

**Local Government Mandate Statement  
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission  
2025 Regular Session**

**Part I: Measure Information**

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| <b>Bill Request #:</b> | 257  | <b>Bill #:</b>  | HB 17                          |
| <b>Document ID #:</b>  | 1264   | <b>Sponsor:</b> | Representative Mark Allen Hart |
| <b>Bill Title:</b>     | AN ACT relating to peace officer certification and declaring an emergency. |                 |                                |

Unit of Government:     City                       County                       Urban-County  
                                   Charter County         Consolidated Local     Unified Local

Office(s) Impacted:              All that employ law enforcement          

Requirement:         Mandatory         Optional

Effect on Powers & Duties:     Modifies Existing     Adds New     Eliminates Existing

Other Fiscal Statement(s) that may exist:     Actuarial Analysis         Corrections Impact  
     Health Benefit Mandate     State Employee Health Plan

**Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government**

HB 17 would amend KRS 15.382, related to peace officer professional standards certification. KRS 15.382 currently requires that peace officers must pass a physical agility test either administered or approved by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council or, if the employing agency has a validated job task analysis, the test administered by that agency. HB 17 would amend the statute to provide that a person who was previously employed as a peace officer in the Commonwealth before December 1, 1998, is no longer required to pass a physical agility test unless mandated by their employing agency as a condition of employment.

Additionally, HB 17 would allow agencies with their own validated job task analysis to conduct psychological suitability screenings instead of examinations as a qualification requirement, as is currently required when the employing agency has its own validated job task analysis.

**The fiscal impact of HB 17 on local governments is expected to be minimal.**

The language of the proposed legislation is permissive, meaning agencies would not be required to implement its provisions. The Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police was consulted and indicated that the fiscal impact of HB 17 is expected to be negligible.

**Data Source(s):** LRC Staff; Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police

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