

# 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

1/22/2024 - floor amendment (1) filed

1/22/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

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

1/22/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

1/16/2024 - Introduced

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AN ACT relating to postsecondary education and declaring an emergency.

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 or training on diversity, equity, and inclusion or discriminatory concepts as a program requirement; and from permitting credit from a course dedicated to the promotion of diversity, equity, and inclusion or discriminatory concepts to count towards the total number of credits required for a degree or certificate, or disseminating or profiting from any research, work product, or material that promotes or justifies discriminatory concepts of diversity, equity, and inclusion; establish exclusions; require each governing board of a public postsecondary education institution to amend the institution's policy on nondiscrimination to include a clause on ideological neutrality that prohibits institutional discrimination on the basis of an individual's political or social ideology; prohibit a public postsecondary education institution from requiring or encouraging any individual to endorse or condemn a specific political or social ideology or make any inquiry into the political or social ideology of students, faculty, and staff or from providing preferential or prejudicial consideration or treatment to an individual on the basis of that individual's actual or perceived political or social ideology; 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, 2024; require the council and institutions to collaborate on a standardized procedure to consider denying transfer credit earned in courses dedicated to diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives and to develop data collection and reporting methods; 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 damages arising from a violation of this Act; waive sovereign and governmental immunity; 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 on governmentally mandated discrimination; require the council to develop and publish an annual assessment to evaluate intellectual freedom and viewpoint diversity at public postsecondary education institutions; require each institution to annually distribute the assessment to all students, faculty, and staff and publish the results; require each public postsecondary education institution to provide the Personnel Cabinet and State Treasurer the name, job title, duty station, salary or wages, and amount of any contracted severance or other form of post-employment compensation of each employee of the institution by the twentieth day of 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 is not aligned with Section 2 of this Act; direct the Council on Postsecondary Education to consider alignment with Section 2 of this Act 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; require public postsecondary education institutions to submit a series of reports on historical employment data for diversity, equity, and inclusion employees; EFFECTIVE, in part, February 1, 2025; EMERGENCY.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/25/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)

1/19/2024 - Introduced

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AN ACT relating to maternal and child health.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 211 to establish the Kentucky maternal psychiatry access program, also known as the Kentucky Lifeline for Moms; establish duties and responsibilities of the program; direct that the program shall be operated by the Department for Public Health, Division of Maternal and Child Health; amend KRS 211.122 to establish that the collaborative panel related to maternal and infant health shall be renamed the Kentucky maternal and infant health collaborative; establish formal membership of the collaborative; require that the collaborative annually review the operations of the new Kentucky maternal psychiatry access program; amend KRS 211.690, related to the Health Access Nurturing Development Services program to require the HANDS program provide information related to lactation consultation, breastfeeding, and safe sleep for babies; establish that the program participants shall participate in the home visitation program through in-person face-to-face methods or through tele-service delivery methods; create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require insurers and any exchange to provide a special enrollment period for pregnant individuals; specify requirements for the coverage; require group plan insurers to provide notice of special enrollment rights; amend KRS 304.17A-145 to require health benefit plans that provide coverage for dependents to provide coverage for maternity care; amend KRS 304.17A-220 and 194A.099 to conform with the special enrollment requirement; amend KRS 18A.225 and 164.2871 to require the state employee health plan and self-insured state postsecondary education institution group health plans to comply with the special enrollment and maternity coverage requirements; amend KRS 205.522 to require Medicaid coverage of maternity services; amend KRS 205.592 to allow Medicaid income limit for certain women and children to be increased under certain circumstances; amend KRS 205.6485 to require Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program to provide maternity coverage; create a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to require the Department for Medicaid Services and any managed care organization with whom the department contracts for the delivery of Medicaid services to provide coverage for lactation consultation and breastfeeding equipment; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to apply for a Medicaid waiver if potential cost defrayment or loss of federal funds is identified; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to study doula certification programs nationally; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2025.

## RECENT STATUS

1/24/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Health Services (H)

1/17/2024 - 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.

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1/2/2024 - Introduced

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## HB46 KEES SCHOLARSHIPS (RAWLINGS, STEVE)

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

Amend KRS 164.7874 to include an equivalent score on the Classic Learning Test as a KEEES supplemental amount; define "eligible noncertified school graduate"; amend definitions of "KEES award," "KEES award maximum," and " KEEES 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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## HB48 RIGHT TO REFUSE MEDICAL TREATMENT (RAWLINGS, STEVE)

AN ACT relating to the right to refuse medical treatment.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 311 to recognize an inherent and absolute right to refuse medical treatment and remove liability protections in the event of a serious adverse reaction.

