Legislative Report

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Bill Information

HB1

INCOME TAX RATE (PETRIE, JASON)

AN ACT relating to the individual income tax rate.

Amend KRS 141.020 to reduce the individual income tax rate from 4% to 3.5% for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

RECENT STATUS

2/6/2025 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; (Acts Ch. 1)

2/5/2025 - delivered to Governor

2/5/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

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HB4

INITIATIVES REGARDING DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DECKER, JENNIFER)

AN ACT relating to initiatives regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 164 to define terms; prohibit a public postsecondary education institution from providing differential treatment or benefits on the basis of an individual's religion, race, sex, color, or national origin; from influencing the composition of the student body or scholarship recipients on the basis of religion, race, sex, color, or national origin; from implementing a student housing assignment plan on the basis of religion, race, color, or national origin with designated exceptions; from expending any resources on diversity, equity, and inclusion, the promotion of discriminatory topics, or bias incident investigations; from soliciting statements on an applicant's experience with or views on religion, race, sex, color, or national origin; from requiring a course dedicated to discriminatory concepts; or disseminating or profiting from any research, work product, or material that promotes or justifies discriminatory concepts; prohibit a public postsecondary education institution from requiring any individual to endorse or condemn a specific ideology or viewpoint; prohibit the Council on Postsecondary Education from providing differential treatment or benefits on the basis of an individual's religion, race, sex, color, or national origin or from expending any resources on diversity, equity, and inclusion or discriminatory topics; establish exclusions for legal compliance; require each governing board of a public postsecondary education institution to ensure compliance with specific sections of this Act no later than June 30, 2025; authorize the Attorney General to bring an action for a writ of mandamus to compel the council or a public postsecondary education institution to comply; create a cause of action to permit a qualified individual to file a civil action against council or a public postsecondary education institution for injunctive relief and limited damages arising from a violation of certain sections of this Act; waive sovereign and governmental immunity for the limited purpose of bringing this claim; prohibit retaliation; require each public postsecondary education institution to submit and publish a certified annual report on governmentally mandated discrimination to the Legislative Research Commission by October 1 each year; provide that a public postsecondary education institution or the council cannot claim a federal, state, judicial, contractual, or accreditation mandate as a defense to a civil action filed under this Act unless the policy, practice, or procedure upon which the complaint is founded is listed and clearly and accurately described in the public institution's annual report filed in accordance with this Act; require each public postsecondary education institution to provide the Personnel Cabinet and State Treasurer the name, job title, duty station, and salary or wages of each employee each month beginning January 1, 2025, and to post its itemized annual budget; amend KRS 164.020 to prohibit the Council on Postsecondary Education from approving a degree, certificate, or diploma program that includes discriminatory concepts or diversity, equity, and inclusion iniatives; amend KRS 164.011, 164.131, 164.321, and 164.821 to conform; direct the Council on Postsecondary Education to consider certain enumerated conditions when considering the elimination of an existing program; direct each public postsecondary education institution and the Council on Postsecondary Education to discontinue designated programs and follow designated procedures when

implementing this Act; provide specific instructions for public postsecondary education institutions and the Council on Postsecondary Education to follow in implementing this Act; direct public postsecondary education institutions and the council to submit a report on implementation of this Act. HCS (1) Retain original provisions, except define an additional term; remove provisions allowing a cause of action by a qualified individual against the council or a public postsecondary education institution for a violation of certain sections; direct the Auditor of Public Accounts to conduct a compliance audit to determine whether an institution spent money in violation of this Act at least once every four years and set forth the procedure to cure or appeal a violation; create a new section of KRS 335B.020 to 335B.070 to prohibit a licensing authority from requiring diversity, equity, and inclusion trainings as a prerequisite to licensing or as grounds for discipline; provide that previous diversity, equity, and inclusion training requirements are void; amend KRS 335B.010 to define terms. HFA (7) Retain all original provisions, except remove the requirements that each public postsecondary education institution provide the Personnel Cabinet and State Treasurer with the name, job title, duty station, and salary or wages of each employee each month beginning January 1, 2025, and to post the institution's itemized annual budget; limit the Council on Postsecondary Education's approval restrictions on new programs to programs that include a course or training of which the primary purpose is to indoctrinate participants with a discriminatory concept.

RECENT STATUS

3/28/2025 - delivered to Secretary of State

3/28/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

3/28/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

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HB8

EDUCATION (PETRIE, JASON)

AN ACT relating to education.

Amend KRS 158.645 to modify language on core capacities, specify the intent of K-5 education, and define terms; amend KRS 156.070 to give the state board the responsibility for adopting or rejecting the state academic standards, adopting or rejecting instructional materials collections, setting a timeline for adoption updates, and ensuring alignment of academics across the state; create a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to require the Kentucky Department of Education to deconstruct the approved academic standards and provide free guides to districts with sample curricula; amend KRS 156.395 to define instructional materials collections; amend KRS 156.405 to change the State Textbook Commission into the State Instructional Materials Council, require the State Instructional Materials Council to recommend instructional materials collections to the state board for adoption; amend KRS 156.415 to conform; amend KRS 156.433 to require school districts to utilize instructional materials collections from list approved by the state board; amend KRS 156.474, 156.407, 156.410, 156.420, and 156.425 to conform; amend KRS 156.435 to require the State Instructional Materials Council and Kentucky Department of Education to publish the approved instructional materials collections list on its website; amend KRS 156.437, 156.438, 156.439, 156.440, 156.445, 156.460, 156.465, 156.470, and 156.476 to conform; amend KRS 158.6452 to modify membership of the School Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability Council, and require biennial report on membership and meetings by commissioner; amend KRS 158.6453 to require the School Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability Council recommend academic standards to the state board for adoption, specify adoption update timeline; require Education Professional Standards Board to require alignment with academic standards as condition of educator preparation program approval; amend KRS 7.410 to conform; amend KRS 157.360 to remove school-based decision making council ability to waive class size maximums in kindergarten through grade one; amend KRS 157.195 and 158.6450 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

3/5/2025 - House Primary and Secondary Education (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

3/4/2025 - (H) Returned to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education (H)

3/4/2025 - (H) SECOND READING

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HB13 REVENUE (RUDY, STEVEN)

AN ACT relating to revenue and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 131.575 to make technical corrections. HCS (1) Delete original provisions; require the Department of Revenue to adhere to certain federal income tax filing and payment extensions related to the Presidential Declaration of Major Disaster designated as FEMA-4860-DR-KY; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2025 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

3/27/2025 - (S) SECOND READING

3/27/2025 - (S) Taken From Committee

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HB17

POLICE OFFICER CERTIFICATION (HART, MARK)

AN ACT relating to peace officer certification and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 15.382, relating to peace officer professional standards certification, to provide that a person who has previously been employed as a peace officer in the Commonwealth before December 1, 1998, shall not be required to pass a physical agility test unless required by the employing agency; make technical corrections; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (H) 1/7/2025 - Introduced

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HB19

PRIVACY PROTECTION (HODGSON, JOHN)

AN ACT relating to privacy protection.

Amend KRS 500.130 to define terms; provide that the use of an unmanned aircraft system is not prohibited in the case of recreational or professional use if there is not intent to conduct surveillance on private property and there is no unauthorized use or publication of images of individuals or areas of private property, or in the case of an insurance company for purposes of underwriting a risk or investigating damage; create a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to establish a civil action; create a new section of KRS Chapter 413 to establish a statute of limitations for the civil action. HCS (1) Retain original provisions, except add streaming services to the definition of "communications service" and limit a cause of action to violations of specific provisions of Section 1.

RECENT STATUS

3/15/2025 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; (Acts Ch. 19)

3/12/2025 - delivered to Governor

3/12/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

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HB30 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (BLANTON, JOHN)

AN ACT relating to public employee benefits.

Amend KRS 61.598 to exempt from the pension spiking provisions any increases in rates of pay authorized or funded by the legislative or administrative body of an employer or mandated in a collective bargaining agreement approved by the legislative body of the employer that are provided to members of the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, County Employees Retirement System, or State Police Retirement System. SCS (1) Retain original provisions, except amend KRS 16.198 to require Kentucky State Police to promulgate administrative regulations to establish vacation, bereavement, and sick leave for Trooper R Class and commercial vehicle enforcement R Class employees at the same rate as that of an officer with less than five years of service.

