Legislative Report

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Bill Information

HB1

INCOME TAX RATE (PETRIE, JASON)

AN ACT relating to the individual income tax rate.

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

RECENT STATUS

2/6/2025 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

2/5/2025 - delivered to Governor

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

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HB17

POLICE OFFICER CERTIFICATION (HART, MARK)

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

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

RECENT STATUS

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

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HB19

PRIVACY PROTECTION (HODGSON, JOHN)

AN ACT relating to privacy protection.

Amend KRS 500.130 to define terms; provide that the use of an unmanned aircraft system is not prohibited in the case of recreational or professional use if there is not intent to conduct surveillance on private property and there is no unauthorized use or publication of images of individuals or areas of private property, or in the case of an insurance company for purposes of underwriting a risk or investigating damage; create a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to establish a civil action; create a new section of KRS Chapter 413 to establish a statute of limitations for the civil action.

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Small Business & Information Technology (H) 1/7/2025 - Introduced



HB30

PENSION SPIKING IN KPPA (BLANTON, JOHN)

AN ACT relating to pension spiking in the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority.

Amend KRS 61.598 to exempt from the pension spiking provisions any increases in rates of pay authorized or funded by the legislative or administrative body of an employer or mandated in a collective bargaining agreement approved by the legislative body of the employer that are provided to members of the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, County Employees Retirement System, or State Police Retirement System.

RECENT STATUS

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

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HB47

SEXUAL EXTORTION (BAKER, SHANE)

AN ACT relating to sexual extortion.

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

RECENT STATUS

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

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HB56

COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITIES (MEADE, DAVID)

AN ACT relating to comprehensive universities.

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

RECENT STATUS

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

1/7/2025 - Introduced



HB66

COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION (CALLOWAY, JOSH)

AN ACT relating to the Council on Postsecondary Education.

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

RECENT STATUS

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

1/7/2025 - Introduced



HB67

WAGES (GROSSBERG, DANIEL)

AN ACT relating to wages.

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

RECENT STATUS

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



HB76

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

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

Create a new section of KRS 16.505 to 16.652 to change the retirement benefits for members participating in the State Police Retirement System (SPRS) or in a hazardous position in either the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS) or County Employees Retirement System (CERS) who are hired after January 1, 2014, but before January 1, 2026, so that, in lieu of continued participation in the hybrid cash balance plan (Tier 3 benefits), these members receive the benefits provided to members in a hazardous position who began participating immediately prior to January 1, 2014 (Tier 2 benefits); for those eligible hazardous

employees, create a presumption that service credit in a hazardous position earned after January 1, 2014, is service credit earned immediately prior to January 1, 2014; for eligible hazardous members transitioning to Tier 2, require that accumulated contributions in the hybrid cash balance plan remain in the member's account, but any employer credit be transferred to the retirement allowance account; allow a member in a hazardous position subject to a change from Tier 3 to Tier 2 benefits to make a one-time election to opt out of the change of benefits within 30 days; establish exclusions; amend KRS 16.576, 16.577, 16.578, 16.582, 61.546, 61.552, 61.597, 61.615, 78.5512, 78.5514, 78.5524, 78.5528, and 78.616 to grant to members in a hazardous position who begin participating after January 1, 2026, or whose participation is presumed under Section1of this Act to begin immediately prior to January 1, 2014, the same benefits provided to members whose participation began immediately prior to January 1, 2014 (Tier 2 benefits), including death and disability benefits, benefit factors and service credit that includes service credit for unused sick leave, and eligibility for early retirement and service purchases; make technical corrections; amend KRS 16.583 and 78.5516 to limit the hybrid cash balance plan (Tier 3 benefits) only to members participating in SPRS or in hazardous positions in KERS or CERS who make an election to opt out of Tier 2 benefits under Section 1 of this Act or who make an election, prior to the effective date of the Act, under KRS 61.5955; amend KRS 61.5955 to provide that only a member in a nonhazardous position who began participating in KERS or CERS as a Tier 2 member may elect to receive Tier 3 benefits in the hybrid cash balance plan in lieu of Tier 2 benefits; amend KRS 16.505, 61.510, and 78.510 to amend definitions of various terms to conform and make technical changes; amend KRS 16.560, 61.575, and 78.640 to allow interest credited on the accounts of members participating in SPRS or in a hazardous position in KERS or CERS to be adjusted to conform; amend KRS 61.592 and 78.5520 to exempt only hazardous members who opt out of receiving Tier 2 benefits from eligibility for an employer payment to convert nonhazardous service to hazardous service; amend KRS 61.680 to require that a member who is eligible under Section 1 of this Act and who has nonhazardous service credit as a Tier 3 member of either KERS or CERS to have his or her nonhazardous and hazardous service consolidated to determine eligibility and benefits; amend KRS 78.545 to add Section 1 of this Act as one of the provisions that shall be administered for the CERS in the same manner as for the KERS.

