

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2025 BR NUMBER 1398

SENATE BILL NUMBER 207

TITLE AN ACT relating to public school innovation.

SPONSOR Senator Stephen West

FISCAL SUMMARY

STATE FISCAL IMPACT: YES NO UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY: ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS
 LOCAL MANDATE CORRECTIONS IMPACT HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE STATE
EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN IMPACT

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: Office of Support Services

FUND(S) IMPACTED: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED _____

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2024-2025	2025-2026	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES		Indeterminable	Indeterminable
NET EFFECT		(Indeterminable)	(Indeterminable)

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PURPOSE OF MEASURE: The purpose of the measure is to permit boards of local school districts to petition the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) for exemptions to certain statutes and regulations. The measure specifies which regulations and statutes are not waivable, specifies the procedure for submitting a waiver request, the process for granting or denying an initial request or request for extension, and the conditions under which a previously granted waiver may be revoked. Local school district boards may ask for help from the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) when submitting a request to KBE.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: It is unclear how many requests for waivers will be made, what the complexity of those requests will be, how much supporting information will be included, and how much time and effort will be required to evaluate each request and make a determination. It is possible that KDE could support this added function within existing resources, but it is also possible that the number and/or complexity of requests could require hiring additional staff or engaging consultant support to process requests.

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