

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

**Part I: Measure Information**

<b>Bill Request #:</b>	408	<b>Bill #:</b>	HB 644/GA
<b>Document ID #:</b>	8808	<b>Sponsor:</b>	Representative Steve Bratcher
<b>Bill Title:</b>	AN ACT relating to the awarding of a medal of distinction by the General Assembly		

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

Office(s) Impacted:    All those who have personnel awarded the General Assembly medal of distinction

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 644/GA creates the Kentucky General Assembly Medal of Distinction, the preeminent award conferred by the Commonwealth, and establishes the award criteria and selection process.

**The fiscal impact of HB 644/GA is expected to be very minimal.**

The local government may incur costs if they need to amend their personnel manuals or dress codes to allow a person that has received the GA medal of distinction to wear the medal in the workplace.

**Data Source(s):**    LRC Staff

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