

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

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:	8	Bill #:	HB 47
Document ID #:	752	Sponsor:	Rep. Shane Baker
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to sexual extortion		

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

Office(s) Impacted: Jails, 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

Section 1 of HB 47 would create a new Class C felony and Class D felony related to sexual extortion. Under certain conditions such as the victim being a minor or the perpetrator being a repeat offender, the penalty for being convicted of either offense must be upgraded by one class.

Section 2 would establish that a person who violates Section 1 would be personally liable for actual and punitive damages, court costs, and reasonable attorney fees in civil court.

It would also mandate that local school boards require public secondary schools to display signs that inform students of the definition of sexual extortion and provide relevant contact information for state and local law enforcement for victims to use. All postsecondary educational institutions would also be required to display this signage.

Section 3 would add sexual extortion to the definition of a sex crime and include it as an offense that results in offenders being placed on the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet registry of sex offenders.

HB 47 would have an indeterminate negative fiscal impact on local jails and law enforcement. The number of violations of this act cannot be anticipated, however there would be costs associated with investigations conducted by law enforcement, incarceration of offenders, and monitoring of offenders.

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Data Source(s): Kentucky Department of Corrections

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