RECENT STATUS

3/24/2025 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; (Acts Ch. 76)

3/14/2025 - delivered to Governor

3/14/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate



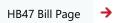
HB47 SEXUAL EXTORTION (BAKER, SHANE)

AN ACT relating to sexual extortion.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 531 to establish the crime of sexual extortion as a felony; provide for enhancements to penalties; create a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to establish a civil cause of action for sexual extortion; amend KRS 17.500 to include sexual extortion in the definition of "sex crime"; create new sections of KRS Chapter 158 to require superintendents of local school districts to notify students in grades six and above and parents and guardians of all students of the crime of sexual extortion; require local school boards to display posters with the definition of sexual extortion and contact information for entities offering assistance to victims in secondary schools; amend KRS 164.2518 to require postsecondary institutions to display posters with the definition of sexual extortion and contact information for entities offering assistance to victims in residential facilities and buildings containing instructional spaces, student services, and academic support services.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary (H) 1/7/2025 - Introduced



HB56 COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITIES (MEADE, DAVID)

AN ACT relating to comprehensive universities.

Amend KRS 164.295 to permit Eastern Kentucky University to offer doctor of osteopathic medicine degrees required for professional practice and licensure in osteopathic medicine.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)

1/7/2025 - Introduced



HB66 COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (CALLOWAY, JOSH)

AN ACT relating to the Council on Postsecondary Education.

Amend KRS 164.020 to remove the provision requiring the Council on Postsecondary Education to postpone approval of new programs at state postsecondary institutions that have not met equal educational opportunity goals; amend various sections of KRS Chapter 164 to conform and remove outdated language pertaining to staggering of initial terms.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 1/7/2025 - Introduced

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HB67 WAGES (GROSSBERG, DANIEL)

AN ACT relating to wages.

Amend KRS 337.275 to raise minimum wage for employers to \$9.50 an hour on the effective date of this Act and incrementally thereafter to \$15.00 an hour on July 1, 2029; raise the state minimum wage for tipped employees to \$5.00 an hour on the effective date of this Act.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Economic Development & Workforce Investment (H) 1/7/2025 - Introduced

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HB76

RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR STATE AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES IN HAZARDOUS POSITIONS (LEHMAN, MATTHEW)

AN ACT relating to retirement benefits for state and county employees in hazardous positions.

Create a new section of KRS 16.505 to 16.652 to change the retirement benefits for members participating in the State Police Retirement System (SPRS) or in a hazardous position in either the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS) or County Employees Retirement System (CERS) who are hired after January 1, 2014, but before January 1, 2026, so that, in lieu of continued participation in the hybrid cash balance plan (Tier 3 benefits), these members receive the benefits provided to members in a hazardous position who began participating immediately prior to January 1, 2014 (Tier 2 benefits); for those eligible hazardous employees, create a presumption that service credit in a hazardous position earned after January 1, 2014, is service credit earned immediately prior to January 1, 2014; for eligible hazardous members transitioning to Tier 2, require that accumulated contributions in the hybrid cash balance plan remain in the member's account, but any employer credit be transferred to the retirement allowance account; allow a member in a hazardous position subject to a change from Tier 3 to Tier 2 benefits to make a one-time election to opt out of the change of benefits within 30 days; establish exclusions; amend KRS 16.576, 16.577, 16.578, 16.582, 61.546, 61.552, 61.597,

61.615, 78.5512, 78.5514, 78.5524, 78.5528, and 78.616 to grant to members in a hazardous position who begin participating after January 1, 2026, or whose participation is presumed under Section1of this Act to begin immediately prior to January 1, 2014, the same benefits provided to members whose participation began immediately prior to January 1, 2014 (Tier 2 benefits), including death and disability benefits, benefit factors and service credit that includes service credit for unused sick leave, and eligibility for early retirement and service purchases; make technical corrections; amend KRS 16.583 and 78.5516 to limit the hybrid cash balance plan (Tier 3 benefits) only to members participating in SPRS or in hazardous positions in KERS or CERS who make an election to opt out of Tier 2 benefits under Section 1 of this Act or who make an election, prior to the effective date of the Act, under KRS 61.5955; amend KRS 61.5955 to provide that only a member in a nonhazardous position who began participating in KERS or CERS as a Tier 2 member may elect to receive Tier 3 benefits in the hybrid cash balance plan in lieu of Tier 2 benefits; amend KRS 16.505, 61.510, and 78.510 to amend definitions of various terms to conform and make technical changes; amend KRS 16.560, 61.575, and 78.640 to allow interest credited on the accounts of members participating in SPRS or in a hazardous position in KERS or CERS to be adjusted to conform; amend KRS 61.592 and 78.5520 to exempt only hazardous members who opt out of receiving Tier 2 benefits from eligibility for an employer payment to convert nonhazardous service to hazardous service; amend KRS 61.680 to require that a member who is eligible under Section 1 of this Act and who has nonhazardous service credit as a Tier 3 member of either KERS or CERS to have his or her nonhazardous and hazardous service consolidated to determine eligibility and benefits; amend KRS 78.545 to add Section 1 of this Act as one of the provisions that shall be administered for the CERS in the same manner as for the KERS.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government (H) 1/7/2025 - Introduced

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HB82 PROHIBITING THE ENFORCEMENT OF A FEDERAL BAN OR REGULATION OF FIREARMS

AN ACT relating to prohibiting the enforcement of a federal ban or regulation of firearms.

Amend KRS 237.105, relating to state and local enforcement of federal bans on firearms on or after January 1, 2021, to change the definition of "federal ban" to mean a federal law, executive order, rule or regulation that is enacted, adopted, or becomes effective on or after December 15, 1791.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary (H) 1/7/2025 - Introduced

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AN ACT relating to firearms.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 237, relating to firearms, to define "red flag law"; prohibit police department and judicial enforcement of red flag laws.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H) 1/7/2025 - Introduced



HB87 EMPLOYMENT (CALLAWAY, EMILY)

AN ACT relating to employment.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 335B.010 to 335B.070 to require hiring or licensing authorities to establish an application process that gives persons convicted of a crime an opportunity to obtain a determination about whether the crime will disqualify the individual from a position of public employment or occupational license before pursuing training; require hiring or licensing authorities to formulate policies and procedures for the application process by promulgating regulations no later than January 1, 2026; and provide an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission by November 1, 2026; amend KRS 335B.020 to add criteria for hiring and licensing authorities to consider when determining if a conviction directly relates to the position of public employment or occupational license sought; amend KRS 335B.030 to require hiring or licensing authorities to request information; allow an applicant a hearing before making a determination of hiring for a position of public employment or granting an occupational license; and provide written findings of fact to the applicant upon determination. HCS (1) Retain original provisions; make technical changes.

RECENT STATUS

3/14/2025 - floor amendment (1) filed to Committee Substitute 3/14/2025 - (S) SECOND READING, to Rules 3/13/2025 - (S) FIRST READING

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HB118 MICHAEL)

RESEARCH DOCTORAL PROGRAMS AT WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY (MEREDITH,

AN ACT relating to research doctoral programs at Western Kentucky University.

Amend KRS 164.295 to permit Western Kentucky University to offer up to five research doctoral degree programs.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 1/8/2025 - Introduced

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HB139

CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS (MADDOX, SAVANNAH)

AN ACT relating to concealed deadly weapons.

Amend KRS 237.109 to lower the age requirement for carrying a concealed and deadly weapon from 21 to 18; amend KRS 237.110 to conform; make technical corrections.

RECENT STATUS

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HB149

PARAMEDIC EDUCATION (TACKETT LAFERTY, ASHLEY)

AN ACT relating to paramedic education.

Create a new section of KRS 164.740 to 164.7891 to establish a coal-county paramedic scholarship to be administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA); define terms; establish a fund in the State Treasury to be administered by KHEAA for providing coal county paramedic scholarships.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 1/8/2025 - Introduced

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HB153

VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM AT MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY (IMES, MARY BETH)

AN ACT relating to a veterinary medicine program at Murray State University.

Amend KRS 164.295 to permit Murray State University to offer doctor's degrees required for professional practice and licensure in veterinary medicine.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 1/8/2025 - Introduced

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HB168

TEACHERS (BOJANOWSKI, TINA)

AN ACT relating to teachers.

Amend KRS 158.060 to require teachers to be compensated for noninstructional planning time within their school day during which they are required to supervise or instruct students; amend KRS 164.787 to expand the program eligibility of the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program to include a program that leads to a bachelor's degree in education in a critical shortage area.

■ RECENT STATUS

2/12/2025 - (H) WITHDRAWN

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education (H)

1/9/2025 - Introduced



HB181 TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS (MASSARONI, CANDY)

AN ACT relating to teacher scholarships.

Amend KRS 164.769 to remove expected family income from the selection criteria for the teacher scholarship; amend KRS 164.7889 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 1/9/2025 - Introduced

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HB193 DUEL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS (PAYNE, J. T.)

AN ACT relating to dual credit scholarships.

Amend KRS 164.786 to add eligibility for high school freshmen and sophomores, require an "approved dual credit course" to be in the statewide general education core; provide that scholarships shall be awarded in order of application date; revise scholarship to allow two career and technical dual credit courses in each academic year of high school and two general education dual credit courses in the 11th and 12th grades; amend KRS 164.787 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

3/19/2025 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; (Acts Ch. 44)

3/12/2025 - delivered to Governor

3/12/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

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HB197 HIGHER EDUCATION (DOAN, STEVEN)

AN ACT relating to higher education.

