CORRECTIONS IMPACT STATEMENT

SESSION: 26RS BILL #: HB 511 Introduced BR #: 1915

BILL SPONSOR(S): Rep. T. Roberts, D. Grossberg, C. Aull, K. Banta, R. Bivens, J. Calloway, J. Gooch Jr., V. Grossl, M. Hart, J. Hodgson, K. Holloway, D. Lewis, M. Lockett, C. Massaroni, A. Moore, A. Thompson, R. White

AMENDMENT SPONSOR(S):

TITLE: AN ACT relating to hate crimes.

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION: Amend KRS 532.031, relating to hate crimes, to include offenses committed against an individual because of political creed; amend KRS 15.334 and 17.1523 to conform.

AMENDMENT:

This ☒ bill ☐ amendment ☐ committee substitute is expected to:

☒ **Have the following Corrections impact**	☐ **Have no Corrections impact.**
☐Creates new crime(s)	☐Repeals existing crime(s)
☐Increases penalty for existing crime(s)	☐Decreases penalty for existing crime(s)
☐Increases incarceration	☐Decreases incarceration.
☐Reduces inmate/offender services	☐Increases inmate/offender services.
☐Increases staff time or positions	☐Reduces staff time or positions.
☒Changes elements of the offense for existing crime(s)	
☐Otherwise impacts incarceration (Explain):	

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 likely result in a minimal increase in operational costs at the state level by expanding the definition of hate crime felonies. The designation may be considered by a sentencing court or the Parole Board in discretionary decisions regarding probation, parole, and conditions of supervision, which could reduce the likelihood of supervision in certain cases.

The cost to supervise an offender on probation or parole is $5.16 per day, or approximately $1,884.07 per offender per year. In contrast, incarceration costs $116.41 per day, resulting in a cost of approximately $42,488.13 per offender per year.

Cost to Incarcerate can be found on corrections.ky.gov/public-information.

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.*

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The cost to supervise an offender on probation or parole is $5.16 per day, or approximately $1,884.07 per offender per year. In contrast, county jail per diem costs $46.51 per day, resulting in a cost of approximately $16,975.64 per offender per year.

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

**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.*

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Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Corrections Date