RECENT STATUS

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

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HB82 PROHIBITING THE ENFORCEMENT OF A FEDERAL BAN OR REGULATION OF FIREARMS (ROBERTS, T.J.)

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

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

RECENT STATUS

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

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AN ACT relating to firearms.

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

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



HB87 EMPLOYMENT (CALLAWAY, EMILY)

AN ACT relating to employment.

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

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations (H) 1/7/2025 - Introduced

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HB118 RESEARCH DOCTORAL PROGRAMS AT WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY (MEREDITH,

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

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

RECENT STATUS

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

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HB139 CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS (MADDOX, SAVANNAH)

AN ACT relating to concealed deadly weapons.

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

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

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HB149

PARAMEDIC EDUCATION (TACKETT LAFERTY, ASHLEY)

AN ACT relating to paramedic education.

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

■ RECENT STATUS

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

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HB153

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

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

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

RECENT STATUS

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

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HB168

TEACHERS (BOJANOWSKI, TINA)

AN ACT relating to teachers.

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

RECENT STATUS

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

1/9/2025 - Introduced



HB181 TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS (MASSARONI, CANDY)

AN ACT relating to teacher scholarships.

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

RECENT STATUS

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

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

AN ACT relating to dual credit scholarships.

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

RECENT STATUS

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

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HB197 HIGHER EDUCATION (DOAN, STEVEN)

AN ACT relating to higher education.

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

RECENT STATUS

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



HB204

CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS (MADDOX, SAVANNAH)

AN ACT relating to concealed deadly weapons.

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

RECENT STATUS

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





TEACHERS (CHESTER-BURTON, BEVERLY)

AN ACT relating to teachers.

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

RECENT STATUS

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

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HB212

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (CHESTER-BURTON, BEVERLY)

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

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

RECENT STATUS

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



HB238

POSTSECONDARY FUNDING (WHITE, RICHARD)

AN ACT relating to postsecondary funding.

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

RECENT STATUS

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

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HB249

KEES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING NONCERTIFIED SCHOOLS (BAKER,

SHANE)

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

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

RECENT STATUS

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

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HB251

EVALUATION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS (CALLAWAY, EMILY)

AN ACT relating to the evaluation of educator preparation programs.

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

■ RECENT STATUS

2/11/2025 - House Postsecondary Education (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing) 2/6/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 2/4/2025 - Introduced



HB254

PROHIBITED USES OF TAX DOLLARS (RABOURN, FELICIA)

AN ACT relating to prohibited uses of tax dollars.

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

RECENT STATUS

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

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HB263

STUDENT TEACHER STIPEND PROGRAM (BANTA, KIM)

AN ACT relating to the student teacher stipend program.

Amend KRS 164.773, relating to the Student Teacher Stipend Program, to specify that an eligible student is a Kentucky resident as determined by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (authority) and is student teaching at a Kentucky public school or certified nonpublic school; specify that the authority shall disburse stipend funds to eligible students directly or through the participating institution; allow the authority to establish criteria for an eligible student who is student teaching outside of Kentucky but is otherwise eligible.

RECENT STATUS

2/11/2025 - House Postsecondary Education (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing) 2/6/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H) 2/4/2025 - Introduced

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HB272

READING AND WRITING IN SCHOOLS (HEAVRIN, SAMARA)

AN ACT relating to reading and writing in schools.

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

RECENT STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education (H) $\,$

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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HB276

POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WORKING GROUP (TIPTON, JAMES)

AN ACT relating to the postsecondary education working group.

Amend KRS 164.092 to change the membership of the postsecondary education working group and require the group to convene every odd-numbered year.

RECENT STATUS

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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HB306

LICENSING OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS (KOCH, MATTHEW)

AN ACT relating to the licensing of professional engineers.

Amend KRS 322.040 to allow an individual to qualify for licensure as a professional engineer if he or she has graduated from a fire protection engineering technology program of four years or more accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

RECENT STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations (H) 2/4/2025 - Introduced

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HB310

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

(FISTER, DANIEL)

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

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

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



HB318

OPEN MEETINGS (ROBERTS, T.J.)

AN ACT relating to open meetings.

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

RECENT STATUS

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



HB322

TUITION BENEFITS. (BRANSCUM, JOSHUA)

AN ACT relating to tuition benefits.