### RECENT STATUS

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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## HB49 RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS (RAWLINGS, STEVE)

AN ACT relating to the recruitment and retention of medical professionals and declaring an emergency.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 344 to ensure federal law relating to emergency medical treatment and the collection of evidence is not overridden; define terms; prohibit discrimination against medical care providers who decline to perform procedures that violate their conscience; grant providers the right not to participate in or pay for services that violate their conscience; exempt providers from liability for exercising these rights; prohibit the State Board of Medical Licensure from reprimanding medical practitioners and require the board to provide complaints it has received to medical practitioners; establish a civil cause of action for persons injured by violations; provide that the Act may be cited as the Healthcare Heroes Recruitment and Retention Act; EMERGENCY.

### RECENT STATUS

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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## HB52 COVERAGE FOR CANCER DETECTION (FRAZIER GORDON, DEANNA)


AN ACT relating to coverage for cancer detection.

Create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to define "cancer screening, test, or procedure"; require coverage for screenings, tests, and procedures performed for the purpose of detecting cancer that occur prior to diagnosis; amend KRS 304.17C-125, 205.522, 164.2871, and 18A.225 to require limited health service benefit plans, Medicaid, self-insured employer group health plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution, and the state employee health plan to comply with the cancer coverage requirement; provide that various sections apply to health insurance policies, certificates, plans, or contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025; establish the construction of certain provisions for purposes of federal law and require state officials to comply; require the Department of Insurance to determine whether the coverage requirement for cancer detection would be in addition to essential health benefits required under federal law; require the Department of Insurance and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to obtain federal waivers, if necessary; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2025.

### RECENT STATUS

1/24/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Health Services (H)

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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## **HB63** COVERAGE FOR ANNUAL PAP SMEARS *(BANTA, KIM)*

AN ACT relating to coverage for annual pap smears.

Create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require coverage for an annual pap smear without cost sharing; amend KRS 304.17A-647 to conform; amend KRS 304.17C-125, 205.522, 164.2871, and 18A.225 to require limited health service benefit plans, Medicaid, self-insured employer group health plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution, and the state employee health plan to comply with the pap smear coverage requirement; apply requirement to health insurance policies, certificates, plans, or contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to obtain federal approval if necessary relative to Medicaid; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2025.

### RECENT STATUS

1/2/2024 - Introduced

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## **HB115** COVERAGE FOR BREAST EXAMINATIONS *(WILLNER, LISA)*

AN ACT relating to coverage for breast examinations.

Amend KRS 304.17-316 to define terms; make technical corrections; prohibit cost-sharing requirements for any covered diagnostic breast examination or supplemental breast examination; provide for additional coverage if required under federal law; provide exemption to Health Savings Account-qualified High Deductible Health Plans under certain circumstances; amend KRS 304.17A-096, 304.17A-133, 304.18-098, 304.32-1591, and 304.38-1935 to conform; amend KRS 18A.225 and 164.2871 to require the state employee health plan and self-insured employer group health plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution to comply with breast examination coverage requirements; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025.

### RECENT STATUS

1/17/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Health Services (H)

1/3/2024 - Introduced

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## **HB124** EMPLOYMENT *(CALLAWAY, EMILY)*

AN ACT relating to employment.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 335B.010 to 335B.070 to require hiring and licensing authorities to establish an application process that gives persons convicted of a crime an opportunity to apply for a position of public employment or occupational license before pursuing training; amend KRS 335.020 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 and 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.

### **RECENT STATUS**

1/3/2024 - Introduced

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## **HB138** SERVICE CREDIT TEACHER'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM *(GROSSBERG, DANIEL)*

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

Amend KRS 161.500 to allow members of the Teachers' Retirement System to recover up to 10 unpaid days that were missed to observe religious holidays; include the recovered days in count of days worked for service credit; EMERGENCY.

### **RECENT STATUS**

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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## HB144 HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS (DOAN, STEVEN)

AN ACT relating to health service providers.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 216B to define "covenant not to compete," "employee," and "health service provider"; prohibit a health service provider receiving 10 percent or more of its total gross revenue from state general funds from requiring an employee to enter a covenant not to compete; set forth civil remedy, damages that can be recovered, and limitations to bring claim; require notice of prohibited covenant not to compete be posted by the health service provider; prohibit an employer from retaliating against an employee for bringing a civil action; prohibit any covenant not to complete in effect before the effective date of this Act from being renewed.

