

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. House Committee Substitute (1) Retain, delete, and add to original provisions; 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 mega-development projects, the KEDFA loan pool, and other 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

2/6/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

2/2/2024 - received in Senate

2/1/2024 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 96-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

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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. House Committee Substitute (1) The State/Executive Branch Budget: Retain, delete, and add to original provisions; 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

2/6/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

2/2/2024 - received in Senate

2/1/2024 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 77-19 with Committee Substitute (1)

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HB9 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION *(DECKER, JENNIFER)*

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 public employees; EFFECTIVE, in part, February 1, 2025; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

2/14/2024 - floor amendments (1), (2) and (3) filed
1/25/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)
1/19/2024 - Introduced

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HB10 MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH *(MOSER, KIMBERLY POORE)*

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

2/9/2024 - floor amendment (1) filed to Committee Substitute
2/9/2024 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules
2/8/2024 - (H) FIRST READING

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HB15 CONSUMER DATA PRIVACY *(BRANSCUM, JOSHUA)*

AN ACT relating to consumer data privacy and making an appropriation therefor.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 367 to establish consumer rights relating to personal data; define terms; exempt certain persons or entities from the statutory provisions of this Act; establish certain consumer rights relating to personal data, including the rights to confirm whether data is being processed, to correct any inaccuracies in the consumer's personal data, to delete personal data provided by the consumer, to obtain a copy of the consumer's personal data that was previously provided, and to opt out of targeted advertising, the sale of data, or profiling of the consumer; set forth requirements for persons or entities that control and process consumer data; establish that the Attorney General has exclusive authority to enforce the consumer data privacy rights; create a consumer privacy fund to be administered by the Office of the Attorney General; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2026. House Floor Amendment

(1) Amend data and information exemptions to include data processed by an affiliate of a utility or a holding company system organized specifically for the purpose of providing goods or services to a utility and personal data collected and used for purposes of federal policy under the Combat Methamphetamine Epidemic Act of 2005; make technical changes to division of sections.

RECENT STATUS

2/23/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Economic Development, Tourism, & Labor (S)

2/21/2024 - received in Senate

2/20/2024 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 92-0 with Floor Amendment (1)

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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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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

2/9/2024 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules

2/8/2024 - (H) FIRST READING

2/8/2024 - (H) Reported Favorably w/ HCS 1

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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

2/6/2024 - received in Senate

2/5/2024 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 93-0

2/5/2024 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

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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

2/20/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations (H)

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

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

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

2/21/2024 - (H) recommitted to committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

2/21/2024 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS 1 and HFA 1

2/20/2024 - floor amendment (1) filed to Committee Substitute

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

2/21/2024 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules

2/20/2024 - (H) FIRST READING

2/20/2024 - (H) Reported Favorably

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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

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

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

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

2/15/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

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

[HB322 Bill Page](#) →

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

[HB339 Bill Page](#) →

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

2/13/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
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

2/26/2024 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS 1
2/23/2024 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS 1
2/22/2024 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day for Friday, February 23, 2024

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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

2/7/2024 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules

2/6/2024 - (H) FIRST READING

2/6/2024 - (H) Reported Favorably w/ HCS 1

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HB399 DUAL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to dual credit scholarships.

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

RECENT STATUS

2/21/2024 - (H) recommitted to committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

2/21/2024 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules

2/20/2024 - (H) FIRST READING

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HB400 VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAMS *(HEATH, RICHARD)*

AN ACT relating to veterinary medicine programs at comprehensive universities.

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

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Senate Education (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

2/20/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

2/16/2024 - received in Senate

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HB407 COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITIES *(MEADE, DAVID)*

AN ACT relating to comprehensive universities.

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

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Senate Education (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

2/20/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

2/16/2024 - received in Senate

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HB409 MILITARY-CONNECTED EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS *(STEVENSON, PAMELA)*

AN ACT relating to military-connected educational benefits.

