

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

Bill Request #:	1668	Bill #:	SB 84
Document ID #:	3174	Sponsor:	Senator Matthew Deneen
Bill Title:	AN ACT relating to timely emergency response by coroners, making an appropriation therefor and declaring an emergency.		

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

Office(s) Impacted: County Coroners

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

SB 84 would establish a statewide emergency response system for coroners in Kentucky. It would require county coroners, working with the Kentucky Coroners Association, to create ten emergency response districts, each covering twelve counties, to help ensure quick action during multiple fatality events or natural disasters.

Each district would be equipped with an emergency response trailer and necessary equipment for handling fatalities. The Division of Emergency Management would issue administrative regulations to implement these provisions. To fund this initiative, the bill would appropriate \$200,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2026-2027 to the Military Affairs budget unit, which would distribute the funds to the Kentucky Coroners Association for purchasing and outfitting the trailers and equipment. Because timely funding would be critical, the bill would declare an emergency and would take effect on July 1, 2026.

The fiscal impact of SB 84 on local government would likely be minimal but negative. There could be costs associated with administrative coordination, as county coroners would need to work with the Kentucky Coroners Association to establish districts and manage equipment, which could require staff time but would not mandate local spending. Additionally, if local coroners were to use the equipment during events, there could be incidental costs such as maintenance and storage that may not be fully covered by the state appropriation.

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