### RECENT STATUS

1/4/2024 - Introduced

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## HB158 DYSLEXIA (BOJANOWSKI, TINA)

AN ACT relating to dyslexia.

Amend KRS 158.307 to require rather than allow local boards of education to develop policy on dyslexia; require rather than allow the policy to include listed items; amend KRS 164.304 to require postsecondary institutions offering teacher preparation programs to include instruction on dyslexia by the 2025-2026 school year, rather than the instruction being contingent on funding availability.

### RECENT STATUS

1/4/2024 - 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

1/23/2024 - House Education (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

1/17/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)

1/5/2024 - Introduced

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### HB195 FAMILY CARE LEAVE (STEVENSON, CHERLYNN)

AN ACT relating to family care leave.

Amend KRS 337.010 to define "family care leave," "family member," "health care provider," "same employer," and "serious health condition"; create a new section of KRS Chapter 337 to prohibit employers from refusing to grant a qualified employee family care leave; entitle an employee to family care leave for the birth of a child or to take care of a family member and establish parameters.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/9/2024 - Introduced

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### HB196 EARNED PAID SICK LEAVE (STEVENSON, CHERLYNN)

AN ACT relating to earned paid sick leave.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 337 to require employers to provide earned paid sick leave to employees; provide that employees earn paid sick leave upon the date of hire and can use the leave after being employed for 90 days; set forth allowable uses of accrued earned paid sick leave; designate how notice of need to use earned paid sick leave is provided by employees; amend KRS 337.990 to establish the penalty for employers that fail to follow earned paid sick leave requirements.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/9/2024 - 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

1/23/2024 - House Education (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

1/17/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)

1/10/2024 - Introduced

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## HB230 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

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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## **HB245** 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**

1/17/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)

1/11/2024 - 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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## HB273 OBESITY TREATMENT *(TATE, NANCY)*

AN ACT relating to obesity treatment.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to require the Department for Medicaid Services and any managed care organization contracted to provide Medicaid benefits to provide comprehensive coverage for the treatment of obesity and inform Medicaid enrollees of the availability of the coverage; create a new section of KRS Chapter 211 to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to report annually to the Legislative Research Commission on efforts to reduce and manage obesity; require the report to be made public on the cabinet's website; amend KRS 205.6485 to require KCHIP to comply with the coverage requirement; make technical amendments; amend KRS 164.2871 and 18A.225 to require self-insured employer group health plans offered by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution and the state employee health plan to provide comprehensive coverage for the treatment of obesity and establish cost-sharing requirements; provide that certain sections apply to health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to seek federal approval, if necessary and submit information about any state plan amendment or waiver application; provide that the Act may be cited as the Diabetes Prevention and Obesity Treatment Act.

### RECENT STATUS

1/16/2024 - Introduced

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## HB288 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, 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 TSA and 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

1/17/2024 - Introduced

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## HB290 COVERAGE FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER *(RAYMOND, JOSIE)*

AN ACT relating to coverage for substance use disorder.

Create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require certain health insurance policies, plans, certificates, and contracts to provide coverage for comprehensive supervised substance use disorder treatment; create a new section of Subtitle 17C of KRS Chapter 304 and amend KRS 164.2871 and 18A.225 to require limited health service benefit plans, the state employee health plan, and state postsecondary institution self-insured employer group health plans to comply with the coverage requirement; apply provisions to policies, plans, certificates, and contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025; provide that the Act may be cited as Braxton's Law; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025.

### RECENT STATUS

1/17/2024 - Introduced

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## HB304 EDUCATION (BAKER, SHANE)

AN ACT relating to education and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 158.191 to ensure parental rights and involvement by requiring notification within two business days of specific events; require a district to adopt procedures that both encourage students to speak with parents and require facilitation of the discussion with parents; forbid a district or school from adopting policies that keep any student information confidential from parents or refuse information requested by a parent with specific exceptions; forbid a district from requiring school personnel or students to use nonconforming pronouns for any individual instead of just students, establish the type of mental health services that the section does not prohibit a district from seeking for students; amend KRS 158.1415 to prohibit a child in any grade level from receiving instruction on a specific topic a parent has provided written notice to the school asserting an objection due to religious or moral beliefs; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to establish a cause of action for violations; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to prohibit a disciplinary action or adverse employment action for an employee informing a parent of specific information about a student or declining to use a pronoun or title inconsistent with the individual's biological sex; amend KRS 158.193 to establish that a school employee may participate in voluntary, student-initiated, student-led prayer when invited to do so; EMERGENCY.