Amend KRS 164.020 to abolish the Council on Postsecondary Education and transfer authorities and duties to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority; amend KRS 164.746 to add three student members to the board of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority; amend various sections of KRS Chapters 164, 164A, 165, 165A, 168, 171, 183, 200, 210, 214, 309, 367, 11A, 12, 18A, 42, 56, 61, 63, 64, 138, 151B, 154, 156, 157,158, 160, and 161 to conform; repeal KRS 164.011, which created and established the Council on Postsecondary Education; dissolve the Council on Postsecondary Education and transfer personnel, records, files, equipment, and funds to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority; make technical corrections.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 1/10/2025 - Introduced



CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS (MADDOX, SAVANNAH)

AN ACT relating to concealed deadly weapons.

Repeal KRS 237.115, which interprets the application of the license to carry concealed deadly weapon statute as permitting postsecondary facilities, local governments, and units of state government to limit concealed carry in governmental buildings; amend KRS 150.172, 237.110, and 527.020 to conform; amend KRS 237.110 to no longer prohibit the carrying of concealed deadly weapons in schools and specify that the prohibition of carrying concealed deadly weapons in airports is limited to areas controlled by the Transportation Security Administration; make technical corrections; amend KRS 527.070 to add persons with valid licenses to carry concealed deadly weapons to the list of those permitted to possess weapons in schools.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary (H) 1/10/2025 - Introduced





TEACHERS (CHESTER-BURTON, BEVERLY)

AN ACT relating to teachers.

Amend KRS 161.030 to remove the authority of the Education Professional Standards Board to require successful completion of assessments prior to teacher certification; amend KRS 161.048 and 161.053 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education (H) 1/10/2025 - Introduced

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HB212

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CHESTER-BURTON, BEVERLY)

AN ACT relating to the Teachers' Retirement System and declaring an emergency.

Amend various sections of KRS Chapter 161 to remove provisions of HB 258 enacted during the 2021 Regular Session that created and adjusted benefits for individuals who become members of the Teachers' Retirement System on or after January 1, 2022; repeal KRS 161.633, 161.634, 161.635, and 161.636, relating to university and nonuniversity members; provide that these members shall be eligible for the benefits applicable to members who entered the system immediately prior to January 1, 2022; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government (H) 1/10/2025 - Introduced



POSTSECONDARY FUNDING (WHITE, RICHARD)

AN ACT relating to postsecondary funding.

Amend KRS 164.092 to remove the definition of "equilibrium" and all references to equilibrium; require that university resources shall be allocated without weighting; require the postsecondary working group to meet every odd year; make technical amendments.

RECENT STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 2/4/2025 - Introduced



HB249

KEES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING NONCERTIFIED SCHOOLS (BAKER,

SHANE)

AN ACT relating to KEES scholarships for students attending noncertified schools.

Amend KRS 164.7874, relating to KEES awards, to define terms; amend KRS 164.7879 to establish the use of a specified equivalent grade point average for eligible graduates of certain private, parochial, or church schools based on the Advanced Placement exam score, dual credit courses grade point average, or a combination of both; amend KRS 164.7881 and 164.7884 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education (H) 2/4/2025 - Introduced

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HB251

EVALUATION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS (CALLAWAY, EMILY)

AN ACT relating to the evaluation of educator preparation programs.

Amend KRS 158.840 to require the Education Professional Standards Board, rather than the Council on Postsecondary Education, to ensure teacher education programs provide highly skilled teachers; require the board to report to the Legislative Research Commission every three years and regularly report program data to an external evaluator.

■ RECENT STATUS

3/15/2025 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; (Acts Ch. 17)

3/12/2025 - delivered to Governor

3/12/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

PROHIBITED USES OF TAX DOLLARS (RABOURN, FELICIA)

AN ACT relating to prohibited uses of tax dollars.

Amend KRS 65.013 to create a cause of action for violations of the use of tax dollars to advocate for or against public questions on ballot or to lobby or participate in executive agency lobbying; establish time limitation to commence suit and appropriate venue; provide damages recoverable per violation; allow for a class action; prohibit holding a position of public trust or profit for 10 years for individuals held civilly liable; create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to establish criminal penalty and a prohibition against holding a position of public trust or profit for 10 years for individuals found guilty for a violation.

RECENT STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H) 2/4/2025 - Introduced

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HB263

TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS (BANTA, KIM)

AN ACT relating to teacher scholarships.

Amend KRS 164.773, relating to the Student Teacher Stipend Program, to specify that an eligible student is a Kentucky resident as determined by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (authority) and is student teaching at a Kentucky public school or certified nonpublic school; specify that the authority shall disburse stipend funds to eligible students directly or through the participating institution; allow the authority to establish criteria for an eligible student who is student teaching outside of Kentucky but is otherwise eligible. HCS (1) Retain original provisions; amend KRS 164.769 to remove expected family income from the selection criteria for the teacher scholarship; amend KRS 164.7889 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

3/19/2025 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; (Acts Ch. 43)

3/12/2025 - delivered to Governor

3/12/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

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HB272

READING AND WRITING IN SCHOOLS (HEAVRIN, SAMARA)

AN ACT relating to reading and writing in schools.

Amend KRS 158.307 to define "dysgraphia"; require the Department of Education to annually review and update the dyslexia toolkit; expand dyslexia toolkit required guidance and include dysgraphia and other reading and writing difficulties; require rather than allow local boards of education to develop a policy on dyslexia; require rather than allow the policy to include certain items; require the department to compile and maintain data on dyslexia reported by local school districts; require the department to report dyslexia data to the appropriate Interim Joint Committee on Education; amend KRS 164.304 to require postsecondary institutions offering teacher preparation programs to include instruction on dyslexia by the 2026-2027 school year, rather than the instruction being contingent on availability of funding.

RECENT STATUS

2/28/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

2/26/2025 - received in Senate

2/25/2025 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 94-0

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HB276

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WORKING GROUP (TIPTON, JAMES)

AN ACT relating to the postsecondary education working group.

Amend KRS 164.092 to change the membership of the postsecondary education working group and require the group to convene every odd-numbered year. HCS (1) Retain original provisions, except include the presidents of the nine public universities and KCTCS and the Governor on the postsecondary education working group; remove three members appointed by the Governor.

RECENT STATUS

3/11/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

3/6/2025 - received in Senate

3/6/2025 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 78-20 with Committee Substitute (1)

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HB303

MILITARY HEALTHCARE PERSONNEL (BRATCHER, STEVE)

AN ACT relating to military healthcare personnel.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to direct the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to develop academic career pathways and integrated academic bridge programs to prepare military healthcare personnel for licensure in various healthcare-related fields. HCS (1) Retain original provisions; expand participation availability to any college or university that is a part of the postsecondary education system as defined in KRS 164.001 or a private accredited college or university.

RECENT STATUS

3/19/2025 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; (Acts Ch. 46)

3/11/2025 - delivered to Governor

3/11/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

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HB306

LICENSING OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS (KOCH, MATTHEW)

AN ACT relating to the licensing of professional engineers.

Amend KRS 322.040 to allow an individual to qualify for licensure as a professional engineer if he or she has graduated from a fire protection engineering technology program of four years or more accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. HFA (1) Require a fire protection engineering technology graduate to take 45 college semester credit hours on engineering science or engineering design to attain engineer licensure; require

six additional years of progressive experience in engineering or teaching; include engineering instructors who teach at designated fire protection engineering technology programs; instruct the board to promulgate administrative regulations to establish requirements for consideration of engineering topics.

RECENT STATUS

3/24/2025 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; (Acts Ch. 60)

3/14/2025 - delivered to Governor

3/14/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate



HB310

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN INTEGRATED AGROECOLOGY AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL PROGRAM AT KSU

(FISTER, DANIEL)

AN ACT relating to a Doctor of Philosophy in Integrated Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture program at Kentucky State University.

Amend KRS 164.295 to permit Kentucky State University to offer a Doctor of Philosophy in Integrated Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture.

RECENT STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 2/4/2025 - Introduced



HB318 OPEN MEETINGS (ROBERTS, T.J.)

AN ACT relating to open meetings.

Amend KRS 61.848 to establish that any formal action of a public agency is voidable by a court if there was not substantial compliance with statutes regarding video teleconferencing of meetings, recording of minutes, and conditions for attendance.

RECENT STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government (H) 2/5/2025 - Introduced





Amend KRS 164.2841 to include tuition benefits for spouses and children of emergency medical services personnel who have died in the course of their duties on or after July 1, 2000; amend KRS 164.2842 to include tuition benefits for spouses and children of emergency medical services personnel who have been totally and permanently disabled in the course of their duties, specify that the beneficiary is eligible for up to a maximum of 128 credit hours of undergraduate instruction.

