Local Government Mandate Statement Kentucky Legislative Research Commission 2025 Regular Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:	1566	Bill #:	SB 122/SCS 1
Document ID #:	6099	Sponsor:	Sen. Jason Howell
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to the sale of dogs and cats.		
Unit of	□ City □	County	☑ Urban-County
Government:		Consolida	ated Local 🛛 Unified Local
Office(s) Impacted: Local governments, law enforcement			
Requirement:			
Effect on Powers & Duties: Modifies Existing Adds New Eliminates Existing			
Other Fiscal Statement(s) that may exist: Actuarial Analysis Health Benefit Mandate Corrections Impact State Employee Health Plan			

Part II: Bill Provisions and the Estimated Fiscal Impact Relating to Local Government

SB 122/SCS 1 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.

SB 122/SCS 1 restricts a county or municipality from prohibiting a compliant retail pet shop from operating within the county or municipality. It also allows the county or municipality to prohibit a retail pet shop or retail pet shop owner that has received three or more civil citations or violations from the sale of dogs or cats.

SB 122/SCS 1 allows a local ordinance to prescribe additional civil penalties and authorizes a county or municipality to enforce local rules, regulations, codes, and ordinances.

SB 122/SCS 1 would assess a retail pet shop a civil fine of \$500 for violation to be paid to the county or municipality in which the violation occurred. Each animal offered for commercial sale in violation of this section shall constitute a separate offense.

SB 122/SCS 1 would have a minimal, but positive fiscal impact on local governments. A local government would receive civil fine revenue for each violation.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff

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