### RECENT STATUS

1/25/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)

1/18/2024 - Introduced

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## HB309 LOBBYING (RABOURN, FELICIA)

AN ACT relating to lobbying.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 48 to prohibit a public agency or any other entity created by an act of the General Assembly from using public funds for lobbying activity or to employ or enter into a contract with a lobbyist; define terms; exempt public agency employees who perform lobbying activities as part of their fiduciary duties; create a new section of KRS Chapter 61 to prohibit a public agency from using public funds for lobbying activity or to employ or contract with a lobbyist; define terms; exempt public agency employees who perform lobbying activities as part of their fiduciary duties; create new sections of KRS 6.601 to 6.849 to permit a person to file a complaint with the Legislative Ethics Commission if a public agency or entity created by an act of the General Assembly is using public funds to hire a lobbyist or for lobbying activity; require the commission to transfer a complaint to the Executive Branch Ethics Commission if the alleged violator is an employee of the executive branch of state government; require a public agency to report to the Legislative Ethics Commission if the agency procures a contract with a legislative agent to engage in federal lobbying or uses federal funds to employ or procure a contract with a legislative agent or as part of compensation or salary of an employee to engage in lobbying activity on behalf of the agency; require the report to be filed within 30 days of the decision to engage in federal lobbying activity or use federal funds to engage in lobbying activity; require all public agencies to submit to the Auditor of Public Accounts and State Treasurer a list of all contracts they have procured with a legislative agency for all types of lobbying activity, regardless of the source of funds, by June 30 each year; allow the Attorney General, Commonwealth's attorney, county attorney, or their designee to investigate violations; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to prohibit public postsecondary education institutions from employing or contracting with a lobbyist or using public funds to employ or contract with a lobbyist; allow a president of the public postsecondary institution to lobby on behalf of the institution in his or her fiduciary capacity; amend KRS 6.611 to include as lobbying any public agency to hire or procure a contract with a public relations, media, or social media company to indirectly promote, advocate, or oppose passage of any legislation or action taken by the General Assembly, the Governor, the secretary of any cabinet or any staff members; amend KRS 6.691 to allow the Legislative Ethics Commission to issue a fine of not less than \$2,000 but not more than \$10,000 to any public agency that uses public funds for lobbying purposes; amend KRS 6.945 to provide that the lobbying restrictions are not affected by the requirements of Section 1 or 2 of this Act; amend KRS 61.990 to provide

that an officer or employee of a public agency who intentionally violates the lobbying restrictions shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for the first offense, and a Class D felony for any subsequent offenses; amend KRS 11A.201 to conform; provide that the Act may be cited as the Bye Bye BULL Act.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/18/2024 - Introduced

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### HB319 KENTUCKYCYBER PROGRAM *(IMES, MARY BETH)*

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

1/22/2024 - Introduced

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### HB321 COVERAGE OF CHRONIC PAIN TREATMENTS *(STEVENSON, CHERLYNN)*

AN ACT relating to health benefit coverage of chronic pain treatments.

Create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to establish that any health benefit plan issued or renewed in the Commonwealth that provides coverage for hospital, medical, or surgical expenses shall include coverage for chronic pain treatments provided by a licensed professional; create a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to require Medicaid and Medicaid managed care organizations to include coverage for chronic pain treatments provided by a licensed professional; amend KRS 218A.172 to require that a health care practitioner discuss and refer or prescribe alternative chronic pain treatments before initially prescribing or dispensing a controlled substance; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025.

#### RECENT STATUS

1/22/2024 - Introduced

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### HB322 COVERAGE FOR HEPATITIS C INFECTION *(STEVENSON, CHERLYNN)*

AN ACT relating to coverage for hepatitis C virus infection.

Create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require health benefit plans to provide coverage for the testing of hepatitis C virus infection in pregnant women and the treatment of hepatitis C virus infection in postpartum women; amend KRS 205.522, 205.6485, 164.2871, and 18A.225 to require Medicaid, KCHIP, self-insured employer plans provided by state postsecondary institutions, and the state employee health plan to comply with the hepatitis C virus infection coverage requirement for pregnant and

postpartum women; make technical amendments; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to seek federal approval if they determine that such approval is necessary; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2025.

