Legislative Report

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Bill Information

HB35 SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY *(BANTA, KIM)*

AN ACT relating to scholarship eligibility for proprietary schools.
Amend KRS 164.786 to include a proprietary school in the definition of "participating institution" for the purpose of the Dual Credit Scholarship Program; amend KRS 164.787 to include a proprietary school in the definition of "eligible institution" for the purpose of the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program.

RECENT STATUS

1/13/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education (H)
1/7/2026 - Introduced

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HB42 INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS *(LEHMAN, MATTHEW)*

AN ACT relating to intercollegiate athletics in the Commonwealth.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to declare findings; set mandated annual varsity athletic game requirements for the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, Eastern Kentucky University, Kentucky State University, Morehead State University, Murray State University, Northern Kentucky University, and Western Kentucky University in various sports; ensure existing contracts of public postsecondary institutions are not violated.

RECENT STATUS

1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)
1/7/2026 - Introduced

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HB66 PUBLIC AGENCIES *(HODGSON, JOHN)*

AN ACT relating to public agencies.
Amend KRS 12.070 to permit a board, commission, or similar administrative body to conduct video teleconference meetings to allow public participation; allow members of a board, commission, or similar administrative body to attend meetings virtually unless a decision implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, affects private rights or procedures available to the public, or administers or awards funds; prohibit members who participate virtually from receiving reimbursement for travel expenses; amend KRS 61.826 to prohibit a member of a public agency that attends a meeting through video teleconference from receiving reimbursement of travel expenses; amend KRS 164.004 to conform. HCS(1) Delete original provisions; create new section of KRS 61.870 to 61.884 to require

the public agencies to publish information relating to board or commission members' name, term, and official method of contact; amend KRS 61.826 to allow video teleconference meetings to conduct routine public business; specify conditions and restrictions; require a quorum of members to convene for in-person meeting, and other members to participate virtually through video teleconference when the public agency conducts business that establishes or modifies laws, regulations, taxes, taking action on a nonroutine expenditure, or a grant or award greater than $100,000; exempt in-person requirements during a declared state of emergency; require a public agency to develop policies and procedures governing attendance and participation policies for video teleconference meetings. HFA(1) Retain original provisions; require in-person meeting on final actions establishing or modifying taxes, laws or regulations; permit public agencies to develop policies and procedures on video teleconference meetings.

RECENT STATUS

2/12/2026 - received in Senate
2/11/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 95-0 with Committee Substitute (1), Floor Amendment (1) and Committee Amendment (1-title)
2/11/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS 1, HCA 1t, and HFA 1

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HB90 EDUCATIONAL LOBBYING *(GROSSL, VANESSA)*

AN ACT relating to educational lobbying.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 160 to define "lobbying" and "public school or school district"; prohibit a public school or school district from expending any moneys to compensate an external individual or entity to lobby; permit employees of public schools or school districts to engage in lobbying services; permit schools to compensate external individuals or entities to represent their interest before the executive or legislative branch of the federal government; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to prohibit a public postsecondary education institution from expending moneys to compensate an external individual or entity to engage in lobbying services; permit employees of public postsecondary education institutions to engage in lobbying services; permit public postsecondary education institutions to compensate external individuals or entities to represent their interest before the executive or legislative branch of the federal government.

RECENT STATUS

1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education (H)
1/7/2026 - Introduced

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HB94 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION *(GROSSL, VANESSA)*

AN ACT relating to postsecondary education.
Amend KRS 164.2951 to require the Council on Postsecondary Education to develop, implement, and maintain statewide transfer pathways available between the public postsecondary education institutions in selected baccalaureate programs; require the council to publish on its website a list of the available transfer pathways; require participating postsecondary education institutions to accept transfer credit, earned or accepted at the prior institution within pathways as general education or program-specific general education credit before applying credit as elective; require the council to provide written notification to public postsecondary education institutions and coordinate credit transfer discussions upon receiving notification of an institution seeking to make changes to curricula impacting lower-division courses.

RECENT STATUS

2/25/2026 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules

2/24/2026 - (H) FIRST READING
2/24/2026 - (H) Reported Favorably w/ HCS1

HB94 Bill Page →

HB96 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION WORKING GROUP *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to the postsecondary education working group and declaring an emergency.
Amend KRS 164.092 to change the membership of the postsecondary education working group of the Council on Postsecondary Education; require the working group to convene on a calendar year basis rather than a fiscal year basis; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

3/13/2026 - (S) SECOND READING, to Rules
3/12/2026 - (S) FIRST READING
3/12/2026 - (S) Reported Favorably w/ SCS 1

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HB130 SCHOLARSHIPS *(AULL, CHAD)*

AN ACT relating to scholarships.
Amend KRS 164.7879 to require the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to annually adjust the Kentucky education excellence scholarship (KEES) based on the Consumer Price Index; permit the authority to annually adjust KEES supplemental awards based on the Consumer Price Index; require that KEES award adjustments be paid at the most recent calculation for the academic term in which a student utilizes their award; prohibit decrease in KEES awards; amend various statutes to conform.

RECENT STATUS

1/14/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)
1/7/2026 - Introduced

HB130 Bill Page →

HB213 REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS *(CALLAWAY, EMILY)*

AN ACT relating to reemployment of retired police officers.
Amend KRS 70.292, 70.293, and 95.022, regarding city and county programs to reemploy retired police officers without incurring employer retirement contributions, to reduce the required service of the officer or sheriff before retirement from 20 years to 15 years and to allow retired officers to take health insurance coverage through the employing city or county; amend KRS 61.702 and 78.5536 to conform. HCS(1) Retain original provisions, except to allow retired police officers reemployed under the programs established by KRS 70.291 to 70.293 and 95.022 to obtain health insurance coverage if authorized by the county or city governing body; make technical amendments; amend KRS 164.952, regarding programs at postsecondary institutions, to reemploy retired police officers without incurring employer retirement contributions; reduce the required service of the officer before retirement from 20 years to 15 years; allow retired officers to take health insurance coverage through the employing postsecondary institution if authorized by the

institution's governing body.

