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**SB 141 could have an undeterminable negative fiscal impact on cities and counties in rural areas of Kentucky.** It is unknown what the regular employment of volunteer firefighters, police, and emergency management members or trainees is, or their pay for that employment. Volunteer firefighters and other local government first responders injured during emergency calls are covered under the state workers compensation program that is administered by the Kentucky Personnel Cabinet with premiums paid by their employer, i.e. a city or county government. In low-wage areas of Kentucky, basing workers' compensation benefits on a statewide average wage could be a significant increase in benefits to workers and in workers compensation fund contributions by local government employers.

Information was requested from the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACO). If KACO responds this statement may be amended.

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