

Legislative Report

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Bill Information

HB1 APPROPRIATIONS FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES *(PETRIE, JASON)*

AN ACT relating to government agencies, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency. Appropriate General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account in fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 to the following: Kentucky Infrastructure Authority for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure grants; Department for Local Government to provide matching funds under the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation Program; Kentucky Public Pensions Authority to be applied to the unfunded liability of the State Police Retirement Systems and the Kentucky Employees Retirement System Nonhazardous pension funds; Teachers' Retirement System to be applied to the unfunded actuarially accrued liability; Cabinet for Economic Development to support the KEDFA loan pool and development projects; Department of Kentucky State Police for lab equipment; Transportation Cabinet to improve public riverports, to implement the Short Line Infrastructure Preservation and Industrial Access and Safety Improvement pilot projects, and support grants to each General Aviation airport; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

1/16/2024 - Introduced

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HB6 EXECUTIVE BRANCH BUDGET *(PETRIE, JASON)*

AN ACT relating to appropriations measures providing funding and establishing conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, cabinets, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, subdivisions, agencies, and other state-supported activities.

The State/Executive Branch Budget: Detail Part I, Operating Budget; detail Part II, Capital Projects Budget; detail Part III, General Provisions; detail Part IV, State Salary/Compensation, Benefit, and Employment Policy; detail Part V, Funds Transfer; detail Part VI, General Fund Budget Reduction Plan; detail Part VII, General Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; detail Part VIII, Road Fund Budget Reduction Plan; detail Part IX, Road Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; detail Part X, Phase I Tobacco Settlement; and detail Part XI, Executive Branch Budget Summary; APPROPRIATION.

RECENT STATUS

1/16/2024 - Introduced

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HB41 IMMUNIZATION *(CALLAWAY, EMILY)*

AN ACT relating to immunization.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 18A to prohibit monetary or in-kind incentives for immunization by a fully insured health benefit plan or self-insured plan issued or renewed to public employees; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to prohibit a public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school from accepting any monetary or in-kind incentives for immunization of any person; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to prohibit a public or nonpublic postsecondary educational institution from accepting any monetary or in-kind incentives for immunization of any person; amend KRS 214.036 to prohibit the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or any related entity from providing any public funds for monetary or in-kind incentives for immunization of any person to any entity; prohibit any public funds from being used to provide any monetary or in-kind incentives for the immunization of any person; create a new section of KRS Chapter 216A to prohibit any health facility or health care provider from accepting any funds for providing monetary or in-kind incentives for the immunization of any person; create a new section of Subtitle 12 of KRS Chapter 304 to prohibit a health care insurer from accepting any funds for providing monetary or in-kind incentives for the immunization of any person; create a new section of KRS Chapter 338 to prohibit an employer from accepting any funds for providing monetary or in-kind incentives for the immunization of any employee.

RECENT STATUS

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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HB46 KEES SCHOLARSHIPS (RAWLINGS, STEVE)

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 164.7884 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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HB109 SWIMMING POOLS (JACKSON, KEVIN)

AN ACT relating to swimming pools and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 211 to define terms; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to establish a system to designate swimming pools into classifications; establish lifeguard requirements for Class A and Class B pools; require the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

1/9/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)

1/3/2024 - Introduced

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HB139 KENTUCKY CYBER PROGRAM *(THOMAS, WALKER)*

AN ACT relating to the KentuckyCYBER Program and making an appropriation therefor.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 164 to establish the Kentucky Cybersecurity (KentuckyCYBER) Program and governing board within the Council on Postsecondary Education; establish the purpose and duties of KentuckyCYBER Governing Board; create the KentuckyCYBER fund, APPROPRIATION.

RECENT STATUS

1/3/2024 - Introduced

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HB162 MATHEMATICS EDUCATION *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to mathematics education.

