Local Government Mandate Statement
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
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Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:	2520	**Bill #:**	HB 893
Document ID #:	7584	**Sponsor:**	Rep. Kim Banta
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to sentencing.		

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

Office(s) Impacted: Jails

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 893 proposes an amendment to KRS 532.110, which governs multiple prison sentences running concurrently or consecutively. The bill removes existing statutory limits on the total length of consecutive indeterminate sentences. Under the current statute, consecutive indeterminate sentences may not exceed the longest extended term for the most serious offense involved, and in no case may they total more than seventy years. This legislation deletes these limitations which would give courts the discretion to impose consecutive indeterminate sentences without the statutory caps that currently apply.

The fiscal impact of HB 893 on local government is indeterminable but likely negative. Since this legislation removes the statutory cap on the total length of consecutive indeterminate sentences, there is the potential for longer prison sentences. This could lead to inmates serving extended periods in local jails, potentially increasing costs by housing these inmates. According to the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACo), counties house an average of 7,120 state inmates, receiving a $35.34 per diem rate from the state. In fiscal year 2025, there was nearly $170 million in general funds spent on jail operations, a 76% increase from 2019.

Data Source(s): LRC Staff, Kentucky Association of Counties

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