RECENT STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 2/5/2025 - Introduced

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HB324 EDUCATION (BANTA, KIM)

AN ACT relating to educators.

Amend KRS 160.160 to authorize a local board of education to establish minimum score requirements for certified positions within the district on specific assessments related to content knowledge, competency in educational practices, or both; require the district include minimum score information in any posts or notices for a related certified vacancy; amend KRS 161.030 to remove successful completion of assessments prior to receiving a teacher certification; amend KRS 161.048, 161.010, and 161.053 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

3/12/2025 - received in Senate 3/12/2025 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 85-6 3/12/2025 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

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HB344 SANCTUARY POLICIES (BAUMAN, JARED)

AN ACT relating to sanctuary policies.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 61 to define terms; prohibit state and local governmental entities from adopting sanctuary policies; require law enforcement agencies to use reasonable resources to support the enforcement of federal immigration law; prohibit policies which would restrict the sharing of information with federal immigration agencies; require compliance with federal requirements when a defendant subject to an immigration detainer has been sentenced in a criminal case; require correctional facilities to provide information regarding the date of discharge to federal immigration agencies and cooperate in the transfer of an inmate to federal custody; require completion of a sentence before an inmate may be transferred to federal custody in cases where the inmate is a violent offender; require a law enforcement agency to provide notice to a judge if a person in their custody is subject to an immigration detainer; require counties to endeavor to enter into agreements with federal immigration agencies regarding the housing of persons in county jails who are subject to immigration detainers; create a rebuttable presumption that a state or local officer who intentionally violates any of the provisions has committed malfeasance and neglect of duty and is subject to impeachment; allow the Attorney General to make findings that a local government has violated the Act; and to withhold road aid funding if the local government willfully violates the Act by refusing to cease a violation; create a private right of action against an official that has adopted a sanctuary policy; waive immunities when a person is injured by a person released as a result of a sanctuary policy; amend KRS 177.360 and 177.366 to require county road aid moneys be suspended upon notice by the Attorney General of willful violations by a local government and reinstated upon notice by the Attorney General of compliance; provide that the Act may be cited as the Lawful Immigration System Act of 2025.

RECENT STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)

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HB352

IMMIGRANTS (ROBERTS, T.J.)

AN ACT relating to immigrants.

Amend KRS 164.020 to provide that no alien illegally present in the United States shall be classified as having Kentucky residency for the purpose of public postsecondary education institution tuition; require the Council on Postsecondary Education to obtain and collect from each public postsecondary education institution immigration data on the institution's students and report the data to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to define terms; prohibit public postsecondary education institutions from enacting, adopting, or otherwise enforcing any sanctuary policy; allow civil actions against public postsecondary education institutions for damages, costs, and attorney's fees if alien illegally present in the United States is negligently enrolled and subsequently commits a crime that is a violent offence; withdraw immunities afforded public postsecondary education institutions.

RECENT STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 2/5/2025 - Introduced

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HB361

EMPLOYER STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT CREDIT (KULKARNI, NIMA)

AN ACT relating to the employer student loan repayment credit.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to establish the employer student loan repayment credit, equal to 50 percent of the amount paid by an employer on an eligible student loan of a qualified employee effective for taxable years beginning January 1, 2025, but before January 1, 2029; amend KRS 141.0205 to order the credit; amend KRS 131.190 to allow the Department of Revenue to report on the credit.

■ RECENT STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H) 2/5/2025 - Introduced

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HB413

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS (MOSER, KIMBERLY POORE)

AN ACT relating to prescription drugs.

Amend KRS 304.17A-164 to establish cost-sharing requirements for prescription drugs; require rebates to be passed through; establish confidentiality requirements for the rebate information; create a new section of KRS 365.880 to 365.900 to provide that the actual amount of rebates received is a trade secret; provide that compliance with prescription drug cost-sharing and rebate requirements shall not be in violation of the Uniform Trade Secrets Act; amend KRS 304.17C-125, 304.38A-115, 18A.225, and 164.2871

to apply the cost-sharing and rebate requirements for prescription drugs to limited health service benefit plans, limited health service organizations, the state employee health plan, and self-insured employer group health plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution; apply provisions to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2026; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2026.

RECENT STATUS

3/12/2025 - House Banking & Insurance (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing) 2/12/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Banking & Insurance (H) 2/7/2025 - Introduced

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HB424

EMPLOYMENT AT PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (TIPTON, JAMES)

AN ACT relating to employment at public postsecondary education institutions.

Amend KRS 164.360, 164.230, and 164.830 to require the boards of each state university and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to approve a performance and productivity evaluation process for presidents and all faculty members by January 1, 2026; require faculty evaluations to be completed at least once every four years; permit removal of certain employees for failure to meet performance and productivity requirements regardless of status; permit a board to delegate appointment and removal of faculty to the college or university president; require that each board of regents of the six state comprehensive universities appoint a university president; specify employment contract duration limits for employees of comprehensive universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System. HCS (1) Retain original provisions except remove allowance for six-year employment contracts. HFA (1) Amend KRS 164.360 to remove the limit on employment contracts.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2025 - delivered to Secretary of State

3/27/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

3/27/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

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HB427

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (GROSSL, VANESSA)

AN ACT relating to postsecondary education.

Amend KRS 164.2951 to require the Council on Postsecondary Education to create statewide transfer pathways between the public postsecondary institutions in the high-demand baccalaureate programs; require the council to define, identify, and publish on its website a list of the high-demand baccalaureate programs and the available transfer pathways; require the council to maintain transfer pathways once created; require postsecondary institutions to accept transfer credit, earned or accepted at the prior institution within pathways as general education or program general education credit before applying credit as elective.

RECENT STATUS

2/26/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

2/21/2025 - received in Senate

2/20/2025 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 93-0

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POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (BANTA, KIM)

AN ACT relating to public postsecondary education institutions.

Amend KRS 164.020 to prohibit the Council on Postsecondary Education from raising tuition for a postsecondary education institution more than 5% a year for Kentucky resident students and 7% a year for non-Kentucky resident students; provide a 4-year tuition freeze for an enrolled Kentucky resident student; require an institution to notify a student before expiration of a tuition freeze; require any increase in tuition or fees to be approved before March 1; amend KRS 164.7874 to require a private postsecondary institution to have a voting student member on its governing board in order to be a participating institution for purposes of KEES eligibility; provide that the Act may be cited as the Kentucky Student Tuition Protection and Accountability Act; EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2029.

RECENT STATUS

2/14/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 2/12/2025 - Introduced

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ALCULATION OF SQUARE FOOTAGE FOR THE PURPOSES OF POSTSECONDARY FUNDING (ROBERTS, T.J.)

AN ACT relating to the calculation of square footage for the purposes of postsecondary funding.

Amend KRS 164.092 to exclude square feet leased for a commercial purpose or otherwise privatized from the square footage calculation contained in the comprehensive funding model for the public postsecondary education.

RECENT STATUS

2/14/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 2/12/2025 - Introduced

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HB491

STATE GOVERNMENT (RILEY, STEVE)

AN ACT relating to state government.

Amend KRS 45.750 to redefine "equipment" to include electronic equipment that incorporates advanced computing, including smart medical, scientific, and research equipment; increase the threshold required for a lease of real property to qualify as a capital project from \$200,000 annually to \$500,000 annually; increase the threshold required for equipment to qualify as a capital project from \$200,000 to \$500,000; increase the threshold required for a lease of movable equipment to qualify as a capital project from \$200,000 annually to \$500,000 annually; increase the threshold for a new acquisition, upgrade, or replacement of an information technology system to qualify as a capital project from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000; amend KRS 164A.585 to permit employees of an institution or inviduals hired specifically for that project to perform work on capital construction projects costing up to \$500,000; remove the requirement for a specific invoice form if a personal service contract invoice contains the information required by that form; amand KRS 45A.695 to make a technical correction; amend KRS 164.330 to remove the requirement that a public postsecondary board of regents meet within 30 days of each appointment of new members; amend KRS 61.661 to require the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority to release account information to the employer or other state or federal agency upon request; amend KRS 61.880 to establish a 60-day timeframe to appeal an agency's denial of a request to inspect a public record; amend KRS 164.952 to remove the

limitations on the number of retired police officers a public postsecondary education institution may employ without paying into the retirement system. HCS (1) Retain original provisions, except remove KRS 61.880 from the bill.

■ RECENT STATUS

3/12/2025 - received in Senate

3/12/2025 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 96-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

3/12/2025 - (H) PLACED IN THE ORDERS OF THE DAY for Wednesday, March 12, 2025

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HB499 COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITIES (TIPTON, JAMES)

AN ACT relating to comprehensive universities.