## RECENT STATUS

1/22/2024 - Introduced

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## HB326 PUBLIC CONTRACTS *(BLANTON, JOHN)*

AN ACT relating to public contracts.

Create new sections of KRS Chapters 45A, 56, and 65 to require that state and local contracts contain a provision that any iron, steel, aluminum, or manufactured goods used in all state and local projects be manufactured in the United States unless a waiver is granted; amend KRS Chapters 45A.343, 45A.352, 65.027, 162.070, 164A.575, 176.070, 176.080, and 424.260 to conform; provide that Section 1 to 3 may be cited as the Kentucky Buy American Act.

## RECENT STATUS

1/22/2024 - Introduced

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## HB339 COVERAGE FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS *(ROBERTS, RACHEL)*

AN ACT relating to coverage for mental health and substance use disorders.

Amend KRS 304.17A-600 to define terms; create a new section of KRS 304.17A-660 to 304.17A-665 to define terms; require certain health plans to provide coverage for medically necessary treatment of mental health and substance use disorder; establish requirements relating to mental health and substance use disorder benefits and utilization review; amend KRS 304.17A-661 to require the commissioner of insurance to enforce the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act; make conforming amendments; amend KRS 304.17A-665 to require the commissioner of insurance to provide and publish a report on mental health parity; create new sections of KRS 304.17A-660 to 304.17A-665 to establish requirements for certain health plans with respect to prescriptions drugs for the treatment of substance use disorder; require mental health and substance use disorder benefits to be classified as emergency benefits when provided by mental health and substance use disorder emergency practitioners; require certain health plans to provide coverage for an annual comprehensive mental health wellness examination provided by a mental health professional in accordance with nationally recognized clinical practice guidelines; establish requirements for the mental health wellness examination coverage; create a new section of Subtitle 99 of KRS Chapter 304 to establish penalties; amend KRS 304.17A-265 to conform; amend KRS 164.2871, 205.522, 205.6485, and 18A.225 to require self-insured employer group health plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution, Medicaid, the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program, and the state employee health plan to comply with certain sections; make technical amendments; repeal KRS 304.17A-669; direct that provisions apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2026; require the Department of Insurance to seek a waiver of cost defrayal requirements, if applicable; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to seek federal approval if they determine that such approval is necessary; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2026.

## RECENT STATUS

1/22/2024 - Introduced

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## HB345 AEROSPACE INFRASTRUCTURE (FLEMING, KEN)

AN ACT relating to aerospace infrastructure, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency. Create new sections of KRS Chapter 164 to define terms; establish the Kentucky Aerospace, Aviation, and Defense Investment Fund Advisory Committee; establish the membership of the committee; establish the Kentucky aerospace, aviation, and defense investment fund to be administered by the Council for Postsecondary Education for the purpose of funding public and private partnerships to provide aviation training scholarships and aviation and aerospace equipment grants; require that the portion of the fund expended towards the council's administrative costs shall not exceed 4% of all gross moneys in the fund or \$1,500,000 annually, whichever is less; direct the council to promulgate administrative regulations to carry out this Act; require those administrative regulations to be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission for comment prior to filing; require advisory committee members to abstain from voting on a matter involving a conflict of interest; require that the council shall reserve at least 65% of all net moneys in the fund for partnership proposals between aviation programs and aviation industry partners to provide aviation training scholarships to Kentucky residents enrolled in aviation programs; direct the council to prioritize accepting partnerships to proposals targeted to reduce the workforce demand of a specific eligible aviation credential that is determined by the council to be among the highest in demand in the Commonwealth; direct that a partnership shall require a written partnership contract and establish the minimum contract requirements; direct that disbursements of moneys from the fund to support aviation training scholarships shall be made directly to an aviation program pursuant to the terms of the partnership contract; require that an aviation program that enters a partnership contract shall solicit, accept, and review aviation training scholarship applications submitted by students enrolled in the aviation program; direct that an aviation training scholarship issued by an aviation program pursuant to a partnership contract shall be made directly to a recipient pursuant to a written scholarship contract between the recipient and the aviation program; set minimum contract requirements; direct that a grantor may place restrictions upon a contribution to the fund requiring specific criteria for an aviation training scholarship or scholarships funded by the grantor's dedicated funds; direct that the aviation training scholarship contract shall grant the aviation program, the Commonwealth, or the aviation industry partner the authority to initiate recoupment proceedings for the recovery of the total amount of all aviation training scholarships awarded to an individual that fails to complete the terms of a scholarship contract; direct the council to reserve up to 35% of all net moneys in the fund for aviation equipment partnership contracts between public aviation training programs and aviation industry partners to provide aviation and aviation equipment grants; require that an aviation equipment partnership shall require a written partnership contract between a public aviation program, aviation industry partner, and the council; establish minimum contract requirements; direct the council to collaborate with the advisory committee to select proposals for partnership contracts; direct that the council may prioritize designated contracts; provide that the council shall require the public aviation program to submit proof that the entire amount of the aviation equipment grant is invested in the maintenance, acquisition, or lease of aviation or aviation training equipment utilized by students enrolled in a public aviation training program; require the council to submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission and establish minimum report requirements; sunset the bill on June 30, 2030; provide that this Act may be cited as the Aerospace Education Reinvestment Opportunity (A.E.R.O.) Act; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

