

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2025 BR NUMBER 277

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 14

TITLE AN ACT relating to school safety.

SPONSOR Representative Kevin Jackson

FISCAL SUMMARY

STATE FISCAL IMPACT: YES NO UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY: ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS
 LOCAL MANDATE CORRECTIONS IMPACT HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE STATE
EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN IMPACT

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED:

FUND(S) IMPACTED: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED _____

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2024-2025	2025-2026	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES			
NET EFFECT			

() indicates a decrease/negative

PURPOSE OF MEASURE: The purpose of the measure is to allow school districts to purchase wearable panic alert systems, which permit wearers to clandestinely alert first responders to an emergency event. The measure is permissive, and does not require the purchase of the systems. The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) must make available a list of approved systems to school districts. Finally, the Center for School Safety must establish a grant program to provide up to a 50% match for districts that purchase and maintain wearable panic alert systems, but the grants are subject to the availability of funds.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: The measure requires KDE to compile a list of approved systems, which can be accomplished with existing resources. The Center for School Safety grant program is subject to the availability of funds. Therefore, there is no state fiscal impact associated with the measure.

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