CORRECTIONS IMPACT STATEMENT

SESSION: 25RS BILL #: HB 716 Introduced BR #:1920

BILL SPONSOR(S): Rep. S. Dietz AMENDMENT SPONSOR(S):

TITLE: AN ACT relating to sex offender registration.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: Amend KRS 17.500 to include various forms of identification in the definition of "registrant information"; amend KRS 17.510 to reduce the amount of time allowed for a registrant to notify probation and parole of a registrant's change of address from five days to three days; require a registrant to report to probation and parole in-person on a semiannual or quarterly basis; requires the Commonwealth to recognize offenses committed by a person in the District of Columbia or on land recognized as belonging to an Indian tribe; amend KRS 17.520 to include any degree of rape, any degree of sodomy, incest under KRS 530.020(b) or (c), sexual abuse in the first degree under KRS 510.110(1)(b)2., or felony attempt to commit, conspiracy to commit, or solicitation to commit any of those offenses as offenses that require lifetime registration; provide that all other registrants are required to register for 25 years; amend KRS 17.546 to provide that a registrant who is a minor may use electronic communications to communicate with or gather information about other minors under certain conditions; amend KRS 17.580 to require the Department of Kentucky State Police to display information regarding a registrant's employment and vehicle information on the sex offender registry website on or before January 1, 2027; make technical corrections.

AMENDMENT:

This ☒ bill ☐ amendment ☐ committee substitute is expected to:

☒ **Have the following Corrections impact**	☐ **Have no Corrections impact.**
☐Creates new crime(s)	☐Repeals existing crime(s)
☐Increases penalty for existing crime(s)	☐Decreases penalty for existing crime(s)
☐Increases incarceration	☐Decreases incarceration.
☐Reduces inmate/offender services	☒Increases inmate/offender services.
☒Increases staff time or positions	☐Reduces staff time or positions.
☐Changes elements of the offense for existing crime(s)	
☐Otherwise impacts incarceration (Explain):	

STATE IMPACT: Class A, B, & C felonies are based on an average daily prison rate of $122.84. Community Custody Class C and most Class D felons are housed in one of seventy-four (74) full-service or regional jails for up to five (5) years. Department of Corrections cost to incarcerate a felony inmate in jail is $47.43 per day, which includes $35.34 per diem, medical costs, and central office administrative costs (substance abuse treatment not included).*

Projected Impact: ☒ NONE ☐ MINIMAL to MODERATE (< $1 million) ☐ SIGNIFICANT (> $1 million)

There would be no fiscal impact at the state level.

DOC reviews staffing ratios routinely as the population changes. American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) standards recommend an approximate 1:50 caseload ratio for officers with moderate to high-risk offenders.

LOCAL IMPACT: Local governments are responsible for the cost of incarcerating individuals charged with Class A or B misdemeanors and felony defendants until the disposition of the case. The estimated impact will be based on the $47.43 cost to incarcerate for the Department of Corrections, including $35.34 per diem and medical that DOC pays jails to house felony offenders. This cost to incarcerate may not be the actual housing cost for the jail.*

Projected Impact: ☒ NONE ☐ MINIMAL to MODERATE (< $1 million) ☐ SIGNIFICANT (> $1 million)

There would be no fiscal impact at the local level.

PROJECTED IMPACT FROM AMENDMENTS: ☐ NONE ☐ MINIMAL to MODERATE (< $1 million) ☐ SIGNIFICANT (> $1 million)

**All projections are based on the daily rate x 365 days x number of years. The cost to incarcerate as calculated by the Department is shown here as rounded to the hundredths. Offenders may have multiple offenses or be incarcerated on other charges unless otherwise noted. Unless otherwise noted, numbers will include inchoate offenses at the underlying offense level.*

The following offices contributed to this Corrections Impact Statement:

☒ Dept. of Corrections ☐ Dept. of Kentucky State Police ☐ Administrative Office of the Courts ☐ Parole Board ☐ Other

NOTE: *Consideration should be given to the cumulative impact of all bills that increase the felon population, lengthen the term of incarceration, or impose new obligations on state or local governments.*

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Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Corrections Date