RECENT STATUS

2/19/2026 - received in Senate
2/18/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 98-0 with Committee Substitute (1)
2/18/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS1

HB213 Bill Page →

HB240 EDUCATION RESIDENCY *(GORDON, DEANNA)*

AN ACT relating to residency as defined by the Council on Postsecondary Education.
Amend KRS 164.020 to require the Council on Postsecondary Education to consider individuals born in Kentucky as Kentucky residents when determining residency for tuition and admission purposes in the state postsecondary education system; provide that the Act may be cited as the Welcome Back to My Old Kentucky Home Initiative.

RECENT STATUS

1/15/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)
1/8/2026 - Introduced

HB240 Bill Page →

HB253 READING INSTRUCTION *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to reading and language arts instruction.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to define terms; require the Kentucky Department of Education to establish an approved list of reading curriculum and interventions that do not use a three-cueing system; prohibit school districts from using any curriculum or program that employs a three-cueing system; prohibit the use of a three-cueing system in teacher professional development; require the Educational Professional Standards Board to promulgate administrative regulations establishing curriculum for each approved educator preparation program; amend KRS 158.307 to require rather than allow local boards of education to develop a 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 2027-2028 school year, rather than the instruction being contingent on funding availability; 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 board 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. HCS (1) Retain original provisions; specify dates by which three-cueing shall no longer be used in public school districts; specify dates by which interdisciplinary early childhood through fifth grade teachers are required to complete a science of reading professional learning program; require all interdisciplinary early childhood through grade 5 educators who received certification through Options 1 to 5 and 8 to complete a science of reading professional learning program within 2 years of initial employment.

RECENT STATUS

3/11/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)
2/13/2026 - received in Senate
2/12/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 94-1 with Committee Substitute (1)

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HB275 KEES SCHOLARSHIPS *(RABOURN, FELICIA)*

AN ACT relating to KEES scholarships for students attending noncertified schools.
Amend KRS 164.7874 to 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.

RECENT STATUS

1/15/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)
1/8/2026 - Introduced

HB275 Bill Page

HB298 KEES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS OF NON-CERTIFIED 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

3/3/2026 - House Postsecondary Education (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
1/16/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)
1/9/2026 - Introduced

HB298 Bill Page

HB307 POSTSECONDARY ADMISSION *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to proactive postsecondary admission.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to define terms; establish a proactive postsecondary admissions program to be managed by the Council on Postsecondary Education; require each public postsecondary education institution in Kentucky to establish the minimum academic qualification for prospective admission to the institution and implement the common online application approved by the council by July 1, 2027; require the Kentucky Department of Education and each certified nonpublic school to submit a compiled list with designated information of all high school students who most recently completed their junior year to the council and the Kentucky Center for Statistics on or before September 1 of each year; require the KHEAA to submit the KEES award amounts of public and certified nonpublic high school students to the council on or before September 1 of each year; direct the council to send a personalized prospective admissions letter notifying each eligible high school student of each public postsecondary education institution in Kentucky where the recipient qualifies for prospective admissions, provides instructions for the recipient to apply for full admission, and of the student's KEES scholarship amount; provide that the personalized letter shall not constitute a guarantee of admission; retain the right for public postsecondary education institutions to perform a comprehensive reviews of all admissions applications internally; create a new section of KRS Chapter 151 to direct the Kentucky Center for Statistics to collaborate with the

Kentucky Department of Education and the Council on Postsecondary Education to publish annual data on academic and workforce outcomes; amend KRS 164.020 to direct the Council on Postsecondary Education to establish a common online application and maintain a website for students to apply to Kentucky public postsecondary institutions through the common online application. HCS(2) Retain original provisions except remove the requirement for certified nonpublic schools to participate in the proactive postsecondary admissions program; remove the Council on Postsecondary Education's management of the proactive postsecondary admissions program; direct each public school district to annually invite each enrolled student to participate in the proactive postsecondary admissions program and notify the Kentucky Department of Education of students that opt in to notifications about the program by July 1 each year; direct the department to provide public postsecondary education institutions designated information for all students and additional information for students that opt in; transfer the responsibility for sending personalized prospective admissions letters from the council to each public institution; remove the requirement that the letter include an estimated KEES amount and replace that requirement with instructions on how to access state and federal grant opportunities; require that the letter include information on the cost of attendance and notice of institutional aid opportunities; direct the council to collaborate with public institutions to promote and report annually on the program; direct the department to collaborate with local school districts to maximize student participation in the program and to report annually on designated information related to those efforts; designate certain information that the department shall report to the Kentucky Center for Statistics; restrict the Kentucky Center for Statistics from reporting personally identifiable information; direct that each public postsecondary education institution shall provide the institution's program application form to the council by November 1, 2027; require the council to review each form and offer suggestions; require the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to begin in 2027 including a link, address, or QR code provided by the council for the common online application in the KEES eligibility notifications sent to students; direct the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to consult with the department to evaluate sending KEES eligibility notifications electronically; provide that the Act may be cited as the My Kentucky Future Act. HFA(2) Retain original provisions; add grade level to the directory student information reported to public postsecondary education institutions; direct the department to provide designated information directly to public postsecondary education institutions for students who opt in to the proactive postsecondary admissions program; remove the restriction against the department imposing additional reporting requirements to authorize the collection of information specific to the proactive postsecondary admissions program.

RECENT STATUS

3/5/2026 - received in Senate
3/4/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 97-0 with Committee Substitute (2) and Floor Amendment (2)
3/4/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS1, HCS2, HFA1, and HFA2

HB307 Bill Page →

HB310 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

2/26/2026 - (H) WITHDRAWN
1/20/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)
1/12/2026 - Introduced

HB310 Bill Page →

HB312 CONCEALED FIREARMS AND DEADLY WEAPONS *(MADDOX, SAVANNAH)*

AN ACT relating to concealed firearms and deadly weapons.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 237 to define "provisional license" and "standard license"; authorize the Department of Kentucky State Police (KSP) to issue provisional licenses to carry concealed firearms and other deadly weapons to persons who are 18 to 20 years of age; require KSP to provide notice of expiration of provisional licenses and an application to switch from a provisional license to a standard license; allow the provisional license holder to apply by paper to his or her sheriff or online to KSP for a standard license; allow KSP to promulgate administrative regulations to administer provisional and standard license issuance.