### RECENT STATUS

1/23/2024 - Introduced

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## HB357 FIREARMS (LEWIS, DEREK)

AN ACT relating to firearms. Create new sections of KRS Chapter 237 to prohibit financial institutions from requiring the use of a firearms code, discriminating against a firearms retailer as a result of the assignment or nonassignment of a firearms code, and disclosing protected financial information; prohibit keeping or causing to be kept any list, record, or registry of private firearm ownership; allow the Attorney General to enforce provisions; provide that the Act may be cited as the Second Amendment Privacy Act; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025.

### RECENT STATUS

1/24/2024 - Introduced



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## **HB368** CURRICULUM *(AULL, CHAD)*

AN ACT relating to curriculum.

Amend KRS 156.160 to require public middle and high school curriculum to include instruction on the history of racism.

### **RECENT STATUS**

1/24/2024 - Introduced

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## **HB377** TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION *(BANTA, KIM)*

AN ACT relating to teacher recruitment and retention, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 164 to establish the Teacher Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Pilot Program; define eligibility for the program; direct the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to administer the program; provide monetary awards for student loan repayment for eligible students who complete qualified teaching service; establish the Teacher Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Pilot Program fund; establish the Student Teacher Stipend Program; define eligibility for the program; direct the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to administer the program; provide an award of up to \$5,000 to an eligible student teacher; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

### **RECENT STATUS**

1/25/2024 - Introduced

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## **SB4** SICK LEAVE FOR TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM *(HIGDON, JIMMY)*

AN ACT relating to sick leave for members of the Teachers' Retirement System and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 161.155 to specify that sick leave payments made to certified school employees who began participating in the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) prior to January 1, 2022, and who retire from TRS on or after July 1, 2024, shall be limited to the sick leave accrued by the employee as of June 30, 2024, plus no more than 10 additional sick leave days accrued each fiscal year thereafter; provide that the 10 additional days eligible for payment shall not include personal leave, emergency leave, or other forms of non-sick leave balances; require each school district to annually report sick leave balances to TRS beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 and specify contents of the report; amend KRS 161.152 and 161.154 to further clarify that emergency leave and personal leave shall not be converted to sick leave under KRS 161.155; amend KRS 161.400 to require TRS to annually report in the annual actuarial valuation the total liabilities and costs of the sick leave program created by KRS 161.155; amend KRS 161.623 to allow school districts to convert excess sick leave accrued annually in excess of 10 days specified by the bill to service credit in TRS the school district pays the cost of conversion; amend KRS 161.643 to include new sick leave reporting requirements in the annual statutory reporting requirements for TRS employers; provide that the Auditor of Public Accounts shall perform a special audit of the sick leave program to ensure sick leave balances are being reported correctly to TRS and specify that TRS shall pay the costs of the audit; EMERGENCY.