Amend KRS 164.295 to remove the doctoral program prohibitions for comprehensive universities and expressly permit comprehensive universities to offer research doctoral programs.

■ RECENT STATUS

2/21/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 2/13/2025 - Introduced

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HB529 WORK READY KENTUCKY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (GROSSL, VANESSA)

AN ACT relating to the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program.

Amend KRS 164.787 to define "adjusted gross income" and limit eligibility for the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program to a workforce student with an adjusted gross income of less than 250% of the median household income in Kentucky.

RECENT STATUS

2/21/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 2/13/2025 - Introduced

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HB542 BRANCH BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS (PETRIE, JASON)

AN ACT relating to branch budget recommendations.

Amend KRS 48.165, relating to branch budget recommendations, to specify application on a fiscal year basis.

■ RECENT STATUS

3/12/2025 - (H) Returned to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H) 3/12/2025 - (H) SECOND READING

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HB543 BRANCH BUDGET BILLS (PETRIE, JASON)

AN ACT relating to branch budget bills.

Amend KRS 48.160, relating to branch budget bills, to specify fiscal biennium.

RECENT STATUS

3/12/2025 - (H) Returned to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

3/12/2025 - (H) SECOND READING

3/12/2025 - (H) Taken From Committee

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HB544 DISASTER RELIEF (PETRIE, JASON)

AN ACT relating to disaster relief, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency

Amend KRS 48.210, relating to branch budget bills, to require the Transportation Cabinet to provide assistance to the General Assembly during the budgeting process. HCS (1) Delete original provisions; create a new section of KRS Chapter 39A to define terms; establish the State Aid Funding for Emergencies 4860 fund; establish eligibility to receive financial support from the fund; establish eligible expenses for reimbursement; require repayment of moneys if a recipient subsequently receives moneys from any other source; mandate reporting by the Office of State Budget Director and the Department of Education; amend 2024 Kentucky Acts Chapter 175 to transfer certain remaining appropriations to the SAFE 4860 fund; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

3/28/2025 - delivered to Governor

3/28/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate $\,$

3/28/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

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HB558 KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS (STEVENSON, PAMELA)

AN ACT relating to Kentucky educational excellence scholarships.

Amend KRS 164.7881 to extend the expiration of KEES eligibility from five to eight years from high school graduation; amend KRS 164.7884 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

2/25/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)

2/14/2025 - Introduced

FUNDING AND CONDITIONS FOR STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES (WILLIAMS, WADE)

AN ACT providing funding and establishing conditions for state government agencies and institutions, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Amend KRS 45.812 to require an agency, corporation, or school district that is authorized to issue a general obligation bond by an appropriation of the General Assembly, or by or on behalf of any Kentucky school district, to report the costs associated with the issuance of the bond to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee and the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue. SCS (1) Retain original provisions; amend 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 173, sec. 1 and the State/Executive Branch biennial budget to revise and provide funding for various programs and projects and establish conditions for state government agencies, institutions, and programs receiving funding; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

3/28/2025 - delivered to Governor

3/28/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

3/28/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

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HB619

EDUCATION (TIPTON, JAMES)

AN ACT relating to education.

Amend KRS 156.690 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

2/26/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 2/18/2025 - Introduced

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HB622

FISCAL MATTERS (MCPHERSON, SHAWN)

"AN ACT relating to fiscal matters, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

AAmend KRS 45A.030 to expand the definition of "contract"; amend KRS 45A.035 to require promulgation of administrative regulations to establish policies regarding timely payments under contracts; create a new section of KRS Chapter 45A to establish timely payment penalty and procedures; require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to submit a detailed report of interest penalties and reimbursement payments every six months due to payments not timely made to the Legislative Research Commission; EMERGENCY. SCS (1) Retain original provisions, except require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations governing partial payment of contracts; provide that all undisputed amounts shall be paid within 30 business days of receipt of the goods, services, invoice, or in accordance with the terms of the contract; provide interest penalties for undisputed amounts that are not paid timely; require any invoices that are submitted by a contractor or vendor outside of the 10 calendar days correction period to be considered a new invoice for the purpose of calculation of the late payment fee pursuant to KRS 45.454;

redirect \$10,000,000 to the Grayson County Fiscal Court; amend 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 175 to require assistance to nonpublic schools in funding salaries for school resource officers; amend 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 173; allow the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet to request up to \$20,000,000 in Capitol projects fundings for the capitol campus renovation phase 2 project; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

■ RECENT STATUS

3/28/2025 - delivered to Governor

3/28/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

3/28/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

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HB635

ESTABLISHMENT OF A GRANT DATABASE (TACKETT LAFERTY, ASHLEY)

AN ACT relating to the establishment of a grant database.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 42 to define terms; require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to create a grant database that will be a central repository for information on all available state or local government grants; require state and local agencies to report grant opportunities to the Finance and Administration Cabinet for inclusion in the grant database. HFA (1) Amend definition of "grant" and state purpose of database.

RECENT STATUS

3/6/2025 - received in Senate

3/6/2025 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 97-0 with Floor Amendment (1)

3/6/2025 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; HFA 1

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HB647

IMMUNIZATION POLICY (MADDOX, SAVANNAH)

AN ACT relating to immunization policy.

Create a new of section KRS Chapter 164 to allow a student, staff, or faculty member to opt out of a postsecondary school's immunization policy for specified reasons; create a new section of KRS Chapter 214 to prohibit a public entity from creating standardized documentation with the purpose of certifying vaccination status; create a new section of KRS Chapter 336 to require written notice of vaccination exemptions for a sincerely held religious belief or medical contraindication; establish which health care providers can support a medical exemption; require notice of federal mandates and exemptions; establish civil cause of action for violations; amend KRS 214.015 to prohibit the Department for Public Health from releasing personally identifiable information from immunization reports to another public agency or third party; amend KRS 214.034 to prohibit public and private primary and secondary schools and preschool programs from promulgating a new immunization policy and mandating compliance during a school year that has already commenced; and amend KRS 214.036 to allow objection to immunization on the basis of conscientiously held beliefs.

RECENT STATUS

2/26/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Health Services (H)

2/18/2025 - Introduced

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HB658 SOCIAL WORK (BRATCHER, STEVE)

AN ACT relating to social work.

Amend KRS 335.010 to remove outdated provisions that established an amnesty period related to disciplinary action, administrative fees, or fines for unlicensed social workers; amend KRS 335.020 to redefine the "practice of social work" and define "practice of clinical social work"; amend KRS 335.070 to allow the Kentucky Board of Social Work to promulgate administrative regulations relating to provisional license for students; amend KRS 335.080, 335.090, and 335.100, relating to the licensure requirements for certified social workers, licensed social workers, and licensed clinical social workers to include practice via telehealth and require Council on Social Work Education accreditation; amend KRS 335.158 to establish requirements for social workers who provide services via telehealth; amend KRS 387.610 and 457.090 to conform.

■ RECENT STATUS

2/26/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Health Services (H) 2/18/2025 - Introduced

HB658 Bill Page



HB694

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BENEFIT FUNDING (PETRIE, JASON)

AN ACT relating to Teachers' Retirement System benefit funding.

Create a new section of KRS 161.220 to 161.716, relating to the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), to require that once the TRS retiree health fund has an actuarial funding level of at least 100%, then the employer funding for retiree health shall be used to pay down the unfunded liability of the TRS pension fund; require that if the actuarial funding level of the TRS retiree health fund falls below 95%, then the employer funding shall be restored to the retiree health fund until the retiree health fund is 100% funded; amend KRS 161.540, 161.550, and 161.675 to provide that the TRS board of trustees shall not recommend changes to the General Assembly to reduce employee or employer funding for retiree health or reduce board adopted charges under the shared responsibility provisions for health benefits for retirees under the age of 65 until the pension and retiree health funds are each 100% funded; amend KRS 161.420 to conform. SFA (1) Retain original provisions, except to specify that the Teachers' Retirement System shall not recommend changes to the employee or employer contributions to the retiree health fund until the pension and retiree health funds are fully funded.

RECENT STATUS

3/28/2025 - delivered to Secretary of State

3/28/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

3/28/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

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HB711

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (BAKER, SHANE)

AN ACT relating to postsecondary education.

Amend KRS 164.001 to remove the definition of "committee" and "P-16 council"; amend KRS 164.013 to conform; amend KRS 164.020 to remove the Council on Postsecondary Education's ability to postpone approval of new programs due to an institution's unmet equal educational opportunity goals; amend KRS 164.0211 to attach the Board of Student Body Presidents to the Council on Postsecondary Education for administration and organization purposes; amend KRS 164.321 to require Senate confirmation of gubernatorial appointees to the boards of regents of the comprehensive universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical

College System prior to an appointee serving on a board; amend various other sections to conform; repeal KRS 164.004, 164.0285, 164.0286, 164.0287, 164.0288, and 164.033. HCS (1) Retain original provisions, except remove the definition of "remedial education"; remove the requirement that members of the board of regents appointed by the Governor be confirmed prior to serving.