RECENT STATUS

1/27/2026 - received in Senate
1/23/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 73-17
1/23/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HFA 1

HB312 Bill Page →

HB318 PROPERTY RIGHTS IN NAME, VOICE, AND LIKENESS *(GROSSBERG, DANIEL)*

AN ACT relating to property rights in name, voice, and likeness.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 365 to define terms; establish property rights in every individual's name, voice, and likeness; establish how the property rights may be transferred or terminated; establish a civil cause of action and damages for unauthorized use of an individual's name, voice, or likeness; provide exceptions; require that an action commence within 4 years of discovery of the violation.

RECENT STATUS

1/20/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary (H)
1/12/2026 - Introduced

HB318 Bill Page →

HB376 PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS *(BANTA, KIM)*

AN ACT relating to public postsecondary education institutions.
Amend KRS 164.020 to prohibit the Council on Postsecondary Education from raising tuition for a postsecondary education institution more than 5% a year for Kentucky resident students and 7% a year for non-Kentucky resident students; provide a 4-year tuition freeze for an enrolled Kentucky resident student; require an institution to notify a student before expiration of a tuition freeze; require any increase in tuition or fees to be approved before March 1; provide that the Act may be cited as the Kentucky Student Tuition Protection and Accountability Act; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2029.

RECENT STATUS

1/22/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
1/14/2026 - Introduced

HB376 Bill Page →

HB379 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION *(BAKER, SHANE)*

AN ACT relating to postsecondary education.
Amend KRS 164.001 to remove the definition of "committee," "P-16 council," and "remedial education" amend KRS 164.013 to conform; amend KRS 164.0211 to attach the Board of Student Body Presidents to the Council on Postsecondary Education for administration and organization purposes; create a new section of KRS 164 to codify the existing Commonwealth Education Continuum, establish governance and membership of the continuum; establish the duties of the continuum; provide that the administrative and support staff of the continuum shall be provided by the council; direct the continuum to submit an annual report and establish the contents of the report; amend KRS 164.330 to remove requirement for board of regents meetings to be held within 30 days of an appointment; amend various KRS sections to conform; repeal KRS 164.003, 164.004, 164.0285, 164.0286, 164.0287, 164.0268, 164.033. HCS(1) Retain provisions, except remove KRS 164.0211 and changes to the Board of Student Body Presidents; remove the creation of the Commonwealth Education Continuum; amend KRS 164.321 to provide that governing board members' attendance at mandatory orientation or training does not constitute a meeting under the Open Meetings Act; amend KRS 164.7919 to provide that the Department of Revenue shall not return enrollment-related debt or liquidated debt to a public postsecondary education institution unless certain requirements are met; provide that the Department of Revenue shall retain statutory collection fees but the remainder shall go to the institution; amend KRS 45.241 to define "enrollment-related debt"; authorize the Department of Revenue to collect enrollment-related debts and liquidated debts pursuant to a memorandum of agreement with a public postsecondary education institution; limit the authority of the Department of Revenue to refuse to collect enrollment-related debts and liquidated debts referred by a public postsecondary education institution; amend KRS 131.130 to require the Department of Revenue and each public postsecondary education institutions to enter into an annual memorandum of agreement for the collection of enrollment-related debts and liquidated debts and allow a contract for collection of unliquidated debts; amend KRS 164.525 to require that the Center for Mathematics be administered by Northern Kentucky University and require an annual report to designated entities; amend KRS 164.230, 164.360, and 164.830 to provide that preliminary discussions by a postsecondary governing board relating to productivity and performance evaluations of presidents may occur in closed session and that the summative evaluation report shall be presented in an open meeting; amend KRS 164.131 to provide that University of Kentucky Board of Trustees' attendance at an orientation and education program is not a meeting under the Open Meetings Act.

RECENT STATUS

2/17/2026 - received in Senate
2/13/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 92-0 with Committee Substitute (1)
2/13/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS1

HB379 Bill Page →

HB389 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 to annually update the dyslexia toolkit; require the toolkit to include guidance on dysgraphia and strategies and other resources to be used for students displaying dyslexia and dysgraphia; require universal screeners and diagnostic tools be approved by the department; require each district to use evidence-based instructional strategies to provide intervention services; require school districts to report data to the department; amend KRS 164.304 to require postsecondary institutions offering teacher preparation programs include instruction on the application and implementation of a multitiered system of supports by the 2027-2028 school year. HCS (1) Retain original provisions; provide that evidence-based strategies that have been proven effective by the department shall be used in intervention services; make technical changes.

RECENT STATUS

1/29/2026 - received in Senate
1/28/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 95-0 with Committee Substitute (1)
1/28/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS 1

HB389 Bill Page →

HB391 ELEMENTARY LITERACY *(STEVENSON, PAMELA)*

AN ACT relating to elementary literacy and making an appropriation therefor.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 171 to establish the Kids Love to Read Program; specify the program is for children in kindergarten through grade five; require books to be sent to children's homes; require the Department for Libraries and Archives to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to administer the program; appropriate $500,000 in fiscal year 2027-2028 to support the program; APPROPRIATION.

RECENT STATUS

1/23/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education (H)
1/15/2026 - Introduced

HB391 Bill Page →

HB394 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 the 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 persons held civilly liable from holding a position of public trust or profit for 10 years; create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to establish a criminal penalty and a prohibition against holding a position of public trust or profit for 10 years for individuals found guilty of a violation.

RECENT STATUS

1/23/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H)
1/15/2026 - Introduced

HB394 Bill Page →

HB424 SOCIAL WORK *(HEAVRIN, SAMARA)*

AN ACT relating to social work.
Amend KRS 335.010 to exempt student interns or trainees from social work licensure requirements; direct the Kentucky Board of Social Work to promulgate administrative regulations to define standards for student involvement in clinical social work; amend KRS 335.020 to define terms; amend KRS 335.030, 335.070, 335.080, 335.090, 335.100, 335.150, and 335.158 to establish licensure standards, including use of a multistate license, criminal background checks, and telehealth; amend KRS 335.050 to require that at least 1 licensee member of the board is a teacher actively engaged in social work education; amend KRS 387.610 and 457.090 to conform. HCS(1) Retain original provisions; exempt employees and applicants of child-caring facilities or child-placing agencies from social worker licensure requirements if the facility or agency is contracted with the state for foster care services; exclude the practice of clinical social work by a certified social worker or licensed clinical social worker from the licensure exemption.