Amend KRS 158.791 to specify the role of Department of Education in assisting local school districts with mathematics instruction, supports, and interventions; require the department to collaborate with designated agencies on mathematics programming, materials, and activities; amend KRS 158.840 to require students in grades four through eight needing to make accelerated progress in mathematics to receive intervention; require Council on Post Secondary to submit an annual report on the compliance of teacher preparation programs; require regular reports to an external evaluator on elementary and middle school mathematics instruction; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to define terms; require the Department of Education to promulgate regulations defining multitiered supports for students in grades four through eight; require the department to provide technical support to school districts; require school districts to select a universal screener for mathematics by January 1, 2025; require schools to give the mathematics universal screener to all students in grades four through eight within the first 30 days of school beginning with the 2025-2026 school year; require the department to provide resources to teachers on specific screeners and instructional resources; require the department to establish reading teacher academies or coaching models by September 1, 2025, if funds are available; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require postsecondary institutions offering teacher preparation programs in elementary education and middle school mathematics education to include kindergarten through grade 12 instructional strategies and Department of Education identified mathematics resources; require the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) to develop and maintain a list of approved teacher preparation assessments; require the EPSB to develop an evaluation rubric for teacher candidates; require the EPSB to report elementary and middle school mathematics teacher preparation program data to an external evaluator; amend KRS 158.842 to change the composition of the Committee for Mathematics Achievement; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to establish the Kentucky numeracy counts fund; provide that moneys in the fund shall not lapse; provide that the Act may be cited as the Kentucky Numeracy Counts Act.

RECENT STATUS

1/5/2024 - Introduced

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HB221 HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCE *(MCCOOL, BOBBY)*

AN ACT relating to higher education finance and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 164.746 to modify the membership of the governing board of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority; amend KRS 164A.050 to modify the membership of the governing board of the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation; amend KRS 164A.055 to authorize the Asset Resolution Corporation to engage in student loan activities; remove references to administration by the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

1/10/2024 - Introduced

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HB224

CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOMS AT PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

(MADDOX, SAVANNAH)

AN ACT relating to constitutional freedoms at public postsecondary education institutions.

Amend KRS 164.348 to define "institution," "public," and "staff"; require an institution to adopt a policy to not restrict off-campus speech; extend free speech protections to the public; provide that student religious and political organizations shall be afforded equal access to facilities; provide that authority vested with a student organization to distribute student organization funding shall be contingent on viewpoint-neutral distribution of those funds; reduce institution's authority to establish permit requirements; specify how an institution defines student-on-student harassment; waive immunity for claims brought under the Act; permit disciplinary action against a faculty member or administrator that knowingly and intentionally restricts the protected speech of another; suspend the distribution authority of a student organization that does not distribute student organization funding in accordance with the Act; prohibit retaliation against campus community members; require Council on Postsecondary Education to develop free speech instructional materials and model trainings for institutions; require institutions to present free speech instructional materials and trainings to designated individuals; require institutions to publish semiannual student organization funding reports; designate the required contents of the semiannual student organization funding report; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to limit the jurisdiction of an institution over associations, groups, or organizations not affiliated with the institutions.

RECENT STATUS

1/10/2024 - Introduced

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HB228 POSTSECONDARY EMPLOYMENT (TIPTON, JAMES)

AN ACT relating to postsecondary employment.

Amend various sections of Chapter 164 to require the boards of each state university and the Kentucky Technical and Community College System to approve a performance and productivity evaluation process for all faculty members by January 1, 2025; require faculty evaluations be completed at least once every four years; permit removal of faculty 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.

RECENT STATUS

1/10/2024 - Introduced

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HB231 PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (LAWRENCE, WILLIAM)

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 resident students and 7% a year for nonresident students; provide a 4-year tuition freeze for an enrolled 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 164.131 to add 2 additional full-time student members to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees, including 1 graduate student; remove language regarding initial appointments; amend KRS 164.821 to add 2 additional full-time student members to the University of Louisville Board of Trustees, including 1 graduate student; remove language regarding initial appointments; amend KRS 164.321 to add 2 additional full-time student members to the boards of regents, including 1 full-time graduate student; remove language regarding initial appointments; 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, 2028.

RECENT STATUS

1/10/2024 - Introduced

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HB233 HISTORICAL INSTRUCTION *(BROWN JR., GEORGE)*

AN ACT relating to historical instruction.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require African history instruction in certain middle and high school world history and civilization courses; require Native American history instruction in certain middle and high school United States history courses; require the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations establishing academic standards for the required historical instructions; require superintendents to adopt curricula for required instruction; require the Department of Education to collaborate with the Kentucky Center for African American Heritage and the Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission to develop recommended curricula and instruction guidelines for the required historical instruction, elective high school course offerings in African history and Native American history, and relevant professional development materials.

RECENT STATUS

1/10/2024 - Introduced

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HB257 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

1/16/2024 - Introduced

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HB259 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 and make technical corrections.

