# Local Government Mandate Statement <br> Kentucky Legislative Research Commission <br> 2024 Regular Session 

## Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request \#: 363
Bill \#: HB 709
Document ID \#: 2147
Bill Title: $\quad$ AN ACT relating to mental health coverage in connection with pregnancy.

Sponsor: Representative Rachel Roberts

| Unit of Government: | $\underline{X}$ City | $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ County | $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ Urban-County |
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|  | $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ Charter County | $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ Consolidated Local | $\underline{\mathbf{X}}$ Unified Local |
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Office(s) Impacted: All who provide health care insurance that provides maternity coverage.

Requirement: _X_Mandatory __ Optional
Effect on
Powers \& Duties: X_ Modifies Existing ___ Adds New ___ Eliminates Existing
Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local
HB 709 Section 1 would amend KRS.17A-145 to require that a health benefit plan that provides maternity coverage also cover counseling interventions for pregnant and postpartum persons at increased risk of depression in the time period just before and after giving birth, including women who have suffered a miscarriage or stillbirth. For purposes of the counseling requirement, the definition of "health benefit plan" would include college or university student health insurance. The requirement would apply to all health benefit plans offered in Kentucky including the Kentucky Employees Health Plan (KEHP).

HB 709 would have minimal if any fiscal impact on local governments. The counseling services required by the bill are already included in the health insurance plans subscribed to by most local governments, including the 157 county and city governmental entities that participate in KEHP.

The Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo) was contact for input for this local mandate analysis. If input is received from KACo this mandate may be amended.

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