RECENT STATUS

3/13/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Licensing & Occupations (S)
2/19/2026 - received in Senate
2/18/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 94-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

HB424 Bill Page →

HB453 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS *(FLANNERY, PATRICK)*

AN ACT relating to prescription drugs.
Amend KRS 304.17A-164 to define terms; prohibit insurers and administrators from requiring insureds to pay cost sharing for a prescription drug that is greater than the cash price; require insurers and administrators to count the amount paid for a covered prescription drug towards the insured's cost-sharing if certain requirements are met; establish requirements for insurers, administrators, and pharmacies for submission of cash price paid by an insured; exempt a state employee health plan from counting certain third-party payments towards the insured's cost-sharing; provide for construction of cost-sharing requirements; amend KRS 304.17C-125, 304.38A-115, 164.2871, and 18A.225 to apply cost-sharing requirements to limited health plans, self-insured state postsecondary education institution employer group health plans, and the state employee health plan; create a new section of KRS Chapter 315 to require pharmacies to comply with cost-sharing requirements; provide that cost-sharing requirements apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after effective date; EFFECTIVE, January 1, 2027.

RECENT STATUS

1/29/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Banking & Insurance (H)
1/21/2026 - Introduced

HB453 Bill Page →

HB457 COUNCIL ON POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION OVERSIGHT *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to the Council on Postsecondary Education's oversight of public postsecondary education institutions.
Amend KRS 164.096 to require each public postsecondary education institution to provide the Council on Postsecondary Education its annual operating budget by August 1 of each fiscal year; require each institution to provide the council a quarterly budget-to-actual report within thirty (30) days following the end of each fiscal quarter; require each institution to provide financial information relevant to the Council's review of the institution's annual operating budget or quarterly budget-to-actual report upon the request of the council; amend KRS 164.013 to require the council's president to consult with the boards of regents and boards of trustees in their respective presidential selection and evaluation processes.

RECENT STATUS

1/29/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)
1/21/2026 - Introduced

HB457 Bill Page →

HB472 PUBLIC CONTRACTS *(FLANNERY, PATRICK)*

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, or aluminum used in all state and local projects be manufactured in the United States unless a waiver is granted; amend KRS 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 of the Act may be cited as the Kentucky Buy American Act.

RECENT STATUS

1/30/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Economic Development & Workforce Investment (H)
1/22/2026 - Introduced

HB472 Bill Page →

HB490 EMPLOYMENT AT POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS *(THOMPSON, AARON)*

AN ACT relating to employment at public postsecondary education institutions and declaring an emergency.
Amend KRS 164.360, 164.230, and 164.830 to allow for the removal of faculty members at public postsecondary education institutions for bona fide financial reasons; require the boards of regents and trustees of the institutions to establish the process for removal based on financial reasons with specified parameters; EMERGENCY. HFA (1) Retain original provisions; require establishment of the process for removal and notice to all faculty October 1, 2026, instead of July 1, 2026.

RECENT STATUS

2/18/2026 - received in Senate
2/17/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 72-21 with Floor Amendment (1)
2/17/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HFA1

HB490 Bill Page →

HB495 LOCAL OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE FEES *(DIETZ, STEPHANIE)*

AN ACT relating to local occupational license fees.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 91A to define terms; require 100% of the wages of an employee associated with the corporate office to be apportioned to the local government where the corporate office is located; exclude wages for work performed at a satellite office; require 100% of the wages of an employee assigned to a state government office to be apportioned to the local government where the state government office is located; allow a refund claim for occupational license fees paid for work physically performed outside of the local government's jurisdiction; establish requirements for refunds; amend KRS 67.780 to conform; apply the apportionment and refund requirements to incentive agreements entered into or amended on or after the effective date of the Act.

RECENT STATUS

2/20/2026 - (H) WITHDRAWN
2/10/2026 - House Local Government (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
2/4/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)

HB495 Bill Page →

HB497 POSTSECONDARY TUITION WAIVERS *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to postsecondary tuition waivers.
Amend KRS 164.515 to make the amount of tuition waived for the spouse or child of designated permanently disabled veterans a last-dollar scholarship that shall not exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; amend KRS

164.2841 to make the amount tuition waived for the survivor of police officer, firefighter, or volunteer firefighter killed in line of duty last-dollar scholarship that shall not exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; amend KRS 164.2842 to make the amount of tuition waived for the survivor of police officer, firefighter, or volunteer firefighter permanently and totally disabled in line of duty a last-dollar scholarship that shall not exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; amend KRS 164.507 to make the amount of tuition waived for the non-married spouse or child of a deceased veteran a last-dollar scholarship that shall not exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; amend KRS 164.020 to delete the tuition waiver for employees and faculty of state and locally operated secondary area technology center staff. HCS(1) Retain original provisions, except remove changes to KRS 164.020 that would have eliminated the tuition waiver for employees and faculty of state and locally operated secondary area technology center staff; amend KRS 164.515 to waive up to 128 credit hours of undergraduate instruction for a spouse, child, stepchild, or orphan of a disabled member of the Kentucky National Guard or Reserve Component; include expiration of the benefit for a child, stepchild, or orphan upon expiration of 5 years following high school graduation, with exceptions; amend KRS 164.284 to waive up to 128 credit hours of undergraduate instruction for a Kentuckian 65 years of age or older; require the benefit to be a last-dollar scholarship that shall not exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; amend KRS 164.2841 to include a child or nonmarried widow or widower of emergency medical services personnel in the waiver benefit; waive up to 128 credit hours of undergraduate instruction; include expiration of the benefit for a child upon expiration of 5 years following high school graduation, with exceptions; KRS 164.2842 to include a spouse or child of emergency medical services personnel in the waiver benefit; waive up to 128 credit hours of undergraduate instruction; include expiration of the benefit for a child upon expiration of 5 years following high school graduation, with exceptions; amend KRS 164.507 to waive up to 128 credit hours of undergraduate instruction for the nonmarried spouse and child of a deceased verteran; include expiration of the benefit for a child upon expiration of 5 years following high school graduation, with exceptions. HFA(3) Delete all provisions; amend KRS 164.515 to make the amount of tuition waived for the spouse or child of designated permanently disabled veterans a last-dollar scholarship that is prohibited from exceeding the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; limit the benefit to 128 hours of undergraduate credit hours; limit the benefit for a student under the age of 26, but extend the age restriction for each month the student served in the United States Armed Forces, as an officer in the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service, the Peace Corps, or AmeriCorps; amend KRS 164.284 to restrict the tuition waiver for persons over 65 to 8 credit hours per semester, require FAFSA completion, and require the amount waived to not exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; amend KRS 164.2841 to make the amount of tuition waived for the survivor of a police officer, firefighter, or volunteer firefighter killed in line of duty a last-dollar scholarship that is prohibited from exceeding the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; limit the benefit to 128 hours of undergraduate credit hours; limit the benefit for a student under the age of 26, but extend the age restriction for each month the student served in the United States Armed Forces, as an officer in the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service, the Peace Corps, or AmeriCorps; amend KRS 164.2842 to make the amount of tuition waived for the survivor of police officer, firefighter, volunteer firefighter, or emergency medical services personnel permanently and totally disabled in line of duty a last-dollar scholarship that is prohibited from exceeding the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; limit the benefit to 128 hours of undergraduate credit hours; limit the benefit for student under the age of 26, but extend the age restriction for each month the student served in the United States Armed Forces, as an officer in the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service, the Peace Corps, or AmeriCorps; amend KRS 164.507 to make the amount of tuition waived for the non-married spouse or child of a deceased veteran a last-dollar scholarship that shall not exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; limit the benefit to 128 hours of undergraduate credit hours; limit the benefit for student under the age of 26 but extend the age restriction for each month the student served in the United States Armed Forces, as an officer in the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service, the Peace Corps, or AmeriCorps; amend KRS 164.2847 to require a Kentucky foster or adopted child to complete a FAFSA to benefit from a tuition waiver; limit the benefit to 128 hours of undergraduate credit hours; limit the benefit to students under the age of 26 unless the student served in the United States Armed Forces, as an officer in the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service.

