Local Government Mandate Statement
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Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:	1920	**Bill #:**	HB 716
Document ID #:	4852	**Sponsor:**	Rep. Stephanie Dietz
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to sex offender registration		

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

Office(s) Impacted: Department of Corrections, Jails

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

KRS 17.510 states a sex offender shall register with the appropriate local probation and parole office in the county in which they reside, on or before the date they are released by the court, parole board, cabinet, or detention facility. Any change in registrant information requires the registrant to appear in person and take a current photograph and verify the registrant's address, names, vehicle license numbers, government-issued ID, among other registrant information.

Current statute states that any person who has been convicted in a court of any state or territory, a court of the United States must register with the county of residence within 5 working days of relocation.

HB 716 amends KRS 17.510 Section 2, adding the District of Columbia or any federally recognized Indian tribe to applicable jurisdictions. The registrant must register with the county of residence within 3 working days of relocation. HB 716 also states that a registrant must file the appropriate information if traveling outside of the United States 3 days after returning with the appropriate parole office. Current statute gives 5 days.

Any person who is required to register and is found in violation of requirements of Section 2 is guilty of a Class D felony for the first offense and a Class C felony for each subsequent offense.

The fiscal impact of HB 716 on local government is likely negative. The jurisdiction for sex offenders to register is expanded to include the District of Columbia and federally recognized Indian tribes. The timespan to file appropriate paperwork for relocation and travel outside the United States is changed from 5 days to 3 days, resulting in less time to register with the applicable county. It is undeterminable how many violations and offenses may occur.

When a court denies bail to a Class D felony defendant, the local government is responsible for incarcerating the defendant until disposition of the case in one of Kentucky's 74 full-service jails or three life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, each additional inmate increases facility costs by an average cost to incarcerate of $47.43, which includes the $35.34 per diem and medical expenses that the Department of Corrections pays jails to house felony offenders. Upon sentencing, a Class D felon is housed in one of Kentucky's full-service jails for the duration of his or her sentence. The Department of Corrections pays a jail $35.34 per day to house a Class D felon. The per diem may be less than, equal to, or greater than the actual housing cost.

When a court denies bail to a Class C felony defendant, the local government is responsible for incarcerating the defendant until disposition of the case in one of Kentucky's 74 full-service jails or three life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, each additional inmate increases facility costs by an average cost to incarcerate of $47.43, which includes the $35.34 per diem and medical expenses that the Department of Corrections pays jails to house felony offenders. Class C felons are ineligible for placement in local jails until they are classified at the lowest custody level with 24 months or less to their minimum expiration date or parole eligibility date. The Department of Corrections pays local jails $35.34 per day to house these Class C felons. The per diem may be less than, equal to, or greater than the actual housing cost.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff, Department of Corrections

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