### **RECENT STATUS**

1/25/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)  
1/23/2024 - 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

1/24/2024 - received in House  
1/23/2024 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 33-4  
1/23/2024 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

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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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## SB52 TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION (THOMAS, REGINALD)

AN ACT relating to technology in education and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to make legislative findings and declarations and establish the Artificial Intelligence in Kentucky's Schools project, establish requirements for the Kentucky Department of Education to implement the project, require the department to design professional development trainings related to artificial intelligence, establish professional development requirement for teachers, administrators, school council members, and school board members, require the trainings be made available to nonpublic schools, require school districts to adopt policies and procedures related to artificial intelligence, require school districts to submit annual report to the department, allow nonpublic schools to voluntarily submit a report, require the department to compile the individual reports and submit a statewide report to the Interim Joint Committee on Education and the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to make legislative findings and declarations and establish the Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education project, require the Council on Postsecondary Education to establish an Artificial Intelligence Working Group to provide advice and information to the state's postsecondary institutions, establish membership of working group, require the council to develop guidelines for the use of artificial intelligence in postsecondary education, require each public postsecondary institution and each institution licensed by the council to establish institution-level working groups to develop recommendations for the institution's governing board related to artificial intelligence, require institutions to adopt artificial intelligence policies, require each public postsecondary institution and each institution licensed by the council to submit an annual report to the council on artificial intelligence, require the council to compile the individual reports and submit a statewide report to the Interim Joint Committee on Education and the Legislative Oversight and Investigations Committee; amend KRS 156.660 to include computer programming and artificial intelligence in the definition of "technology"; amend KRS 156.670 to require the Kentucky Department of Education to establish a Council for Education Technology to assist in development of the education technology master plan, establish membership requirements of the council, require the council to assist the department in development of the plan and the approved plan be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission, require the five year plan to include guidelines for the implementation and use of emerging technologies like artificial intelligence at both the state and district levels, require the council to develop recommendations related to emerging technology like artificial intelligence, including recommendations related to academic standards and teacher preparation program standards, and submit those to the Kentucky Board of Education or the Education Professional Standards Board; create a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to require the Kentucky Board of Education to establish academic standards related to instruction of computer science that address emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence, require the Kentucky Department of Education to develop guidelines to assist school districts and schools in developing curriculum to implement the academic standards; amend KRS 161.028 to require the Education Professional Standards Board to set standards for education preparation programs that address the use of emerging technology, including artificial intelligence; amend KRS 157.615 to conform; EMERGENCY.

## RECENT STATUS

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

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### 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

1/26/2024 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day for Tuesday, January 30, 2024

1/25/2024 - (S) SECOND READING, to Rules

1/24/2024 - (S) FIRST READING

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### 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

1/26/2024 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day for Tuesday, January 30, 2024  
1/26/2024 - (S) SECOND READING to Rules  
1/25/2024 - (S) FIRST READING

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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

1/18/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

1/16/2024 - Introduced

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## SB114 CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS *(SOUTHWORTH, ADRIENNE)*

AN ACT relating to concealed deadly weapons.

Amend KRS 527.070 to modify the types of school facilities where weapons are prohibited; state that the prohibition of weapons on school grounds only applies when entrances to the school buildings display a sign indicating that unlawfully possessing a weapon in a school is a felony; remove the requirement that signs be prominently displayed indicating possessing a weapon in a school is prohibited; remove the provision that failure to post the signs indicating weapons are prohibited in schools shall not relieve a person of liability.

### RECENT STATUS

1/18/2024 - Introduced

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## SB120 LOBBYING *(WILLIAMS, GEX)*

AN ACT relating to lobbying.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 48 to prohibit a public agency or any other entity created by an act of the General Assembly from using public funds for lobbying activity or to employ or enter into a contract with a lobbyist; define terms; exempt public agency employees who perform lobbying activities as part of their fiduciary duties; create a new section of KRS Chapter 61 to prohibit a public agency from using public funds for lobbying activity or to employ or contract with a lobbyist; define terms; exempt public agency employees who perform lobbying activities as part of their fiduciary duties; create new sections of KRS 6.601 to 6.849 to permit a person to file a complaint with the Legislative Ethics Commission if a public agency or entity created by an act of the General Assembly is using public funds to hire a lobbyist or for lobbying activity; require the commission to transfer a complaint to the Executive Branch Ethics Commission if the alleged violator is an employee of the executive branch of state government; require a public agency to report to the Legislative Ethics Commission if the agency procures a contract with a legislative agent to engage in federal lobbying or uses federal funds to employ or procure a contract with a legislative agent or as part of compensation or salary of an employee to engage in lobbying activity on behalf of the agency; require the report to be filed within 30 days of the decision to engage in federal lobbying activity or use federal funds to engage in lobbying activity; require all public agencies to submit to the Auditor of Public Accounts and State Treasurer a list of all contracts they have procured with a legislative agency for all types of lobbying activity, regardless of the source of funds, by June 30 each year; allow the Attorney General, Commonwealth's attorney, county attorney, or their designee to investigate violations; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to prohibit public postsecondary education institutions from employing or contracting with a lobbyist or using public funds to employ or contract with a lobbyist; allow