RECENT STATUS

2/26/2026 - received in Senate
2/25/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 56-36 with Committee Substitute (1) and Floor Amendment (3)
2/25/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HFA1, HCS1, HFA2, and HFA3

HB497 Bill Page →

HB500 EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS *(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: Details Part I, Operating Budget; details Part II, Capital Projects Budget; details Part III, General Provisions; details Part IV, State Salary/Compensation, Benefit, and Employment Policy; details Part V, Funds Transfer; details Part VI, General Fund Budget Reduction Plan; details Part VII, General Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; details Part VIII, Road Fund Budget Reduction Plan; details Part IX, Road Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; details Part X, Phase I Tobacco Settlement; and details Part XI, Executive Branch Budget Summary; APPROPRIATION. HCS (1) The State/Executive Branch Budget: Retain, delete, and add to original provisions; details Part I, Operating Budget; details Part II, Capital Projects Budget; details Part III, General Provisions; details Part IV, State Salary/Compensation, Benefit, and Employment Policy; details Part V, Funds Transfer; details Part VI, General Fund Budget Reduction Plan; details Part VII, General Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; details Part VIII, Road Fund Budget Reduction Plan; details Part IX, Road Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; details Part X, Phase I Tobacco Settlement; and details Part XI, Executive Branch Budget Summary; APPROPRIATION.

RECENT STATUS

3/2/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)
2/27/2026 - received in Senate
2/26/2026 - floor amendments (12), (14) and (15) filed to Committee Substitute , floor amendments (9), (10), (11) and (13) filed to bill

HB500 Bill Page →

HB515 REVENUE *(PETRIE, JASON)*

AN ACT relating to revenue.
Amend KRS 141.068 to make a technical correction.

RECENT STATUS

3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING
3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

HB515 Bill Page →

HB517 CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS *(RABOURN, FELICIA)*

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

2/5/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary (H)
1/29/2026 - Introduced

HB517 Bill Page →

HB542 EMINENT DOMAIN *(DOSSETT, MYRON)*

AN ACT relating to eminent domain and declaring an emergency.
Amend KRS 382.850 to require a condemnor in an eminent domain action involving property subject to a conservation easement to provide a written report to the court justifying the condemnation due to lack of feasible alternative locations; allow the court to dismiss the condemnation action if the lack of alternative locations is not demonstrated; amend KRS 262.850 to require a condemnor in an eminent domain action involving property located in an agricultural district to provide a written report to the court justifying the condemnation due to lack of feasible alternative locations; allow the court to dismiss the condemnation action if the lack of alternative locations is not demonstrated; amend KRS 416.550 prohibit a condemnor from engaging in false, intimidating, or misleading negotiation tactics; allow a property owner of potentially condemned property to obtain an independent appraisal within 60 days of an initial offer for purchase; reduce the indepdent appraisal period to 30 days if the property owner refuses the initial offer for purchase; prohibit the filing of a condemnation action within the independent appraisal period; establish a penalty of dismissal of the condemnation action, payment of attorney's fees, and a bar on future condemnation actions for violations; amend KRS 416.560 to specify requirements for contents of notice of entry to owners of property; establish penalty for failure to give notice; require condemnor to give notice of a material change to the project; require condemnor to use only current data for surveys; provide a copy of a survey to the property owner within 15 days of completion; allow the property owner to petition a local legislative body for a public meeting regarding the proposed taking; amend KRS 416.610 to require the condemnor to take measures to ensure access to property during on-site work on a project where only a portion of the property has been condemned; amend KRS 416.660 to include preexisting improvements on property and the value of agricultural improvements in the determination of fair market value of condemned property; amend KRS 416.570, 416.600, 416.630, 416.640, and 416.650 to conform; EMERGENCY. HCS(1) Retain original provisions, except define "feasible alternative location"; require that the written report submitted to the court regarding feasible alternative locations be a sworn document; allow a property owner to continue to challenge the necessity of the condemnation and offer his or her own feasible alternative locations for the project; include counties, water districts, and water associations in the list of entities excepted from the feasible alternative locations requirement; require condemnors to pay costs, expenses, and attorney's fees for actions dismissed for improper negotiation tactics; require all parties to use certified appraisers for any appraisal of the property unless the value of the property to be taken is less than $25,000; require condemnors to take into consideration the value of the property determined by the property owner's appraisal in negotiating a purchase price; require the condemnor to host and secure a site in the county where the project is located for a public meeting; provide that the sole purpose of a public meeting shall be to accept comments from the public regarding a proposed project; provide that a property owner may only request a public meeting if a public meeting has not previously been held; provide that this Act shall not be interpreted to conflict with any laws applicable to takings by federal entities.

