

accessing orders of protection, adding to administrative expenses. Law enforcement agencies will incur higher costs related to serving summonses, enforcing protection orders, and responding to violations. This will require additional manpower, training, and resources. Additionally, the bill establishes a Class A misdemeanor. The cost of housing such misdemeanants for local jails is outlined below.

A person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to twelve months. Misdemeanants are housed in one of Kentucky's 74 full-service jails or three life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, this estimated impact will be based on an average cost to incarcerate of \$44.97 per day. While the majority of misdemeanor defendants are granted bail, those who do not will also cost local jails an average cost to incarcerate of \$44.97 per day.

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