

# CORRECTIONS IMPACT STATEMENT

SESSION: 26RS BILL #: HB 312

GA

BR #: 1424

BILL SPONSOR(S): Rep. S. Maddox, J. Calloway, S. Doan, R. Dotson, P. Flannery, D. Gordon, M. Hart, C. Massaroni, M. Proctor, F. Rabourn, T. Roberts, R. White

AMENDMENT SPONSOR(S):

TITLE: AN ACT relating to concealed firearms and deadly weapons.

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION:** Create a new section of KRS Chapter 237 to define "provisional license" and "standard license"; authorize the Department of Kentucky State Police (KSP) to issue provisional licenses to carry concealed firearms and other deadly weapons to persons who are 18 to 20 years of age; require KSP to provide notice of expiration of provisional licenses and an application to switch from a provisional license to a standard license; allow the provisional license holder to apply by paper to his or her sheriff or online to KSP for a standard license; allow KSP to promulgate administrative regulations to administer provisional and standard license issuance.

**AMENDMENT: HFA 1:** Create a new section of KRS Chapter 237 to require the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet to submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary on fatal and nonfatal gun-related incidents resulting from the concealed carry of firearms and deadly weapons.

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This  bill  amendment  committee substitute is expected to:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Have the following Corrections impact</b>          | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Have no Corrections impact.</b>      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Creates new crime(s)   | <input type="checkbox"/> Repeals existing crime(s)               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increases penalty for existing crime(s)                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreases penalty for existing crime(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increases incarceration  | <input type="checkbox"/> Decreases incarceration.                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduces inmate/offender services                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Increases inmate/offender services.     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Increases staff time or positions                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduces staff time or positions.        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Changes elements of the offense for existing crime(s) |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Otherwise impacts incarceration (Explain):                       |  |

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**STATE IMPACT:** Class A, B, & C felonies are based on an average daily prison rate of \$116.41. Community Custody Class C and most Class D felons are housed in one of seventy-four (74) full-service or regional jails for up to five (5) years. Department of Corrections cost to incarcerate a felony inmate in jail is \$46.51 per day, which includes \$35.34 per diem, medical costs, and central office administrative costs (substance abuse treatment not included).\*

**Projected Impact:**  NONE  MINIMAL to MODERATE (< \$1 million)  SIGNIFICANT (> \$1 million)

The legislation would have no impact on operational costs at the state level.

**LOCAL IMPACT:** Local governments are responsible for the cost of incarcerating individuals charged with Class A or B misdemeanors and felony defendants until the disposition of the case. The estimated impact will be based on the \$46.51 cost to incarcerate for the Department of Corrections, including \$35.34 per diem and medical that DOC pays jails to house felony offenders. This cost to incarcerate may not be the actual housing cost for the jail.\*

**Projected Impact:**  NONE  MINIMAL to MODERATE (< \$1 million)  SIGNIFICANT (> \$1 million)

This legislation may reduce the number of Class A misdemeanors for persons 18 to 20 years of age by creating a provisional license.

*Population counts and offender data are sourced from the Kentucky Offender Management System (KOMS). Cost to Incarcerate can be found on [corrections.ky.gov/public-information](http://corrections.ky.gov/public-information).*

**PROJECTED IMPACT FROM AMENDMENTS:**  NONE  MINIMAL to MODERATE (< \$1 million)  SIGNIFICANT (> \$1 million)

GA: HFA 1 has no additional impact.

*\*All projections are based on the daily rate x 365 days x number of years. The cost to incarcerate as calculated by the Department is shown here as rounded to the hundredths. Offenders may have multiple offenses or be incarcerated on other charges unless otherwise noted. Unless otherwise noted, numbers will include inchoate offenses at the underlying offense level.*

**The following offices contributed to this Corrections Impact Statement:**

Dept. of Corrections  Dept. of Kentucky State Police  Administrative Office of the Courts  Parole Board  Other

NOTE: Consideration should be given to the cumulative impact of all bills that increase the felon population, lengthen the term of incarceration, or impose new obligations on state or local governments.

APPROVED BY:  2/13/2026  
Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Corrections Date