RECENT STATUS

1/16/2024 - Introduced

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SB6 POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS *(WILSON, MIKE)*

AN ACT relating to postsecondary institutions.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to define terms; provide that a student or employee of a public postsecondary education institution shall not be penalized, discriminated against, or receive any adverse treatment due to the individual's refusal to support or endorse any divisive concept; provide that a student or employee of a public postsecondary education institution shall not be required to endorse a specific ideology or political viewpoint to be eligible for hiring, contract renewal, tenure, promotion, or graduation and prohibit an institution from inquiring into the individual's political or social viewpoints; provide that any person aggrieved by a violation of this Act has a cause of action against the institution for damages and costs of no less than \$1,000 and no more than \$100,000 per violation; waive sovereign, governmental, and qualified immunity; require the job duties of any individual employed in a diversity, equity, and inclusion role to include the promotion of intellectual diversity; provide that nothing in the section shall be interpreted to infringe upon designated rights of an institution's ability to comply with state or federal law or accreditation standards; require each public postsecondary education institution to conduct a survey in 2025 and 2027 of the institution's students and employees to assess the campus climate with regard to diversity of thought and the respondents' comfort level in speaking freely on campus, regardless of political affiliation or ideology.

RECENT STATUS

1/3/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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SB7 KEES SCHOLARSHIPS *(WILSON, MIKE)*

AN ACT relating to the 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 164.7884 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

1/18/2024 - Senate Education (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

1/8/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

1/4/2024 - Introduced

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SB34 FAMILY WELL-BEING (WESTERFIELD, WHITNEY)

AN ACT relating to the promotion of family well-being and making an appropriation therefor.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 205 to require the eligibility periods for all public assistance programs administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services be extended to the maximum period of eligibility permitted under federal law; prohibit the Cabinet for Health and Family Services from relying exclusively on automated, artificial-intelligence based, or algorithmic software in the identification of fraud in programs administered by the cabinet; require Cabinet for Health and Family Services personnel to review relevant documentation before denying, discontinuing, or reducing an individual's benefits; amend KRS 205.178 to conform; amend KRS 205.231 to establish a presumption of innocence for public assistance beneficiaries when appealing a decision to disqualify the individual; create a new section of Subtitle 17 of KRS Chapter 304 to require insurers to provide a special enrollment period for pregnant individuals and specify coverage requirements; amend KRS 304.17A-145 to require health benefit plans that provide coverage for dependents to cover maternity care for all covered individuals regardless of age; amend KRS 18A.225, 164.2871, 194A.099, 205.522, 205.6485, and 205.5372 to conform; amend KRS 205.592 to allow Medicaid income limits for certain women and children to be increased under certain circumstances; create a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to require Medicaid coverage for lactation support services and breastfeeding supplies; amend KRS 205.1783 to require the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Employment and Training program to offer the same services as are offered to Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program participants; amend KRS 100.982 and 100.984 to permit the operation of family child-care homes in any residential zone without a conditional use permit; amend KRS 199.894 to define terms; create a new section of KRS Chapter 199 to establish the Child Care Assistance Program; create a new section of KRS Chapter 383 to allow court eviction-records to be expunged after three years; require payment of back rent; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to establish a tuition and student fee waiver for eligible pregnant women and parents; direct the Legislative Research Commission to establish the Basic Health Program Design Task Force to make recommendations regarding the basic health program eligibility, cost sharing, and reimbursement rates; authorize the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to establish a basic health program; direct the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to prepare and submit federal waiver applications to provide supported housing and supported employment services to certain Medicaid beneficiaries; to waive the single risk pool requirement and establish a state-based reinsurance program; and to permit the cabinet to accept SNAP applications from incarcerated individuals up to six months prior to release; appropriate to the Kentucky Housing Corporation: 2024-2026: \$10,000,000 for a rental assistance program for pregnant women and households that include children under the five years of age; appropriate to the Department of Agriculture: 2024-2026 \$2,200,000 to establish a school nutrition reimbursement program and to support the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Assistance Program; appropriate to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services: 2024-2025: \$284,843,200, 2025-2026: \$314,838,400 to expand the Women, Infants, and Children Farmers Market Nutrition Assistance Program to include Jefferson County, establish a Women, Infants, and Children's Program supplemental payment, expand Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training program offerings; support the Child Care Assistance Program, and fund an additional 280 slots in the Home and Community Based waiver program, an additional 2,100 slots in the Michelle P. waiver program, and an additional 800 slots in the Supports for Community Living waiver program; direct the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to seek federal approval as necessary; direct the Department of Insurance to seek a federal cost defrayment waiver as necessary; provide that the Act may be cited as the Advancing Lives for Pregnancy and Healthy Alternatives Act or the ALPHA Act; APPROPRIATION; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2025.

