

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

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:	334	Bill #:	SB 95
Document ID #:	1614	Sponsor:	Senator Karen Berg
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to the forensic processing of firearms		

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

Office(s) Impacted: 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

Section 1 creates a new section of KRS Chapter 15 to require law enforcement agencies to transmit information to national law enforcement databases about firearms collected during criminal investigations. This includes ballistic results from test-firing firearms and spent shell casing recovered at a crime scene.

The fiscal impact of SB 95 on local law enforcement is unknown, but expected to be minimally negative. The legislation does not identify the specific crime labs to be used for the forensic analyses. The Kentucky State Police (KSP) has six crime labs throughout the state. This analysis assumes that local law enforcement would use one of these crime labs. According to KSP, they receive and process all evidence brought to them for analysis, including firearms and spent shell casings. The testing is done at no charge to the local law enforcement agency. The items tested and the corresponding test results are returned to the local agency. Any data entered into a specific database is done at the local level.

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