

**Local Government Mandate Statement
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
2026 Regular Session**

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:	1608	Bill #:	HB 276 GA
Document ID #:	4975	Sponsor:	Representative Steven Doan
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to keeping chickens on residential property.		

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

Office(s) Impacted: Code and Ordinance 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

HB 276 GA would prohibit a local government directly or indirectly prohibiting a person keeping 6 or fewer backyard chickens on a residential property. The bill would define “backyard chicken” as a domesticated hen kept on residential property for personal egg production or educational purposes. The term would not include a domesticated rooster, nor a domesticated hen or rooster used for commercial farming. The bill would allow reasonable ordinances regulating property setbacks and health and safety measures relating to backyard chickens. The bill would prohibit the commercial sale of eggs or backyard chickens on residential property.

Complying with the requirements of HB 276 GA would have no fiscal impact on local governments. The fiscal impact of HB 276 GA on local governments would not change from the bill as introduced. HB 276 GA would not require a local government take any action regarding backyard chickens in its jurisdiction; it would simply prevent the local government from prohibiting up to 6 backyard chickens, and would exclude unreasonable regulations of the keeping of backyard chickens. A local government having an ordinance banning chickens on residential property would not be allowed to enforce the ordinance.

Data Source(s): LRC staff

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