a president of the public postsecondary institution to lobby on behalf of the institution in his or her fiduciary capacity; amend KRS 6.611 to include as lobbying any public agency to hire or procure a contract with a public relations, media, or social media company to indirectly promote, advocate, or oppose passage of any legislation or action taken by the General Assembly, the Governor, the secretary of any cabinet or any staff members; amend KRS 6.691 to allow the Legislative Ethics Commission to issue a fine of not less than \$2,000 but not more than \$10,000 to any public agency that uses public funds for lobbying purposes; amend KRS 6.945 to provide that the lobbying restrictions are not affected by the requirements of Section 1 or 2 of this Act; amend KRS 61.990 to provide that an officer or employee of a public agency who intentionally violates the lobbying restrictions shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor for the first offense, and a Class D felony for any subsequent offenses; amend KRS 11A.201 to conform.

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## SB127 AEROSPACE INFRASTRUCTURE *(STORM, BRANDON J.)*

AN ACT relating to aerospace infrastructure, and making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency. Create new sections of KRS Chapter 164 to define terms; establish the Kentucky Aerospace, Aviation, and Defense Investment Fund Advisory Committee; establish the membership of the committee; establish the Kentucky aerospace, aviation, and defense investment fund to be administered by the Council for Postsecondary Education for the purpose of funding public and private partnerships to provide aviation training scholarships and aviation and aerospace equipment grants; require that the portion of the fund expended towards the council's administrative costs shall not exceed 4% of all gross moneys in the fund or \$1,500,000 annually, whichever is less; direct the council to promulgate administrative regulations to carry out this Act; require those administrative regulations to be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission for comment prior to filing; require advisory committee members to abstain from voting on a matter involving a conflict of interest; require that the council shall reserve at least 65% of all net moneys in the fund for partnership proposals between aviation programs and aviation industry partners to provide aviation training scholarships to Kentucky residents enrolled in aviation programs; direct the council to prioritize accepting partnerships to proposals targeted to reduce the workforce demand of a specific eligible aviation credential that is determined by the council to be among the highest in demand in the Commonwealth; direct that a partnership shall require a written partnership contract and establish the minimum contract requirements; direct that disbursements of moneys from the fund to support aviation training scholarships shall be made directly to an aviation program pursuant to the terms of the partnership contract; require that an aviation program that enters a partnership contract shall solicit, accept, and review aviation training scholarship applications submitted by students enrolled in the aviation program; direct that an aviation training scholarship issued by an aviation program pursuant to a partnership contract shall be made directly to a recipient pursuant to a written scholarship contract between the recipient and the aviation program; set minimum contract requirements; direct that a grantor may place restrictions upon a contribution to the fund requiring specific criteria for an aviation training scholarship or scholarships funded by the grantor's dedicated funds; direct that the aviation training scholarship contract shall grant the aviation program, the Commonwealth, or the aviation industry partner the authority to initiate recoupment proceedings for the recovery of the total amount of all aviation training scholarships awarded to an individual that fails to complete the terms of a scholarship contract; direct the council to reserve up to 35% of all net moneys in the fund for aviation equipment partnership contracts between public aviation training programs and aviation industry partners to provide aviation and aviation equipment grants; require that an aviation equipment partnership shall require a written partnership contract between a public aviation program, aviation industry partner, and the council; establish minimum contract requirements; direct the council to collaborate with the advisory committee to select proposals for partnership contracts; direct that the council may prioritize designated contracts; provide that the council shall require the public aviation program to submit proof that the entire amount of the aviation equipment grant is invested in the maintenance, acquisition, or lease of aviation or aviation training equipment utilized by students enrolled in a public aviation training program; require the council to submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission and establish minimum report requirements; sunset the bill on June 30, 2030; provide that this Act may be cited as the Aerospace Education Reinvestment Opportunity (A.E.R.O.) Act; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

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## **SB130** DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES *(SOUTHWORTH, ADRIENNE)*

AN ACT relating to discriminatory practices by state agencies.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 344 to make it unlawful for a state agency to discriminate against a person based on his or her access to electronic means to obtain benefits or gain access to public buildings; provide that the Act may be cited as the Digital Identification Act.

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## **SB138** EDUCATION *(WILLIAMS, GEX)*

AN ACT relating to education.

AN ACT relating to education.

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