RECENT STATUS

3/9/2026 - received in Senate
3/6/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 90-0 with Committee Substitute (1)
3/6/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS1

HB542 Bill Page →

HB547 FISCAL MATTERS *(PETRIE, JASON)*

AN ACT relating to fiscal matters.
Amend KRS 131.030 to make technical corrections.

RECENT STATUS

3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

HB547 Bill Page →

HB590 BENEFITS FOR KENTUCKY NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS *(BRATCHER, STEVE)*

AN ACT relating to benefits for Kentucky National Guard members.
Amend KRS 164.5161 to define "spouse"; rename the National Guard Tuition Award Program the National Guard Tuition Scholarship Program; allow current National Guard members and their spouses up to 130 total credit hours at a postsecondary institution; allow the total number of credit hours to be transferrable between the member and his or her spouse; grant authority to the adjutant general to award up to 45 additional nontransferable credit hours within the program; amend KRS 164.5165 and 164.5169 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

2/13/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (H)
2/6/2026 - Introduced

HB590 Bill Page →

HB591 PERFORMING ARTS CAREER PATHWAY *(BRATCHER, STEVE)*

AN ACT relating to a performing arts career pathway.
Amend KRS 158.814 to require the Kentucky Department of Education to develop a career and technical education program or pathway in performing arts.

RECENT STATUS

2/13/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education (H)
2/6/2026 - Introduced

HB591 Bill Page →

HB619 PUBLIC POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION *(BRAY, JOSH)*

AN ACT relating to public postsecondary education.
Amend KRS 164.321 to increase the membership of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) board of regents to a total of 17; reduce the terms of membership on a board of regents to 4 years; reduce the number of members allowed to reside in 1 county to 1 member; specify that the nonteaching member of a board of regents shall not be an employee who supervises more than 2 employees or reports directly to the president; specify that a member of a board of regents may be removed if the member does not attend 3 consecutive regularly scheduled meetings and the president requests the member's removal; amend KRS 164.350 to authorize the board of the KCTCS review the president's biennial budget and the budget planning and implementation processes; amend KRS164.365 to make technical corrections; amend KRS 164.580 to distinguish the responsibilities of the president of the KCTCS; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require the president of the KCTCS to employ a chief financial officer and to specify the responsibilities of the chief financial officer; amend KRS 164.583 to make technical corrections; amend KRS 164.591 to require the president of the KCTCS to present a plan for review by the board of regents when considering the reduction, expansion, or

creation of colleges, campuses, or programs, allow the president to conditionally implement the plan upon approval of the Council on Postsecondary Education; require KCTCS to submit a report to the appropriate committees of the General Assembly regarding the plan; require final approval of the plan by the General Assembly; require the KCTCS to submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the appropriate committees regarding the properties utilized by the KCTCS; amend KRS 164.600 to define "campus" and "chancellor"; create a board of advisors for the KCTCS made up of the chancellor of each college of the system and others as appointed by the president; specify the responsibilities of the chancellor of each college; amend other sections of KRS Chapter 164 to conform; repeal KRS 164.586, 164.587, 164.594, 164.602, and 164.5833; provide for staggering of initial appointments. HCS(1) Retain original provisions; amend KRS 164.321 to specify the membership, appointment or election, and terms of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) board of regents effective October 1, 2026; specify that no citizen member shall have a conflict of interest or be a relative of an employee of KCTCS; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require the president of KCTCS to name a workforce liaison; amend KRS 164.583 to establish criteria for the Council on Postsecondary Education to consider when reviewing a proposal for a new accredited or workforce initiative program submitted by the KCTCS that will require an addittional general fund appropriation; require that the KCTCS be responsible for any specialized resources necessary to evaluate a proposal; require the council to review the proposal and issue a recommendation to the General Assembly on the proposal; require that a new accredited or workforce initiative program would not require this process to be followed if the program would not require additional general fund appropriations; amend KRS 164.591 to specify the process KCTCS is to take if a reduction, expansion, or creation of any college or campus facilities is determined to be necessary.

RECENT STATUS

3/12/2026 - received in Senate
3/11/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 93-1 with Committee Substitute (1)
3/11/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS1

HB619 Bill Page →

HB642 KENTUCKY TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System.
Amend KRS 161.520 to remove the requirement for dependent children over the age of 18 to have their mental or physical condition approved by a majority of a medical review committee to receive survivor benefits; amend KRS 161.605 to raise the minimum amount a retired reemployed member may earn per day from $170 to $200, remove the provision for returning to work 1 month earlier if the member forfeits 1 month of their retirement benefit, reinstate the pension waiver program and prohibit members returning to work under its provisions from returning to work as administrators, and make technical changes; amend KRS 161.608 to clarify that the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) will acknowledge a member's earliest participation date in another state administered retirement system to determine benefit tier; amend KRS 161.620 to allow a member who is a parent to apply for and manage payments to a disabled child without necessity of a court order or other legal authority; amend KRS 161.635 and 161.636 to allow TRS to offer index fund investment options to university and nonuniversity members, to annuitize the investment return on the supplemental benefit applied to the index funds not to exceed 6.1% if there is no COLA in a given year or 4.6% if there is a COLA in the given year, allow TRS to promulgate administrative regulations to establish procedures for disbursements from the supplemental benefit component, and establish that neither the TRS board or staff shall be liable for any losses or claims due to a member's election of an index fund and state that members have the sole responsibility for their investment decisions.

RECENT STATUS

3/13/2026 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules
3/12/2026 - (H) FIRST READING
3/12/2026 - (H) Reported Favorably w/ HCS1

HB642 Bill Page →

HB666 TAXATION *(RUDY, STEVEN)*

AN ACT relating to taxation.
Amend KRS 132.027 to make a technical correction.

RECENT STATUS

3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING
3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

HB666 Bill Page →

HB673 BRANCH BUDGET BILLS *(PETRIE, JASON)*

AN ACT relating to branch budget bills.
Amend KRS 48.160, relating to branch budget bills, to make a technical correction.

RECENT STATUS

3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING
3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

HB673 Bill Page →

HB674 BRANCH BUDGET RECOMENDATIONS *(PETRIE, JASON)*

AN ACT relating to branch budget recommendations.
Amend KRS 48.165, relating to branch budget recommendations, to make technical corrections.