RECENT STATUS

3/7/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

3/7/2025 - received in Senate

3/6/2025 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 95-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

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HB750

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID (GROSSL, VANESSA)

AN ACT relating to student financial aid.

Amend KRS 164.767 to restrict eligibility for any program authorized under KRS 164.740 to 164.790 to exclude any individual who is a violent offender or who has been convicted of a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor and incarcerated individuals convicted of designated crimes; direct KHEAA to promulgate administrative regulations to implement the eligibility restrictions; amend KRS 164.7874 to delete the requirement that an eligible high school student and eligible postsecondary student not be a convicted felon for KEES eligibility purposes.

RECENT STATUS

3/11/2025 - floor amendment (1) filed

2/27/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)

2/19/2025 - Introduced

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BENEFITS FOR KENTUCKY NATIONAL GAURD (BRATCHER, STEVE)

AN ACT relating to benefits for Kentucky National Guard members.

Amend KRS 38.030 to entitle Kentucky National Guard members to receive hazardous duty incentive pay when called to service under Title 32 when an emergency is declared; amend KRS 138.470 to exempt active members of the Armed Forces assigned to Kentucky who are on temporary duty in other locations and current members of the Kentucky National Guard from motor vehicle usage tax on vehicles purchased from Kentucky motor vehicle dealers; amend KRS 164.5161 to allow current National Guard members and their dependents up to 120 total credit hours at a postsecondary institution; allow the total number of credit hours to be transferrable between the service member and his or her dependent; grant authority to the adjutant general to award up to 45 additional credit hours within the program.

■ RECENT STATUS

2/27/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (H) 2/19/2025 - Introduced

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HB811 AMENDING THE 2024-2026 EXECUTIVE BRANCH BUDGET (TIPTON, JAMES)

AN ACT amending the 2024-2026 State/Executive Branch biennial budget, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Amend the 2024-2026 State/Executive Branch biennial budget to stipulate that no unbudgeted Federal Funds can be allotted or expended without the express authority of the General Assembly and that no unanticipated, unappropriated Federal Funds received after January 1, 2025, can be expended without the express authority of the General Assembly; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

2/27/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H) 2/19/2025 - Introduced

HB811 Bill Page



HJR30 AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF FUNDS (PETRIE, JASON)

A JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the release of funds.

Authorize the Office of State Budget Director to release a portion of the moneys appropriated for the Kentucky Water or Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems Fund. SCS (1) Retain original provisions; authorize the Office of State Budget Director to release additional moneys appropriated for the Kentucky Water or Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems Fund for certain projects. SCS (1) Retain original provisions; authorize the Office of State Budget Director to release additional moneys appropriated for the Kentucky Water or Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems Fund for certain projects.

RECENT STATUS

3/28/2025 - delivered to Secretary of State

3/28/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

3/28/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

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HJR33 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS (PETRIE, JASON)

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to contingent appropriations.

Declare that the General Assembly does not authorize the contingent appropriation moneys to establish an Innovations in Early Childhood Education Delivery Grant Program.

RECENT STATUS

3/13/2025 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

3/13/2025 - (S) SECOND READING

3/13/2025 - (S) Taken From Committee

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HJR34 CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS (PETRIE, JASON)

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to contingent appropriations.

Declare that the contingent appropriation of capital construction funds to improve and advance the existing Kentucky Community and Technical College System remains under condiseration by the General Assembly. HCS (1) Remove original provisions; authorize the Office of State Budget Director to release capital construction funds to improve and advance the existing Kentucky Community and Technical College System; APPROPRIATION.

RECENT STATUS

3/19/2025 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; (Acts Ch. 47)

3/12/2025 - delivered to Governor

3/12/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

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SB11

WAGES (THOMAS, REGINALD)

AN ACT relating to wages.

Amend KRS 337.010 to increase the applicable threshold of employees of retail stores and service industries from \$95,000 to \$500,000 average annual gross volume of sales for the employer; amend KRS 337.275 to incrementally raise the minimum wage to \$15.00 an hour; include anti-preemption language permitting local governments to establish minimum wage ordinances in excess of the state minimum wage.

RECENT STATUS

1/9/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

1/7/2025 - Introduced

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SB25

OVERSIGHT OF GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (MILLS, ROBBY)

AN ACT relating to oversight of government operations and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 103.200 to include multifamily housing developments of forty-eight units or more in the definition of "building" for sections related to industrial revenue bonds; and amend KRS 100.347 to limit who can appeal a final action concerning planning and zoning to those that own real property contiguous to a property whose status would be changed as a result of the final action. SCS (1) Retain original provisions, except delete the section that amended KRS 100.347 to limit who can appeal a final action concerning planning and zoning to owners of real property contiguous to a property status that would be changed as a result of the final action. HCS (1) Retain original provisions; create new sections of KRS Chapter 7A to define terms; establish the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board of the Kentucky General Assembly to review, analyze, study, evaluate, provide legislative oversight, and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding any aspect of the Kentucky Medicaid program; establish board membership, authority, and duties; amend KRS 7A.010, 7A.140, 7A.150, and 7A.180 to conform; create a new section of KRS 227.200 to 227.400 to allow for the creation of a local appeals board to hear appeals from final orders of fire chiefs and state fire marshals; establish membership, procedures, and jurisdiction when no local appeals board is established; provide for appeal to Circuit Court of jurisdiction; amend KRS 227.200 to define terms; amend KRS 227.335, 227.380, and 227.390 to conform; amend KRS 43.010 to define "deputy auditor" and "ombudsman"; amend KRS 43.030 to replace references to "assistant auditor" with "deputy auditor"; amend KRS 43.035 to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to provide information on contacting the Commonwealth Office of the

Ombudsman at all Department for Community Based Services offices; require ombudsman to maintain confidentiality; authorize the ombudsman to promulgate administrative regulations; establish that expenses incurred by ombudsman shall be charged to the entity that is the subject of the ombudsman's work; amend KRS 43.040 to replace references to "assistant auditor" with "deputy auditor"; amend KRS 43.080 to make technical correction; require all state agencies to provide the Auditor of Public Accounts with access software; amend KRS 43.090 to establish ombudsman's reporting and recommendation requirements, require the Auditor to maintain confidentiality; amend KRS 43.990 to make technical corrections; create new sections of KRS Chapter 43 to establish the organizational structure of the Auditor's office; require employees and contract staff of the Auditor to submit to state and federal criminal background checks; permit the Auditor to enroll employees and contract staff in the rap back system; create a new section of KRS Chapter 194A to require the cabinet to provide contact information of the ombudsman on its website; require the cabinet to provide the ombudsman with read-only access to group email inboxes; amend KRS 620.050 to authorize the ombudsman to receive reports of suspected child abuse, neglect, or dependency from the cabinet; permit disclosure of files, reports, and other documents used by a children's advocacy center to the ombudsman; permit the ombudsman to report de-identified data otherwise required to be made confidential; require the cabinet to transfer control of a specific phone number to the ombudsman and to bear all costs associated with the transfer; create a new section of KRS Chapter 11 to require that the Governor maintains an office for the receipt of bills that is open during certain times and within certain locations; provide alternative delivery methods if the Governor does not maintain that office; create a new section of KRS Chapter 27A to establish the Court of Justice reserve account in the State Treasury; require certain Restricted Funds in fiscal year 2024-2025 to be transferred to the Court of Justice Reserve Account; appropriate \$3,200,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 from the Court of Justice Reserve Account; amend KRS 45.812 to require an agency, corporation, or school district that is authorized to issue a general obligation bond by an appropriation of the General Assembly, or by or on behalf of any Kentucky school district, to report the costs associated with the issuance of the bond to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee and the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue; amend 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 173, sec. 1 and the State/Executive Branch biennial budget and capital projects to revise and provide funding for various programs and projects and establish conditions for state government agencies, institutions, and programs receiving funding; appropriate \$750,000 in General Fund moneys in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Auditor of Public Accounts budget unit for the purpose of conducting a special audit of the Kentucky Communications Network Authority and the Kentucky Wired Network; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY. HFA (1) Require members of the Senate appointed to the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board to serve a term of two years. HFA (3) Create a new section of KRS Chapter 12 to require each department and program cabinet identified in KRS 12.020 to provide a semiannual report on improved government efficiency to the Legislative Research Commission; establish requirements for the report.

■ RECENT STATUS

3/28/2025 - delivered to Secretary of State

3/28/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

3/28/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

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SB32 **VETERANS** (YATES, DAVID)

AN ACT relating to veterans.

