Local Government Mandate Statement
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
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Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:	189	**Bill #:**	HB 93
Document ID #:	1794	**Sponsor:**	Rep. Wade Williams
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to target shooting		

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

Office(s) Impacted: Department of Corrections, Law Enforcement, 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

HB 93 adds a new section to Chapter 237 for target shooting. Section 1 gives definitions for firearm, handgun, and target shooting. This bill prohibits careless or reckless target shooting that could endanger people, pets, livestock, wildlife, or property. It allows target shooting at designated recreation facilities or in areas with safe earthen backstops. Violation of HB 93 constitutes a Class A misdemeanor.

Per the Department of Corrections, a Class A misdemeanor is 90 days to 1 year in jail.

- One (1) Class A misdemeanant: $4,269.02 to $17,313.27
- Ten (10) Class A misdemeanants: $42,690.25 to $173,132.67
- One hundred (100) Class A misdemeanants: $426,902.48 to $1,731,326.74

The fiscal impact of HB 93 on local government is indeterminable but likely negative. According to the Corrections Impact by Department of Corrections, establishing new misdemeanor offenses could result in additional county prisoners being housed in county jails, but the impact is expected to be minimal.

A person convicted of a Class A misdemeanor may be incarcerated for up to twelve months. Misdemeanants are housed in one of Kentucky's 74 full-service jails or three life safety jails. While the expense of housing inmates varies by jail, this estimated impact will be based on an average cost to incarcerate of $47.43 per day. While the majority of misdemeanor defendants are granted bail, those who do not will also cost local jails an average cost to incarcerate of $47.43 per day.

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

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