



# KENTUCKY PUBLIC PENSIONS AUTHORITY

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Ms. Katie Carney  
Executive Assistant, Director's Office  
Legislative Research Commission  
Capitol Annex, Room 186  
Frankfort, KY 40601

**RE: House Bill 709 (2024 RS BR 363)**  
**AA Statement Required by KRS 6.350**  
**AA Statement 1 and 2 of 5**

Dear Ms. Carney:

House Bill 709 (2024 RS BR 363) amends Kentucky Revised Statute 304.17A-145 to define terms; requires health benefit plans to provide coverage for counseling interventions for pregnant and postpartum persons at increased risk of perinatal depression, including persons who have suffered a miscarriage or stillbirth; amends KRS 205.522, 205.6485, 18A.225, and 164.2871 to require Medicaid, the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program, the state employee health plan, and self-insured employer plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution to comply with the coverage requirement for counseling interventions; make technical amendments; directs that certain provisions apply to health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025; and requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to seek federal approval if they determine that such approval is necessary. This bill is effective, in part, January 1, 2025.

Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA) staff members have examined House Bill 709 (2024 RS BR 363). 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 709 (2024 RS BR 363) 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 709 (2024 RS BR 363) by the KPPA's independent actuary.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding our analysis of House Bill 709 (2024 RS BR 363).

Sincerely,

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David L. Eager, Executive Director  
Kentucky Public Pensions Authority

March 6, 2024

Ms. Katie Carney

Director's Office

Legislative Research Commission

Capitol Annex, Room 104

Frankfort, KY 40601

**RE: HB 709 - AN ACT relating to mental health coverage in connection with pregnancy.**

**AA Statement 3 and 4 of 5**

Dear Ms. Carney:

**HB 709 (BR 363)** would amend KRS 304.17A-145 to define terms; require health benefit plans to provide coverage for counseling interventions for pregnant and postpartum persons at increased risk of perinatal depression, including persons who have suffered a miscarriage or stillbirth; amend KRS 205.522, 205.6485, 18A.225, and 164.2871 to require Medicaid, the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program, the state employee health plan, and self-insured employer plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution to comply with the coverage requirement for counseling interventions; make technical amendments; direct that certain provisions apply to health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to seek federal approval if they determine that such approval is necessary.

Staff of the Judicial Form Retirement System (JFRS) has reviewed **HB 709 (BR 363)** 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, 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 709 (BR 363)** by the Systems' independent actuary. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this analysis.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director