Local Government Mandate Statement
Kentucky Legislative Research Commission
Session

Part I: Measure Information

Bill Request #:	1123	**Bill #:**	SB 170/GA
Document ID #:	6526	**Sponsor:**	Sen. Brandon J. Storm
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to status offenses		

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

Office(s) Impacted: Law Enforcement

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

Section 10 adds a new section of KRS Chapter 630 to stipulate that a child who is under 14 years old and alleged to be a status offender may be detained in a nonsecure setting approved by the Department of Juvenile Justice. A child who is 14 years of age or older and alleged to be a status offender may be detained in either a nonsecure setting or a secure juvenile detention facility. Secure detention is limited to seven days unless a court provides written justification based on the safety of the child or the community. In all cases, the maximum allowable detention period is 30 days.

The fiscal impact of SB 170/GA is indeterminable but expected to be minimally negative. Law enforcement officers will be involved in the beginning stages of a truancy complaint or other status offense and will need to detain youth offenders. This will incur costs in the form of law enforcement officer time.

Data Source(s): LRC staff

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