Amend KRS 164.507 to remove degree-seeking requirement for nonremarried spouse and children of a deceased veteran when utilizing educational benefits; require students to use federal grant funds toward tuition prior to the use of the waiver; amend KRS 164.515 to expand educational benefit to include service members with a disability rating of 50% or higher; remove degree-seeking requirement; require students to use federal grant funds toward tuition prior to the use of the waiver.

RECENT STATUS

1/30/2024 - Introduced

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HB414 KEES SCHOLARSHIPS *(STEVENSON, PAMELA)*

AN ACT relating to Kentucky educational excellence scholarships.

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

RECENT STATUS

1/30/2024 - Introduced

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HB417 WAGES *(GROSSBERG, DANIEL)*

AN ACT relating to wages.

Amend KRS 337.275 to raise minimum wage for employers to \$9.50 an hour on the effective date of this Act and incrementally thereafter to \$15.00 an hour on July 1, 2028; raise the state minimum wage for tipped employees to \$5.00 an hour on the effective date of this Act.

RECENT STATUS

1/30/2024 - Introduced

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HB432 KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS *(DOSSETT, MYRON)*

AN ACT relating to Kentucky educational excellence scholarships.

Create a new section of KRS 164.7871 to 164.7885 to allow the use of K educational excellence scholarship funds for dual credit courses; require Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to promulgate administrative regulations to administer the section; amend KRS 164.7885 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

1/31/2024 - Introduced

[HB432 Bill Page](#) →

HB459 PROFESSION OF NURSING *(MOSER, KIMBERLY POORE)*

AN ACT relating to the profession of nursing.

Amend KRS 314.042 to create the provisional advanced practice registered nurse applicant license; amend KRS 314.121 to require APRNs and registered nurses experienced in long-term care on the Board of Nursing; amend KRS 314.131 to allow the executive director of the Board of Nursing to hire officers and other personnel with the approval of the board; and repeal KRS 314.193, which creates the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Council.

RECENT STATUS

2/15/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Health Services (H)

2/2/2024 - Introduced

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HB500 WAGES AND HOURS *(PRATT, PHILLIP)*

AN ACT relating to wages and hours.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 337 to provide for certain employment activities to be exempt from minimum wage and overtime wage requirements; specify activities and instances that do not require an employer to pay minimum wage or overtime wage; provide for employer requirements regarding lunch periods; amend KRS 337.010 to change the definitions of "employee" and "agriculture"; amend KRS 337.385 to specify instances of employer liability for employee causes of action regarding unpaid wages; specify statute of limitations for employee causes of action for unpaid wages; bar punitive damages; amend KRS 337.990 to remove penalties for repealed statutes; repeal KRS 337.050, 337.355, and 337.365; amend KRS 95A.250, 337.020, 337.420, 337.423, 337.425, 337.427, 337.430, and 337.433 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

2/9/2024 - Introduced

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HB501 SENATE CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTEES *(DOSSETT, MYRON)*

AN ACT relating to Senate confirmation of appointees.

Amend various sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes to require Senate confirmation in accordance with KRS 11.160 for all appointments or reappointments made by the Governor to boards, commissions, committees, and councils.

RECENT STATUS

2/9/2024 - Introduced

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HB509 RECORDS AND MEETINGS OF PUBLIC AGENCIES *(HODGSON, JOHN)*

AN ACT relating to access to the records and meetings of public agencies.

Create a new section of KRS 61.870 to 61.884, the Open Records Act, to require a public agency to furnish an officer, employee, board member, or commission member an agency email account; define terms; allow the governing body of a public agency or its appointing authority to identify, in writing, the names of specific personnel that do not require the use of an agency-furnished email account; allow a public agency to issue an email address through a third-party provider if a public is incapable of issuing an agency-furnished email account; prohibit an employee or a member of a board, commission, or public agency from using an email account other than an agency-furnished or agency-designated email account; provide that an employee or member of a board, commission, or public agency who uses an email account other than an agency-furnished or agency-designated email account is subject to discipline or removal, as appropriate; amend KRS 61.870 to amend the definition of "public record"; amend KRS 61.848 to specify that any formal action taken by a public agency that does not comply with KRS 61.840, relating to conditions placed on public attendance at meetings, are voidable by a court of competent jurisdiction; make technical corrections; amend various other sections to conform.