Amend KRS 154.12-330 to give preference to veterans in the issuance of small business loans; create a new section of KRS Chapter 151B to require monthly veteran workforce reports; create new sections of Subchapter 12 of KRS Chapter 154 to require annual job training reports by the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs; require a report on occupational licenses by the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs; create a new section of KRS Chapter 311 to require the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure to review licensing practices for nurses and physicians assistants for military reciprocity through promulgation of administrative regulations; create new sections of KRS Chapter 164 to grant college credit to certain veterans; provide additional flexibility in college scheduling and registration to veterans; amend KRS 40.317 to expand the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs' assistance to veterans in navigating healthcare; create new sections of KRS Chapter 40 to direct the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs to increase access to healthcare for veterans; ensure veterans have access to mental health care; direct the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs to end veteran homelessness.

■ RECENT STATUS

1/9/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (S) 1/7/2025 - Introduced

SB40 ST

STUDENT JOURNALIST FREEDOM (NEAL, GERALD A.)

AN ACT relating to student journalist freedom.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to state legislative findings; define terms; establish additional free speech protections for student journalists; place limitations on additional protections; establish protections for student media advisors; require each local school board to adopt a written policy for time, place, and manner restrictions and for an appeals procedure; provide that student speech not be considered school speech; allow that a student journalist or student media advisor to seek injunctive relief; provide that the Act may be cited as the New Voices Act.

RECENT STATUS

1/9/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

1/7/2025 - Introduced

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SB45

KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS (ARMSTRONG, CASSIE CHAMBERS)

AN ACT relating to Kentucky educational excellence scholarships.

Amend KRS 164.7879 to increase the Kentucky educational excellence scholarship base amount for each eligible grade point average; increase the supplemental award amounts; require a supplemental award for eligible Cambridge Advanced International scores; amend KRS 164.7882 to increase the award amount for an eligible student enrolled in a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program; amend KRS 164.7874, 164.7881, 164.7884, and 164.7885 to conform; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2025.

RECENT STATUS

1/9/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S) 1/7/2025 - Introduced

SB45 Bill Page



SB68

EDUCATION (RAWLINGS, STEVE)

AN ACT relating to education.

Amend KRS 158.645 to change the required learning capacities of Kentucky public school students; amend KRS 158.6451 to provide that schools shall expect a high level of academic achievement and shall develop students' ability to think critically and independently; amend KRS 156.010 to include career and technical education; amend KRS 160.345 to remove the reporting requirement relating to physical activity of students; amend KRS 157.065 to remove the reporting requirement relating to participation in breakfast programs; amend KRS 424.250 to reflect that school boards are tax levying authorities and do not file budgets with the county clerk; require district budgets to be published in the same manner as school financial reports; repeal KRS 157.061 and 158.856. SCS (1) Retain original provisions, except amend KRS 424.250 to remove new language and restore existing language relating to budget advertisements for school districts; require each district to publish a copy of the budget to the district's website. SFA (1) Amend KRS 158.4414 to change effective date of Kentucky guardian program in school districts to the 2026-2027 school year. HCS (1) Retain original provisions; restore the reporting requirement relating to physical activity of students in KRS 160.345.

■ RECENT STATUS

3/25/2025 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; (Acts Ch. 86)

3/14/2025 - delivered to Governor

3/14/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

SB68 Bill Page



SB73

SEXUAL EXTORTION (ADAMS, JULIE RAQUE)

AN ACT relating to sexual extortion.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 531 to establish the crime of sexual extortion as a felony; provide for enhancements to penalties; create a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to establish a civil cause of action for sexual extortion; amend KRS 17.500 to include sexual extortion in the definition of "sex crime"; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require superintendents of local school districts to notify students in grades four and above and parents and guardians of all students of the crime of sexual extortion; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require local school boards to display posters in schools with the definition of sexual extortion and contact information for entities offering assistance to victims; amend KRS 164.2518 to require postsecondary institutions to display posters with the definition of sexual extortion and contact information for entities offering assistance to victims in residential facilities and buildings containing instructional spaces, student services, or academic support services. SFA (1) Retain original provisions, except to limit sexual extortion to sexual demands when the threat is of a non-sexual nature; classify sexual extortion as a Class A misdemeanor; provide for enhancements to penalty; provide that where the victim has attempted or committed suicide within 90 days of the offense, a prosecution for criminal homicide under KRS Chapter 507 or assault under KRS Chapter 508 may be commenced; provide that written notice of sexual extortion by principals to students in grades 4 and above must be age appropriate; limit display of posters in public school buildings to those containing instructional spaces for students in grades 6 through 12.

■ RECENT STATUS

3/12/2025 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; (Acts Ch. 9)

3/7/2025 - delivered to Governor

3/7/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

SB73 Bill Page



SB77

EDUCATION (DENEEN, MATTHEW)

AN ACT relating to education.

Amend KRS 161.028 to allow for a designee of the chief academic officer of an independent not-for-profit college or university to serve as a member of the Education Professional Standards Board. SCS (1) Amend KRS 161.028 to allow the head of an educator preparation program of an independent, nonprofit college or university to serve as a member of the Education Professional Standards Board. HCS (1) Retain original provisions; amend KRS 164.295 to establish performance criteria for a comprehensive university to submit a proposal for a new doctoral program; establish criteria for the Council on Postsecondary Education to consider when reviewing a proposal for a new doctoral program submitted by a comprehensive university; require that the comprehensive university be responsible for the specialized resources necessary to evaluate a proposal for a new doctoral program submitted by a comprehensive university; require that the proposed program be included in the council's budget request for the next biennial budget; require the council to review the proposal and issue a recommendation to the General Assembly on the proposal; require the council to review any new program approved at least once every five years; require that a new doctoral program would not require this process to be followed if the program would not require additional general fund appropriations; include instructions for how programs studied under 24 RS SJR 170 should be handled; include that the University of Louisville and University of Kentucky doctoral degree program approval process should be consistent. HFA (1) Retain original provisions; provide additional performance criteria for a comprehensive university to submit a proposal for a new doctoral program based on regional performance.

RECENT STATUS

3/19/2025 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; (Acts Ch. 33)

3/13/2025 - delivered to Governor

3/13/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

SB77 Bill Page



SB80

VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM (CARROLL, DANNY)

AN ACT relating to a veterinary medicine program at Murray State Universi

Amend KRS 164.295 to permit Murray State University to offer doctor's degrees required for professional practice and licensure in veterinary medicine.

RECENT STATUS

2/6/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S) 2/4/2025 - Introduced

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SB83

KEES SCHOLARSHIPS (WILSON, MIKE)

AN ACT relating to KEES scholarships for students attending noncertified schools.

Amend KRS 164.7874 to include an equivalent score on the Classic Learning Test as a KEES supplemental amount; define "eligible noncertified school graduate"; amend definitions of "KEES award," "KEES award maximum," and " KEES base amount" for an eligible noncertified school graduate; amend KRS 164.7879 to establish an equivalent grade point average for eligible noncertified school graduates based on the graduate's ACT score; amend KRS 164.7881 and 164.7884 to conform. SCS (1) Retain original provisions, except remove an equivalent score on the Classic Learning Test from the definition of "ACT score".

■ RECENT STATUS

2/26/2025 - received in House

2/25/2025 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 37-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

2/25/2025 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

SB83 Bill Page





AMENDING THE 2024-2026 STATE/EXECUTIVE BRANCH BIENNIAL BUDGET (TICHENOR,

AN ACT amending the 2024-2026 State/Executive Branch biennial budget and declaring an emergency. Amend 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 175 to remove the immunity provision for postsecondary institutions from the State/Executive Branch biennial budget; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

2/7/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S) 2/5/2025 - Introduced

SB107 Bill Page

SB113 VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM AT MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY (HOWELL, JASON)

AN ACT relating to a veterinary medicine program at Murray State University.

Amend KRS 164.295 to permit Murray State University to offer doctor's degrees required for professional practice and licensure in veterinary medicine.

RECENT STATUS

2/11/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S) 2/6/2025 - Introduced

SB113 Bill Page

SB116 SEX-BASED CLASSIFICATIONS (TICHENOR, LINDSEY)

AN ACT relating to sex-based classifications.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 61 to define "boy," "equal," "female," "girl," "male," "man," "sex," and "woman"; prohibit any state or local law, regulation, ordinance, or policy from treating males or females unfairly from similiarly situated members of the opposite sex, but permit separation of the sexes if in the interest of maintaining safety, privacy, and fairness; provide a non-exhaustive list of examples of areas in which public entities may distinguish between the sexes; require any public school, public school district, state agency, department, local government, special district or any political subdivision of those entities that collects vital statistics to identify each person as either male or female; provide that the Act may be cited as the Kentucky Women's Bill of Rights.

RECENT STATUS

2/11/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S) 2/6/2025 - Introduced

SB116 Bill Page

SB119 COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITIES (STORM, BRANDON J.)

