

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2026 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2026 BR NUMBER 1631

SENATE BILL NUMBER 125 SCS2

TITLE AN ACT relating to juvenile justice.

SPONSOR Senator Danny Carroll

FISCAL SUMMARY

STATE FISCAL IMPACT: YES NO UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY: ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS
 LOCAL MANDATE CORRECTIONS IMPACT HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE STATE
EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLAN IMPACT

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: Juvenile Justice; Behavioral Health, Development and
Intellectual Disabilities; Medicaid Services

FUND(S) IMPACTED: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED _____

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES				
EXPENDITURES				\$125,000,000 in design and construction costs; \$27,600,000 in annual operating costs.
NET EFFECT				(\$125,000,000) in design and construction costs; (\$27,600,000) in annual operating costs.

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PURPOSE OF MEASURE: The measure requires the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to operate at least one female-only juvenile detention facility that safely segregates violent from nonviolent offenders, a second facility as funds are available, and a third facility as funds are available and the offender population exceeds available capacity. The measure also directs the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet to construct a high-acuity mental health facility subject to funding in the executive branch budget, and directs the Cabinet for Health and Family Services Cabinet (CHFS) to provide for inpatient and outpatient psychiatric care.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: DJJ has indicated it needs to construct two female-only facilities to continue to implement a regional model of detention that segregates offenders by gender and offense level as required in Section 25 of the measure. The estimated costs to construct the two

female-only facilities is \$45 million each with annual personnel and operating costs estimated at \$7.75 million each. The estimated cost to construct the high-acuity mental health facility is \$35 million with annual personnel and operating costs estimated at \$12.1 million. These costs are subject to funding in the biennial executive branch budget with construction costs likely funded with General Fund-supported bonds and annual personnel and operating with General Funds. CHFS has indicated the measure would not have a fiscal impact on them.

DATA SOURCE(S): LRC Staff; Department for Juvenile Justice; Cabinet for Health and Family Services

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