RECENT STATUS

2/12/2024 - Introduced

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HB514 EDUCATION *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to education.
Amend KRS 156.690 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

2/12/2024 - Introduced

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HB515 EDUCATION *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to education.
Amend KRS 156.690 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)
2/12/2024 - Introduced

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HB516 EDUCATION *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to education.
Amend KRS 156.690 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

2/12/2024 - Introduced

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HB529 TEACHERS *(BANTA, KIM)*

AN ACT relating to teachers.
Amend KRS 160.160 to authorize local boards of education to establish score requirements on appropriate assessments for applicants

to certified position vacancies and adopt necessary policies; amend KRS 161.030 to remove the authority of the Education Professional Standards Board to require successful completion of assessments prior to certification; amend KRS 156.101, 161.048, and 161.053, and 161.1222 to conform; repeal KRS 161.1222, relating to a pilot teacher program.

RECENT STATUS

2/14/2024 - Introduced

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HB553 RURAL VETERINARY STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM *(KOCH, MATTHEW)*

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky rural veterinary student loan repayment program and making an appropriation therefor. Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to define terms; establish the Kentucky Rural Veterinary Medicine Student Loan Repayment Program for an eligible livestock practitioner who engages in veterinary medicine in an underserved rural area or veterinary shortage area for five consecutive years; authorize the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to promulgate administrative regulations; set forth program eligibility requirements; authorize the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to award loan repayment benefits to applicants selected by the Veterinary Student Loan Repayment Selection Committee; establish compliance requirements; create the rural veterinary care trust fund; establish purposes of the fund; APPROPRIATION.

RECENT STATUS

2/21/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

2/14/2024 - Introduced

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HB554 INSURANCE COVERAGE OF STATE PROPERTY *(MEREDITH, MICHAEL)*

AN ACT relating to insurance coverage of state property.

Create a new section of KRS 164A.555 to 164A.630 to permit governing boards of public supported postsecondary educational institutions to elect to terminate the institution's coverage through the state fire and tornado insurance fund and obtain the coverage from an authorized insurer or through a self-insurance pool; establish requirements for terminating and resuming coverage through the state fire and tornado insurance fund; establish requirements for insurance obtained by an institution from an authorized insurer or a self-insurance pool; amend KRS 164A.575 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

2/26/2024 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

2/23/2024 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

2/22/2024 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day for Friday, February 23, 2024

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HB584 EDUCATION *(STEVENSON, CHERLYNN)*

AN ACT relating to education.
Amend KRS 156.690 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

2/16/2024 - Introduced

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HB612 **READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTION** *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to reading and language arts instruction.

Create a section of KRS Chapter 158 to define terms to be used in the section; require the Kentucky Department of Education to establish an approved list of reading curriculum that does not use a three-cueing system; require that school districts not use any curriculum that employs a three-cueing system; prohibit the use of a three-cueing system in teacher professional development; require the Educational Professional Standards Board (EPSB) to promulgate regulations establishing curriculum for each approved educator preparation program; amend KRS 164.306 to specify that educator preparation programs shall use evidence-based reading instruction and intervention programs and shall not provide instruction on a three-cueing system; amend KRS 161.028 to require the EPSB to include in the standards set for teacher preparation programs that the programs shall use evidence-based reading instruction and intervention programs and shall not provide instruction on a three-cueing system.

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)
2/20/2024 - Introduced

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HB630 **RESEARCH DOCTORAL PROGRAMS AT WKU** *(MEREDITH, MICHAEL)*

AN ACT relating to relating to research doctoral programs at Western Kentucky University.
Amend KRS 164.295 to permit Western Kentucky University to offer up to 5 research doctoral degree programs.