AN ACT relating to comprehensive universities.

Amend KRS 164.295 to permit Eastern Kentucky University to offer doctor of osteopathic medicine degrees required for professional practice and licensure in osteopathic medicine.

RECENT STATUS

2/12/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)



SB134 COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITIES (CARROLL, DANNY)

AN ACT relating to comprehensive universities.

Amend KRS 164.295 to permit Eastern Kentucky University to offer doctor of osteopathic medicine degrees required for professional practice and licensure in osteopathic medicine; permit Murray State University to offer doctor's degrees required for professional practice and licensure in veterinary medicine; permit Western Kentucky University to offer up to five research doctoral degree programs.

■ RECENT STATUS

2/13/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S) 2/11/2025 - Introduced



SB164 GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL (TICHENOR, LINDSEY)

AN ACT relating to government personnel policies and declaring an emergency.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 61 to prohibit a state or local government or public agency from providing preferential treatment to individuals or entities on the basis of religion, race, sex, color, or national origin when they contract or seek employment with the state or local government; define terms; prohibit a state or local government from requiring or incentivizing a person to attend a diversity, equity, and inclusion training or provide any differential treatment or benefits to an individual based on the individual's participation in diversity, equity, and inclusion training; prohibit a public agency from providing resources or funds to establish or maintain diversity, equity, and inclusion offices, trainings, or related initiatives; allow an exemption to provide preferential consideration for businesses owned by individuals who are residents of Kentucky or the United States; allow the Attorney General to bring civil action to enforce provisions of this Act; allow a qualified individual to bring a civil action for injunctive relief and to recover attorney's fees and litigation costs if a state or local government or public agency is found to have violated this Act; waive immunity under certain conditions; prevent an employee or agent of a public agency or a state or local government from using their authority to influence, discourage, interfere, or retaliate against a person who in good faith participates in a civil action in accordance with this Act; amend KRS 12.020 to rename the "Office of Diversity, Equality, and Training" to "Office of Employee Training"; amend KRS 18A.025 to deline the responsibilities of the Office of Employee Training; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S) 2/13/2025 - Introduced



SB165 EDUCATION (TICHENOR, LINDSEY)

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 158 to define terms; prohibit a school district, public school, or cooperative board from providing differential treatment or benefits on the basis of an individual's religion, race, sex, color, or national origin; prohibit the Kentucky Department of Education, a school district, a public school, or a cooperative board from expending any resources on diversity, equity, and inclusion; prohibit the department, a school district, a public school, or a cooperative board from soliciting statements on an applicant's experience with or views on religion, race, sex, color, or national origin, from providing differential treatment or benefits to an individual based on the individual's participation in diversity, equity, and inclusion training, and from disseminating or profiting from any research, work product, or material that promotes or justifies discriminatory concepts of diversity, equity, and inclusion; establish exclusions; authorize the Attorney General to bring an action for a writ of mandamus to compel the department, a school district, a public school or a cooperative board to comply; create a cause of action to permit a qualified individual to file a civil action against a the department, a school district, a cooperative board, or a public school for injunctive relief arising from a violation of this Act; permit recovery of monetary damages for a willful and intentional violation; waive sovereign, governmental, and qualified immunity; prohibit retaliation; require each public school district and cooperative board to provide the State Treasurer the name, job title, duty station, and compensation information of each employee of the school district or cooperative board each month for publication; amend KRS 161.030 to require certain certification applicants to complete an approved professional development program on Kentucky education law; amend KRS 158.4416 and 158.4414 to conform; require school districts and cooperative boards to follow designated procedures when implementing this Act including termination or transfer of certain employees; require the Kentucky Department of Education to eliminate the Division of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging and follow designated procedures when implementing this Act including termination or transfer of certain employees; EFFECTIVE, in part, February 1, 2026; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S) 2/13/2025 - Introduced

SB165 Bill Page

SB208

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WORKING GROUP (WEST, STEPHEN)

AN ACT relating to the postsecondary education working group.

Amend KRS 164.092 to require the postsecondary education working group to meet in calendar year 2025 and every odd-numbered year thereafter.

RECENT STATUS

2/20/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S) 2/18/2025 - Introduced

SB208 Bill Page

SB237

PUBLIC SAFETY (HOWELL, JASON)

AN ACT relating to public safety.

Amend KRS 15.382, relating to peace officer professional standards certification, to provide that a person who has previously been employed as a peace officer in another state and who meets certain criteria, shall not be required to pass a physical agility test; make technical corrections. HCS (1) Retain original provisions; amend KRS 15.530 to define terms; amend KRS 15.552 to remove hiring date restriction and allow a fully trained part-time telecommunicator credit toward the full-time training academy if conditions are met; amend KRS 15.560 to require all part-time telecommunicators to complete telecommunicator overview training within 12 months of the hire date; EFFECTIVE, in part, July 1, 2026. HFA (1) Retain original provisions; require a person who has previously been employed as a peace officer in another state to provide written documentation that he or she has passed a physical agility test in the other state to in order to waive that condition in the Commonwealth. HFA (2) Retain original provisions; amend KRS 164.952 to remove the

limitations on the number of retired police officers a public postsecondary education institution may employ without paying into the retirement system.

RECENT STATUS

3/24/2025 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; (Acts Ch. 53)

3/14/2025 - delivered to Governor

3/14/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

SB237 Bill Page



SB253 SCHOLARSHIPS (HIGDON, JIMMY)

AN ACT relating to scholarships.

Amend KRS 164.769 to remove repayment obligations from the teacher scholarship program; amend scholorship terms; provide that the scholarship amount shall not exceed the highest in-state tuition rate for a teacher preparation program at a Kentucky public university; amend KRS 164.786 to add eligibility for high school freshmen and sophomores to the dual credit scholarship program; require an approved dual credit course to be in the statewide general education core; permit up to 20 dual credit courses in a teacher and learning career pathway; provide that scholarships shall be awarded in order of application date; revise scholarship to allow two career and technical dual credit courses in each academic year of high school and two general education dual credit courses in the grades 11 and 12; amend KRS 164.787 to conform; repeal KRS 164.771, relating to the Teacher Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Pilot Program, effective June 30, 2026; provide that funds appropriated to the Teacher Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Pilot Program shall be disbursed through the teacher scholarship program on and after June 30, 2026; EFFECTIVE, in part, June 30, 2026.

RECENT STATUS

2/20/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S) 2/18/2025 - Introduced

SB253 Bill Page

SB258 LINDSEY)

KENTUCKY RESIDENCY IN THE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION SYSTEM (TICHENOR,

AN ACT relating to Kentucky residency in the postsecondary educational system.

Amend KRS 164.020 to define Kentucky residency in the postsecondary education system to require a student to be a citizen, national resident, or permanent resident.

RECENT STATUS

2/20/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S) 2/18/2025 - Introduced

SB258 Bill Page

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Disaster Prevention and Resiliency Task Force to study disaster mitigation, risk assessment, infrastructure resilience, and planning for natural disasters that impact the Commonwealth.

Direct the Legislative Research Commission to establish the Disaster Prevention and Resiliency Task Force to study disaster mitigation, infrastructure resilience, and planning for natural disasters that impact the Commonwealth; require the task force to submit its report to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2025.

RECENT STATUS

3/6/2025 - received in House

3/6/2025 - (S) THIRD READING, adopted 38-0 with Committee Substitute (1) and Floor Amendment (1)

3/6/2025 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; SCS 1, SFA 1

SCR67 Bill Page



SJR55 COMBAT ANTISEMITISM (TICHENOR, LINDSEY)

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing Kentucky's public postsecondary institutions to combat antisemitism.

Direct the governing board of public postsecondary education institutions to adopt policies to combat antisemitism and require implementation until June 30, 2028; establish the requirements for the policies; require each institution to report data collected through policies to the Council on Postsecondary Education; and require the Council on Postsecondary Education to compile and report data to the Legislative Research Commission. SCS (1) Retain original provisions; require public postsecondary education institutions to incorporate the definition of antisemitism recognized in 2021 Regular Session Senate Resolution 67; expand inclusion of Jewish organizations as community resources for students. SFA (1) Retain original provisions; require public postsecondary education institutions to use the definition of "antisemitism" recognized in Senate Resolution 67 from the 2021 Regular Session of the General Assembly as guidance in compliance with the First Amendment; require institutions to include notice to students of the institution's student-on-student harassment policies.

RECENT STATUS

3/28/2025 - delivered to Governor

3/28/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

3/28/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

SJR55 Bill Page



SR105 APPOINTMENT OF DERRICK GILES HELM (GIRDLER, RICK)

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Derrick Giles Helm to the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents. Confirm the appointment of Derrick Giles Helm to the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents for a term expiring June 30, 2030.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2025 - **ADOPTED BY SENATE** 38-0

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3/4/2025 - Introduced

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