

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

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:	1601	Bill #:	HB 495/GA
Document ID #:	6284	Sponsor:	Rep. David R. Meade
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to executive orders and declaring an emergency		

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

Office(s) Impacted: Local Government

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 495/GA is a legislative act from the Commonwealth of Kentucky that nullifies Executive Order 2024-632 and any similar orders effective immediately upon its passage. It states that such orders will have no legal effect until January 1, 2028. The act also declares an emergency to protect the rights of Kentuckians, allowing it to take effect as soon as it is approved by the Governor or becomes law.

The bill as introduced and Executive Order 2024-632 prohibits the Commonwealth and its agencies from discriminating against mental health professionals, institutions, support organizations, and guardians who consent to children receiving protected counseling services. It states the Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall take all actions necessary to prohibit the direct or indirect use of state and federal funds for the practice of conversion therapy on minors, referring a minor for conversion therapy, or extending health benefits coverage for conversion therapy with a minor. Individuals harmed by violations can seek legal action in Circuit Court for various forms of relief, including damages and reinstatement.

The fiscal impact of HB 495/GA is indeterminable but likely positive. Local governments may save on costs associated with administrative expenses, compliance monitoring, training, and implementing new policies that would have aligned with the introduced bill and Executive Order 2024-632. HB 495/GA could also reduce legal claims and costs for local governments related to discrimination against mental health professionals and related entities.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff

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