RECENT STATUS

3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING
3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

HB674 Bill Page →

HB675 FISCAL MATTERS *(PETRIE, JASON)*

AN ACT relating to fiscal matters.
Amend KRS 131.205 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING
3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

HB675 Bill Page →

HB676 STATEWIDE HEALTH DATA UTILITY *(RAYMER, REBECCA)*

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky statewide health data utility.
Create new sections of KRS Chapter 194A to establish the Kentucky statewide health data utility; define terms; establish purposes and a restricted fund for the utility; require the executive director of the Office of Data Analytics to be responsible for the development, implementation, operation, and maintenance of the utility, contract with a consortium of public health colleges to operate and govern the utility, and promulgate administrative regulations to carry out those duties; establish functions and content of utility; create a consortium of public health colleges; establish duties of consortium in operating and governing the utility; establish administration and operation requirements for the consortium; establish the Kentucky Health Information Technology Board; require the board to establish policies and procedures for the sharing and submission of health information, approve data control, governance, and privacy practices, and advise the executive director and the consortium; require the utility's participants to comply with health information sharing and submission requirements within certain timeframes; require the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to enforce the mandatory reporting requirements for the utility's participants; establish enforcement powers of secretary including civil penalty assessment; require the consortium and the executive director to make annual reports relating to the utility; amend KRS 194A.030, 194A.101, 194A.103, 194A.095, 205.640, 205.6489, 211.474, 214.375, and 311A.190 to conform; repeal KRS 216.2920, 216.2921, 216.2923, 216.2925, 216.2927, and 216.2929, relating to health data collection; establish timeframe for making initial appointments, and provide for staggered appointments to the board; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or the Department for Medicaid Services to seek federal approval if it is determined that such approval is necessary; provide authorization from the General Assembly to make changes in the Medicaid program as required under KRS 205.5372(1); EFFECTIVE, in part, July 1, 2028.

RECENT STATUS

3/10/2026 - floor amendment (1) filed to Committee Substitute
3/6/2026 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules
3/5/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

HB676 Bill Page →

HB681 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION *(WATKINS, JOSHUA)*

AN ACT relating to postsecondary education.
Amend KRS 164.020 to direct the Council on Postsecondary Education to postpone the approval of any new program at a state postsecondary educational institution if the institution has met its equal educational opportunity goals; amend KRS 164.011, 164.131, 164.321, 164.821, and 335B.010 to conform; repeal KRS 164.2894, 164.2895, 164.2896, 164.2897, 164.2898. 164.2899, and 335B.035; provide that the Act may be cited as the Restoration of Postsecondary Inclusion and Student Success Programs Act.

RECENT STATUS

2/26/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)
2/19/2026 - Introduced

HB681 Bill Page

HB685 PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS *(RILEY, STEVE)*

AN ACT relating to professional credentials.
Amend KRS 161.030 to require the Education Professional Standards Board to issue a 5 year teaching certificate to eligible applicants. HCS(1) Retain original provisions; create a new section of KRS Chapter 161 to enact and enter into the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact; declare purpose; define terms; set requirements for member states and for school psychologists to participate in the compact; establish provisions for active duty military members or their spouses; designate procedures for adverse actions against a school psychologist; create the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact Commission and establish its internal procedures; provide for the commission to facilitate the exchange of information; establish rulemaking procedures, oversight, financing, dispute resolution, and enforcement provisions of the compact; create member state compact withdrawal procedures; provide for amendments to the compact; specify applicability of the compact to certain Kentucky state law. HFA(1) Retain all provisions, provide that the immunity of the commission may not exceed the immunity of the limits of liability set forth under the constitution and laws of that state for state officials, employees, and agents.

RECENT STATUS

3/10/2026 - received in Senate
3/9/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 98-0 with Committee Substitute (1), Floor Amendment (1) and Committee Amendment (1-title)
3/9/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS1, HCA1(T), and HFA1

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HB705 POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to postsecondary education.
Amend KRS 164.050 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

3/3/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)
2/24/2026 - Introduced

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HB706 POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to postsecondary education.
Amend KRS 164.050 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

3/3/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)
2/24/2026 - Introduced

HB706 Bill Page

HB740 COVERAGE FOR PROSTHETIC OR ORTHOTIC DEVICES *(GENTRY, ALAN)*

AN ACT relating to coverage of prosthetic or orthotic devices.
Create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require health benefit plans to provide coverage for prosthetic devices and orthotic devices when medically necessary for certain purposes; establish minimum requirements for the required coverage; prohibit any limitation or requirements with respect to out-of-network coverage unless the limitation or requirement is not more restrictive than the restrictions or requirements applicable to out-of-network coverage for medical or surgical benefits; require the commissioner of insurance to submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission regarding implementation of the required coverage; require insurers to provide data requested by the commissioner for purposes of completing the report; require the commissioner to promulgate any necessary administrative regulations; amend KRS 164.2871 and 18A.225 to require self-insured group health plans offered by the governing board of state postsecondary education institutions and the state employee health plan to comply with prosthetic and orthotic device coverage requirements; provide that the Act applies to health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027; EFFECTIVE, January 1, 2027.

RECENT STATUS

3/4/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Banking & Insurance (H)
2/25/2026 - Introduced