RECENT STATUS

2/23/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)
2/21/2024 - Introduced

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HB644 **EDUCATION** *(MCCOOL, BOBBY)*

AN ACT relating to education.
Amend KRS 156.690 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Introduced

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HB662 EDUCATION *(MILES, SUZANNE)*

AN ACT relating to education.
Amend KRS 156.690 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Introduced

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HB685 EDUCATION *(LEWIS, SCOTT)*

AN ACT relating to education.
Amend KRS 156.690 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

2/23/2024 - Introduced

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HCR79 WORKFORCE INNOVATION TASK FORCE *(KULKARNI, NIMA)*

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION relating to the establishment of a Workforce Innovation Task Force to complete a study of current education and workforce development programs and provide recommendations on how to provide effective workforce development programs to facilitate the training and employment of historically untapped workforce populations in the Commonwealth. Direct the Legislative Research Commission to establish the Workforce Innovation Task Force to conduct a review of current education and workforce development programs and provide recommendations on how to provide effective workforce development to facilitate the training and employment of historically untapped workforce populations in the Commonwealth; require the task force to meet at least three times before the submission of its findings and recommendations; require the task force to submit its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2024; provide that the Legislative Research Commission has authority to alternatively assign the issues identified by the recommendations to the appropriate committee or subcommittee.

RECENT STATUS

2/12/2024 - Introduced

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SB1 ENDOWED RESEARCH FUND *(STIVERS, ROBERT)*

AN ACT relating to the endowed research fund and making an appropriation therefor.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to establish the endowed research fund to be administered by the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) for the purposes of funding research consortiums between two or more public universities; provide that the endowed research fund shall consist of appropriations, federal funds, and other proceeds made available to the fund; provide that the funds shall not lapse; provide that there shall be five consortium accounts within the endowed research fund that shall each be assigned to a unique research consortium selected by CPE; provide that CPE shall solicit, accept, and review applications from research consortiums between two or more public universities to determine five research consortiums eligible to review seed funding for a term of five years; create a review process to determine future eligibility for funding through the endowed research fund; direct CPE to fill vacancies when a research consortium is no longer eligible to receive funding through the endowed research fund; direct CPE to promulgate administrative regulations to administer this section; direct CPE to select the Kentucky Spinal Cord and Head Injury Research Trust as one of the initial five research consortiums by February 1, 2025; APPROPRIATION.

RECENT STATUS

2/23/2024 - (S) SECOND READING, to Rules

2/22/2024 - (S) FIRST READING

2/22/2024 - (S) Reported Favorably

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SB2 STUDENT SAFETY *(WISE, MAX)*

AN ACT relating to student safety.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to define terms; establish a framework for employment of Kentucky guardians in schools; specify qualifications of a guardian; specify that a local board of education may not be held liable for a guardian acting within his or her scope of duty; specify that guardians shall have the immunities of police officers; amend KRS 158.442 to require the Center for School Safety to implement a system to certify guardians to school districts and administer and oversee the school mapping program; amend KRS 158.441 to specify required certifications in the definition of "school resource officer"; amend 158.4414 to allow school districts to hire a guardian until a certified school resource officer is available as required; allow a district with a school resource officer to hire guardians to provide additional school safety and security measures; amend KRS 158.4416 to define terms; make conforming changes; require the trauma-informed team to compile their activities to be used in the creation of the comprehensive school improvement plan and submit the information to the Department of Education (KDE); require KDE to annually summarize and submit the information to the state board and the Legislative Research Commission; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require the department to gather and compile data, coordinate training, and monitor the numbers and types of mental health professionals in schools; amend KRS 158.443 to conform; amend KRS 158.4451 to require the Office of Homeland Security to maintain and update the anonymous reporting tool; specify that each school district shall make available an anonymous reporting tool; provide for an alternative anonymous reporting tool; amend KRS 156.095 to require schools to provide suicide prevention awareness twice a year and an opportunity for any student who missed the suicide prevention awareness lesson to receive the lesson at a later time; make conforming changes; amend KRS 158.162 to allow secondary locking mechanisms in schools; require school councils or principals to include school mapping data, if available, in their emergency plans; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to create the School Mapping Data Program administered by the Center for School Safety; outline requirements of school mapping data; amend KRS 158.4412 to require the local school district's safety coordinator to maintain a current copy of school mapping data; amend KRS 61.637 to 78.5540 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - 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. Senate Committee Substitute (1) Retain original provisions, except amend KRS 161.155 remove changes that would have limited the amount of sick leave payments provided to teachers upon retirement and instead limit the amount of sick leave payments that are included in the retirement allowance of a Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) member who entered the system prior to January 1, 2022, and who retires from TRS on or after July 1, 2024, to the payment attributable to 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; amend KRS 161.220 to conform to changes in KRS 161.155; amend KRS 161.370 to require the state auditor to include a review of the sick leave program to ensure the program is operating within statutory limitations and to ensure reporting requirements are being met; remove amendments to KRS 161.152 and 161.154 governing personal and emergency leave at local school districts; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

