney:

House Bill 617 (2024 RS BR 2129) creates new sections of Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 210 for define terms; establishes the Kentucky Youth Mobile Crisis Response Program within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; sets requirements for mobile crisis response teams; requires the cabinet to develop protocols and issue a report to the interim Joint Committee on Health Services and Families and Children; requires the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations; establishes the Youth Behavioral Health Crisis Advisory Board; requires behavioral health emergency services provided by a mobile crisis response team to be paid by the state if a youth is uninsured or the services are not covered under his or her insurance plan; creates a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require a health benefit or plan that provides benefits for mental health or substance abuse to provide coverage for behavioral health emergency services; amends KRS 205.522 to require Medicaid to cover behavioral health emergency services; amends KRS 205.6485 to require behavioral health emergency services to be covered by the Kentucky Children's health Insurance Program; amends KRS 164.2871 to require coverage for behavioral health emergency services under self-insured employer group health plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution; amends KRS 18A.225 to require coverage for behavioral health emergency services under the state employee health plan; and directs the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to seek federal approval if deemed necessary. This bill is effective, in part, January 1, 2025.

Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA) staff members have examined House Bill 617 (2024 RS BR 2129). We have determined that the bill will not increase or decrease benefits, nor will it increase or decrease the participation in benefits, in any of the retirement systems administered by the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority. House Bill 617 (2024 RS BR 2129) will not change the actuarial accrued liability of any of the systems administered by KPPA.

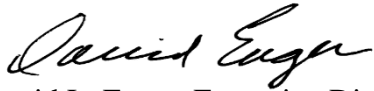
In accordance with KRS 6.350 (2)(c), Kentucky Public Pensions Authority certifies the following:

1. The estimated number of individuals potentially affected as of June 30, 2023, are 421,609 active, inactive, and retired members in the plans administered by KPPA;
2. There is no estimated change in benefit payments;
3. There may be an increase in employer costs if the change increases insurance premiums for the plans offered by the KPPA; and
4. There is no estimated change in administrative expenses.

We have not requested any further actuarial analysis of House Bill 617 (2024 RS BR 2129) by the KPPA's independent actuary.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding our analysis of House Bill 617 (2024 RS BR 2129).

Sincerely,



David L. Eager, Executive Director
Kentucky Public Pensions Authority