

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

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:	1566	Bill #:	SB 122
Document ID #:	3299	Sponsor:	Sen. Jason Howell
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to the sale of dogs and cats.		

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

Office(s) Impacted: Local governments, 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

SB 122 prohibits retail pet shops from selling dogs or cats unless the animal was obtained from an animal shelter or qualified breeder. It also prohibits retail pet shops from selling a dog or cat that is less than eight weeks old, or selling a dog or cat to anyone under the age of eighteen. It also prohibits local governments from passing ordinances that conflict with the provisions of SB 122.

SB 122 would assess a retail pet shop a civil fine of \$500 for violation. Each animal offered for commercial sale in violation of this section shall constitute a separate offense. There is nothing in SB 122 that specifies that a local government will receive any portion of this fine.

SB 122 would have no fiscal impact on most local governments. If a local government currently has a local ordinance that conflicts with the provisions of this bill, they could incur minimal costs to change those ordinances to comply with SB 122.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff

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