2/15/2024 - received in House

2/14/2024 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 24-12 with Committee Substitute (1)

2/14/2024 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ SCS 1

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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. Senate Committee Substitute (1) Retain original provisions, except change the term divisive concepts to discriminatory concepts; prohibit a public postsecondary education institution from providing preferential or prejudicial consideration or treatment to an individual on the basis of the individual's actual or perceived political or social ideology; prohibit a public postsecondary education institution from requiring a course that presents a discriminatory concepts as fact or otherwise advocates for any individual to assent to or support a discriminatory concepts as a prerequisite, program requirement, or general education course; establish requirements for new student orientation programs; require at least 50% of diversity initiative employees' duties to be allocated to mentoring and providing academic coaching and related learning support

activities necessary for the academic success of students who are eligible to receive a federal Pell grant; remove the private cause of action for a violation of this Act; authorize the Attorney General to bring a civil action for enforcement of this Act; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require public postsecondary education institutions to publish designated course information to the institution's website; amend KRS 164.348 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

2/14/2024 - received in House

2/13/2024 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 26-7 with Committee Substitute (1)

2/13/2024 - Floor Amendment (1) defeated

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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

2/22/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)

1/24/2024 - received in House

1/23/2024 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 33-4

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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. Senate Committee Substitute (1) Retain original provisions, except delete restrictive language from the definition of "endowment fund;" direct that a civil action shall be limited to appropriate declaratory and injunctive relief and shall not seek a judgment awarding monetary damages.

RECENT STATUS

2/6/2024 - received in House

2/5/2024 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 34-2 with Committee Substitute (1)

2/5/2024 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ SCS 1

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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

1/30/2024 - received in House

1/30/2024 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 27-7

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

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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

1/30/2024 - received in House

1/30/2024 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 35-0

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

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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

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

2/7/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

1/18/2024 - Introduced

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.

RECENT STATUS

2/2/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

1/22/2024 - Introduced

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.

RECENT STATUS

2/13/2024 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

2/7/2024 - received in House

2/7/2024 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 37-0

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.

RECENT STATUS

2/7/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

1/24/2024 - Introduced

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SB138 EDUCATION *(WILLIAMS, GEX)*

AN ACT relating to education.

Amend KRS 165A.370, relating to proprietary schools, to allow a license holder or applicant to seek a single accreditation for all the school locations it operates in the state; amend KRS 161.048 to specify that adjunct instructors may be employed by a district in a part-time or full-time position; amend KRS 161.046 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

1/29/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

1/26/2024 - Introduced

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SB142 PAID PARENTAL LEAVE *(MAYS BLEDSOE, AMANDA)*

AN ACT relating to paid parental leave.

Create a new section of KRS 18A.005 to 18A.200 to provide an employee of the Commonwealth a paid leave of absence of up to four weeks for the birth, surrogacy, or adoption of a child, or up to two weeks for the placement of a child in foster care or kinship care; establish requirements; amend KRS 18A.025 and 18A.110 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

1/31/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

1/29/2024 - Introduced

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SB149 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS *(MEREDITH, STEPHEN)*

AN ACT relating to prescription drugs.

