

Section 8 would amend KRS 18A.225 (effective January 1, 2025) to require the Kentucky Employees Health Plan and any fully insured health benefit plan or self-insured plan issued or renewed to public employees comply with Section 4.

HB 617 as proposed would have no fiscal impact on cities. Mental health services are already required to be covered by all health plans that are compliant with the Affordable Care Act, including the Kentucky Employees Health Plan (KEHP).

Currently 157 county and city governmental entities participate in KEHP. Youth mental health services are covered under the state children’s health plan, KCHIP, or will be covered under their guardian’s health plans. The uninsured would be covered using state funds. As a result, the proposed legislation will have no impact on cities.

Information for this mandate statement was sought from the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo). If information is received from KACo this mandate statement may be amended.

Data Source(s): Kentucky League of Cities; LRC Staff; Personnel Cabinet

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