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

MEASURE

2026 BR NUMBER 499 SENATE BILL NUMBER 96

TITLE AN ACT relating to sickle cell disease.

SPONSOR Senator Gerald Neal

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: _____

FUND(S) IMPACTED: ☐ GENERAL ☐ ROAD ☐ FEDERAL ☐ RESTRICTED _____

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES				
EXPENDITURES				
NET EFFECT				

( ) indicates a decrease/negative

PURPOSE OF MEASURE: This legislation requires each hospital licensed by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) to establish policies and procedures to improve care for sickle cell disease patients, develop programs to prevent and address addiction risks for sickle cell patients, and provide patients with education and resources by January 1, 2027.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: This bill does not have a fiscal impact on CHFS.

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