Amend KRS 304.17A-164 to establish cost-sharing requirements for prescription drugs; require rebates to be passed through; establish confidentiality requirements for the rebate information; create a new section of KRS 365.880 to 365.900 to provide that the actual amount of rebates received is a trade secret; provide that compliance with the prescription drugs cost-sharing and rebate requirements shall not be in violation of the Uniform Trade Secrets Act; amend KRS 304.17C-125, 304.38A-115, 18A.225, and 164.2871 to apply the cost-sharing and rebate requirements for prescription drugs to limited health service benefit plans, limited health service organizations, the state employee health plan, and self-insured employer group health plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution; repeal KRS 304.38A-120, relating to assignment of certain benefits under limited health service organization plans, to consolidate like provisions; apply provisions to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1,

2025; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025.

RECENT STATUS

2/1/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Banking & Insurance (S)

1/30/2024 - Introduced

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SB189 VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAMS (HOWELL, JASON)

AN ACT relating to veterinary medicine programs at comprehensive universities.

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

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Senate Education (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

2/20/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

2/8/2024 - Introduced

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SB190 FIREARMS (CARROLL, DANNY)

AN ACT relating to firearms.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 237 to define terms; establish requirements for individuals to voluntarily request inclusion on a list that prohibits the purchase or possession of firearms for specified periods and to voluntarily commit their firearms to law enforcement for safe storage or permanent surrender; provide processes for individuals to be removed from the list upon request and to have a surrendered firearm returned; establish confidentiality requirements and the exclusion of list and surrender records from the Open Records Act; establish penalties for noncompliance; require the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to develop public awareness campaigns to inform the public and health care providers about the voluntary firearms restriction list.

RECENT STATUS

2/16/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (S)

2/9/2024 - Introduced

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SB191 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FUNDING (GIVENS, DAVID P.)

AN ACT relating to postsecondary education funding and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 164.092 to define "nontraditional age students"; include nontraditional age students in the goal of closing achievement gaps; increase the percentage of public university funding based on student success outcomes produced from 35 to 40 percent;

decrease the percentage of public university funding for student credit hours earned from 35 to 30 percent; include in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System's student success outcomes weighting for credentials aligned with the economic needs of the state and recognize credentials earned by nontraditional age students; require the Council on Postsecondary Education to promulgate an emergency or amended administrative regulation to implement the amended funding formula; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

2/23/2024 - received in House

2/22/2024 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 36-0

2/22/2024 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

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SB201 COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITIES *(GIVENS, DAVID P.)*

AN ACT relating to comprehensive universities.

Amend KRS 164.295 to permit a comprehensive university to offer certain research doctoral degree programs upon fulfilling requirements promulgated by the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE); permit a comprehensive university to describe itself as a research university or institution upon fulfilling requirements promulgated by CPE; direct CPE to promulgate administrative regulations establishing those requirements.

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Senate Education (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

2/14/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

2/12/2024 - Introduced

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SB203 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION *(CARROLL, DANNY)*

AN ACT relating to early childhood education.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to offer an associate degree program in interdisciplinary early childhood education entrepreneurship; create a new section of KRS Chapter 199 to establish the Division of Regulated Early Childhood Education within the Office of Inspector General within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; establish the Division of Early Childhood Education within the Department for Community Based Services within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; amend KRS 164.787 to change the definition of "eligible program of study"; create new sections of KRS Chapter 199 to create definitions, establish the innovations in early childhood education delivery fund, the foundations for early learning fund, the family early childhood educator provider fund, and the early childhood education provider start up fund; establish the requirements and operations of the funds for the purpose of offering grants to applicants for the purpose of increasing the availability of early childhood education services in the Commonwealth; amend KRS 199.894 to define "Child Care and Development Fund" and "Child Care Assistance Program"; create a new section of KRS Chapter 199 to establish eligibility requirements of the Child Care Assistance Program; amend KRS 199.8983 and 12.020 to conform; provide that the Act may be cited as the Horizons Act.