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

RECENT STATUS

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



HB344

SANCTUARY POLICIES (BAUMAN, JARED)

AN ACT relating to sanctuary policies.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 61 to define terms; prohibit state and local governmental entities from adopting sanctuary policies; require law enforcement agencies to use reasonable resources to support the enforcement of federal immigration law; prohibit policies which would restrict the sharing of information with federal immigration agencies; require compliance with federal requirements when a defendant subject to an immigration detainer has been sentenced in a criminal case; require correctional facilities to provide information regarding the date of discharge to federal immigration agencies and cooperate in the transfer of an inmate to federal custody; require completion of a sentence before an inmate may be transferred to federal custody in cases where the inmate is a violent offender; require a law enforcement agency to provide notice to a judge if a person in their custody is subject to an immigration detainer; require counties to endeavor to enter into agreements with federal immigration agencies regarding the housing of persons in county jails who are subject to immigration detainers; create a rebuttable presumption that a state or local

officer who intentionally violates any of the provisions has committed malfeasance and neglect of duty and is subject to impeachment; allow the Attorney General to make findings that a local government has violated the Act; and to withhold road aid funding if the local government willfully violates the Act by refusing to cease a violation; create a private right of action against an official that has adopted a sanctuary policy; waive immunities when a person is injured by a person released as a result of a sanctuary policy; amend KRS 177.360 and 177.366 to require county road aid moneys be suspended upon notice by the Attorney General of willful violations by a local government and reinstated upon notice by the Attorney General of compliance; provide that the Act may be cited as the Lawful Immigration System Act of 2025.

RECENT STATUS

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

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HB352

IMMIGRANTS (ROBERTS, T.J.)

AN ACT relating to immigrants.

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

RECENT STATUS

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

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HB361

EMPLOYER STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT CREDIT (KULKARNI, NIMA)

AN ACT relating to the employer student loan repayment credit.

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

RECENT STATUS

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

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SB11 WAGES (THOMAS, REGINALD)

AN ACT relating to wages.

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

RECENT STATUS

1/9/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S) 1/7/2025 - Introduced

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SB32 VETERANS (YATES, DAVID)

AN ACT relating to veterans.

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

RECENT STATUS

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

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SB40 STUDENT JOURNALIST FREEDOM (NEAL, GERALD A.)

AN ACT relating to student journalist freedom.

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

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SB45 KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS (ARMSTRONG, CASSIE CHAMBERS)

AN ACT relating to Kentucky educational excellence scholarships.

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

RECENT STATUS

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

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SB68 EDUCATION (RAWLINGS, STEVE)

AN ACT relating to education.

Amend KRS 158.645 to change the required learning capacities of Kentucky public school students; amend KRS 158.6451 to provide that schools shall expect a high level of academic achievement and shall develop students' ability to think critically and independently; amend KRS 156.010 to include career and technical education; amend KRS 160.345 to remove the reporting requirement relating to physical activity of students; amend KRS 157.065 to remove the reporting requirement relating to participation in breakfast programs; amend KRS 424.250 to reflect that school boards are tax levying authorities and do not file budgets with the county clerk; require district budgets to be published in the same manner as school financial reports; repeal KRS 157.061 and 158.856.

RECENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S) 1/9/2025 - Introduced

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SB73 SEXUAL EXTORTION (ADAMS, JULIE RAQUE)

AN ACT relating to sexual extortion.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 531 to establish the crime of sexual extortion as a felony; provide for enhancements to penalties; create a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to establish a civil cause of action for sexual extortion; amend KRS 17.500 to include sexual extortion in the definition of "sex crime"; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require superintendents of local school districts to notify students in grades four and above and parents and guardians of all students of the crime of sexual extortion; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require local school boards to display posters in schools with the definition of sexual extortion and contact information for entities offering assistance to victims; amend KRS 164.2518 to require postsecondary institutions to display

posters with the definition of sexual extortion and contact information for entities offering assistance to victims in residential facilities and buildings containing instructional spaces, student services, or academic support services.

RECENT STATUS

2/7/2025 - (S) SECOND READING to Rules

2/6/2025 - (S) FIRST READING

2/6/2025 - (S) Reported Favorably

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SB77

EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD (DENEEN, MATTHEW)

AN ACT relating to the Education Professional Standards Board.

Amend KRS 161.028 to allow for a designee of the chief academic officer of an independent not-for-profit college or university to serve as a member of the Education Professional Standards Board.

RECENT STATUS

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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SB80

VETERINARY MEDICINE PROGRAM (CARROLL, DANNY)

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

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

RECENT STATUS

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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SB83

KEES SCHOLARSHIPS (WILSON, MIKE)

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

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

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





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

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

Amend 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 175 to remove the immunity provision for postsecondary institutions from the State/Executive Branch biennial budget; EMERGENCY.

■ RECENT STATUS

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



SB113

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

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

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

RECENT STATUS

2/6/2025 - Introduced

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SB116

SEX-BASED CLASSIFICATIONS (TICHENOR, LINDSEY)

AN ACT relating to sex-based classifications.

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

RECENT STATUS

2/6/2025 - Introduced



SB119 COMPREHENSIVE UNIVERSITIES (STORM, BRANDON J.)

AN ACT relating to comprehensive universities AN ACT relating to comprehensive universities

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