



**The fiscal impact of SB 16 SCS 1 on local governments is indeterminable, though likely slightly negative.** As it changes the definition of a previously existing misdemeanor, there is no conviction or incarceration history for the new definition of the offense with which to base a projection of potential costs to local jails or law enforcement. However, the daily costs for those incarcerated as a result of the offense are outlined below.

A person convicted of a Class B misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to 90 days. 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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