RECENT STATUS

2/20/2024 - Senate Families & Children (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

2/15/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Families & Children (S)

2/13/2024 - Introduced

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SB232 EDUCATION *(WESTERFIELD, WHITNEY)*

AN ACT relating to education and declaring an emergency.

Repeal and reenact KRS 162.060 to establish that local boards of education shall submit all plans for new public school buildings or additions or alterations of old buildings to the chief state school officer, but prohibit the Kentucky Department of Education from requiring prior approval of the district's plans; amend KRS 156.160 to provide for the approval and appeal process for a district's purchase or disposal of real property; amend KRS 157.420 conform; establish the requirements for a district facilities plan; amend KRS 157.440, 157.615, 157.620, 157.621, 157.622, 158.814, and 160.105 to conform; amend KRS 160.160 to allow use of estimates of the cost of a project by licensed architects or engineers for establishing the financing; remove the requirement for a district to obtain prior approval from the department for a mortgage or lien on a school building or for leasing a building; amend KRS 158.102 to remove minimum requirements for a school librarian; amend KRS 199.882 to include an employer directly paying for the child-care facilities and facility maintenance on behalf of a child-care provider in the definition of "contribution"; allow for the renewal of an emergency teaching certificate for the 2024-2025 school year; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2024; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

2/20/2024 - Introduced

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SB250 EDUCATION *(WEST, STEPHEN)*

AN ACT relating to education.

Amend KRS 156.690 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Introduced

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SB251 EDUCATION *(WEST, STEPHEN)*

AN ACT relating to education.

Amend KRS 156.690 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Introduced

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SB252 EDUCATION *(WEST, STEPHEN)*

AN ACT relating to education.
Amend KRS 156.690 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Introduced

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SB253 EDUCATION *(WEST, STEPHEN)*

AN ACT relating to education.
Amend KRS 156.690 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Introduced

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SB254 EDUCATION *(WEST, STEPHEN)*

AN ACT relating to education.
Amend KRS 156.690 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Introduced

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SB258 STUDENT JOURNALIST FREEDOM *(NEAL, GERALD A.)*

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

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Introduced

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SB263 EDUCATION *(NEAL, GERALD A.)*

AN ACT relating to education.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 158 to prohibit censorship of history curriculum; permit a school or school district to adopt, implement, and offer equity, diversity, and inclusion curricula, programing, initiatives, and instruction without penalty; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to provide that public postsecondary education institutions may adopt, implement, and offer diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, initiatives, and instruction without penalty.

RECENT STATUS

2/23/2024 - Introduced

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SB265 TEACHER CERTIFICATION *(DENEEN, MATTHEW)*

AN ACT relating to teacher certification.

Amend KRS 161.048 to modify the Option 7 alternative teacher certification pathway; remove some initial candidate requirements; allow provisional certification upon qualifying and enrolling in an approved institute; establish the conditions for receiving a professional certificate.

RECENT STATUS

2/23/2024 - Introduced

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SJR132 HAZARD COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE *(STIVERS, ROBERT)*

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Council on Postsecondary Education to conduct a feasibility study on transforming the Hazard Community and Technical College into a four-year, residential university.

Direct the Council on Postsecondary Education to conduct a study on transforming the Hazard Community and Technical College into a four-year, residential university; require the results of the study to be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2024.

RECENT STATUS

2/12/2024 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

2/8/2024 - Introduced

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SJR170 COUNSEL OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION TO CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDY

(GIVENS, DAVID P.)

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Council on Postsecondary Education to conduct a feasibility study on expanding postbaccalaureate program offerings at comprehensive universities.

Direct the Council on Postsecondary Education to conduct a study on expanding postbaccalaureate program offerings at comprehensive universities; consult with each president of a comprehensive university to consider a regional economic development or workforce development need that may be met by a postbaccalaureate program.

RECENT STATUS

2/22/2024 - Introduced

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