RECENT STATUS

1/5/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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SB37 OPEN RECORDS *(SOUTHWORTH, ADRIENNE)*

AN ACT relating to open records.

Create a new section of KRS 61.870 to 61.884, the Open Records Act, to require officers, employees, and official custodians of public agencies to complete specified open records training; require official custodians to complete open records training every two years so long as they remain the official custodian; require the Attorney General to provide open records training to officers, employees, and official custodians of public agencies, but allow public agencies to provide their own training if the training would qualify as open records training and is approved by the Attorney General; require the training to be in a live format, but permit training to be performed remotely; amend KRS 61.870 to define "open records training"; amend KRS 61.876 to require every public agency to submit to the Attorney General contact information for its official custodian; require the Attorney General to maintain a database and publish on its website the contact information of each official custodian; amend KRS 15.257 to require the Attorney General to distribute information regarding any amendment to the Open Meetings or Open Records Acts to all official; require official custodians to disseminate the information provided by the Attorney General to employees of their respective agencies; amend KRS 61.872 to conform; make technical corrections.

RECENT STATUS

1/12/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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SB66 CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS *(SOUTHWORTH, ADRIENNE)*

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 and state and local governments to limit concealed carry in governmental buildings; amend KRS 150.172, 237.110, and 527.020 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

1/12/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (S)

1/4/2024 - Introduced

SB66 Bill Page →

SB70 CHARITABLE DONOR INTENT PROTECTION *(WHEELER, PHILLIP)*

AN ACT relating to charitable donor intent protection.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 273 to define terms; establish that charitable organizations that accept contributions pursuant to an endowment agreement must abide by the terms of the endowment agreement; establish that a donor or a donor's legal representative may bring a civil action against a charitable organization that violates the terms of the endowment agreement.

RECENT STATUS

1/16/2024 - (S) recommitted to committee Senate Judiciary (S)

1/8/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Licensing & Occupations (S)

1/4/2024 - Introduced

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SB80 ELECTIONS *(SOUTHWORTH, ADRIENNE)*

AN ACT relating to elections.

Amend KRS 117.001 to remove from the definition of "proof of identification" a student or employee identification document used to confirm a voter's identity; and amend KRS 117.228 to remove a credit or debit card as a secondary form of identification to confirm a voter's identity.

RECENT STATUS

1/12/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

1/5/2024 - Introduced

[SB80 Bill Page](#) →

SB81 HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCE *(WISE, MAX)*

AN ACT relating to higher education finance and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 164.746 to modify the membership of the governing board of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority; amend KRS 164A.050 to modify the membership of the governing board of the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation; amend KRS 164A.055 to authorize the Asset Resolution Corporation to engage in student loan activities; remove references to administration by the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

1/8/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

1/5/2024 - Introduced

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SB93 EDUCATION *(MEREDITH, STEPHEN)*

AN ACT relating to education.

Amend KRS 161.164 to prohibit that a local school district or public charter school from requiring a statement, pledge, or oath, other than to uphold general and federal law, the United States Constitution, and the Constitution of Kentucky, as a part of any recruitment, hiring, employment, promotion, disciplinary, or evaluation process; create a new section of KRS Chapter 160 to define terms; prohibit public school districts and schools from expending any resources or funds to purchase membership in, or goods and services from, any organization that discriminates on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or religion; to prohibit public school districts and schools from expending any resources or funds on diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging or political or social activism; prohibit public school districts from engaging in diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging; provide a limited exception for compliance with state or federal law; amend KRS 158.4416 to strike all references to trauma-informed approach; amend KRS 158.4414 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

1/11/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)
1/8/2024 - Introduced

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SB95 LACTATING STUDENTS *(ARMSTRONG, CASSIE CHAMBERS)*

AN ACT relating to lactating students.

Create new sections of KRS Chapters 158 and 164 to require public schools, public charter schools, and public postsecondary institutions to provide reasonable accommodations to a lactating student; set forth the minimum requirements for those reasonable accommodations; require public schools, public charter schools, and public postsecondary institutions to provide lactating students a reasonable amount of time to express breast milk or breastfeed without incurring an academic penalty.

RECENT STATUS

1/10/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)
1/8/2024 - Introduced

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SB109 KEES SCHOLARSHIPS *(ARMSTRONG, CASSIE CHAMBERS)*

AN ACT relating to Kentucky educational excellence scholarships and declaring an emergency.

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; 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; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

1/16/2024 - Introduced

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