HB740 Bill Page

HB757 REVENUE MEASURES *(PETRIE, JASON)*

AN ACT relating to revenue measures and declaring an emergency.
HCS(1) Retain original provisions; amend 141.019 to disallow the deduction for interest paid on mortgage and home equity loans for more than a primary residence for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026; change the taxable base for the excise tax on fantasy contest operators from gross receipts to entry fees and the tax rate from 15.25% to 12%; amend KRS 224.50-868 to extend the sunset date for the new tire fee to July 1, 2034; amend KRS 224.50-872 to require reporting of recipients receiving moneys from the fund and a compilation of the information in KRS 224.50-878(4); remove the sunset on the angel investor tax credit program; amend KRS 171.396 to define "affordable"; allow the certified rehabilitation income tax credit to apply to the taxes imposed under KRS 136.320, 136.330, 136.340, 136.350, 136.370, 136.390, and 304.3-270; allow the credit to equal 30% of the qualified rehabilitation expenses, if the commercial residential property is affordable, to households earning 80% of the median family income or less; allow an insurance company claiming the credit against the insurance premium tax to not pay additional retaliatory taxes; change the taxable base for the excise tax on prediction market operators from gross receipts to transaction fees and the tax rate from 15.25% to 17.25%; amend KRS 160.470 to require additional publication when a local board of education proposes to levy a general tax rate; create a new section of KRS 363.510 to 363.850 to establish an electric vehicle charging station inspection program at the Department of Agriculture; require an electric vehicle power dealer to obtain a retail electric charging license from the department before operating an electric vehicle charging station; require the department to impose an annual license fee of $100 per electric vehicle charging port located at an electric vehicle charging station; establish the retail electric vehicle charging station license fund; require the department to inspect each licensed electric vehicle charging station at least once every 2 years; require the inspection to be made using the standards in the current edition of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Handbook 44; provide for the aspects of the inspection; exempt electric vehicle charging stations constructed using funds from the federal National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program from the licensure and inspection requirements established by the section for 5 years following their initial operation; require that within 90 days of the effective date of the section, the department shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing the electric vehicle charging station inspection standards and to carry out the requirements of the section; amend KRS 363.510 to amend the definition of "weights and measures" and define for "electric vehicle," "electric vehicle charging port," "electric vehicle charging station," "electric vehicle power dealer," and "electric vehicle supply equipment"; amend KRS 138.477 to include within the definition of electric vehicle power dealer a person who receives the payment for the charges for power distributed through an electric vehicle charging station; amend KRS 138.446 to remove taxicab companies' ability to receive a refund

of the motor fuels tax paid on motor fuels used in their regularly scheduled operations in Kentucky; amend KRS 138.210 to define "cellulosic ethanol," "ethanol," "ethanol flex fuel," and "fuel grade ethanol" and include fuel grade ethanol in the definition of "gasoline"; create a new section of KRS Chapter 246 to establish the Friends of Kentucky Agriculture fund; amend KRS 186.162, relating to special license plates, to establish that a portion of the initial and renewal fee for a Kentucky National Guard plate is dedicated to the National Guard Association of Kentucky and that a portion of the initial and renewal fee for a Friends of Kentucky Agriculture plate is dedicated to the Friends of Kentucky Agriculture fund; amend KRS 186.164 to set a $200,000 threshold for auditing groups receiving funds from special license plate fees; require reporting by groups receiving funds from special license plate fees; amend KRS 154.32-010, relating to the Kentucky Business Investment Program, to add laboratory equipment, computer servers, software, capitalized leases, and leasehold improvements directly related to research and development, headquarters, high-technology operations, or service sector facilities to the definitions of "eligible costs" and "start-up costs," respectively; amend KRS 143.022 to extend the allowance of coal severance tax refunds related to coal transported directly to a market outside of North America; amend KRS 186.041 and 186.166 to conform; make technical corrections; EFFECTIVE, in part, August 1, 2026, and January 1, 2027; RETROACTIVE, in part, January 1, 2026; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

3/13/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)
3/12/2026 - received in Senate
3/11/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 69-18 with Committee Substitute (1)

HB757 Bill Page →

HB759 TEACHER CERTIFICATION *(PAYNE, J. T.)*

AN ACT relating to teacher certification.
Amend KRS 161.048 to modify and reestablish alternative teacher certification options as alternative routes; establish the eligibility requirements of alternative routes; delete Option 2 certification; establish a route for current professional certificate holders to expand certification and the eligibility requirements; require the Education Professional Standards Board to maintain and publish a list of academic majors, academic minors, and graduate degree academic content areas and the corresponding areas for which they shall satisfy certification requirements; make current professional certificate holders eligible to expand certification through any alternative route; require holders of professional certificates under specific routes complete training requirements to be eligible for the first renewal of the certificate; provide that the Education Professional Standards Board may require a passing score on a professional skills assessment; amend KRS 161.032 and 164.757 to conform; repeal KRS 161.049.

RECENT STATUS

3/10/2026 - received in Senate
3/9/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 96-0
3/9/2026 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

HB759 Bill Page →

HB766 STUDENT HOUSING *(BRATCHER, STEVE)*

AN ACT relating to student housing.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to prohibit public postsecondary education institutions from requiring a student who is within 6 months of turning 18 years of age or older to reside in student housing; provide exceptions.

RECENT STATUS

3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)

3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING
3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

HB766 Bill Page

HB782 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION STUDENTS *(WATKINS, JOSHUA)*

AN ACT relating to postsecondary education students.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to define terms, require postsecondary education institutions to designate at least 1 employee to serve as a liaison between the institution and a homeless student or student in care who is enrolled at the institution; detail responsibilities of the liaison, the Council on Postsecondary Education, and the institution; require an institution to create a position to carry out the responsibilities of a liaison if the number of students experiencing homelessness or students in care exceeds 2% of the student body; require the Council on Postsecondary Education to submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission on students experiencing homelessness, students in care, and the impact of liaisons.

RECENT STATUS

3/6/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)
2/27/2026 - Introduced

HB782 Bill Page

HB787 BRANCH BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS *(PETRIE, JASON)*

AN ACT relating to branch budget recommendations.
Amend KRS 48.200, relating to branch budget recommendations, to make a technical correction.

RECENT STATUS

3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING
3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

HB787 Bill Page

HB789 ADVANCED MATHEMATICS COURSEWORK *(DUVALL, ROBERT)*

AN ACT relating to advanced mathematics coursework.
Amend KRS 158.6453 to require a school district's advanced coursework plan to include middle school mathematics strategies to enable students to enroll in Algebra I by grade 8.

RECENT STATUS

3/9/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education (H)
3/2/2026 - Introduced

HB789 Bill Page

HB790 TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS *(DUVALL, ROBERT)*

AN ACT relating to teacher scholarships, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.
Amend KRS 164.769 to establish a pilot program to provide scholarships to students pursuing a teaching career in a math- or science-related discipline to be administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority; establish scholarship recipient selection, award, and repayment process; appropriate $4,175,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium to support the program; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

3/9/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)
3/2/2026 - Introduced

HB790 Bill Page

HB820 EDUCATION *(OSBORNE, DAVID W.)*

AN ACT relating to education.
Amend KRS 160.463 to make technical corrections.

RECENT STATUS

3/9/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education (H)
3/2/2026 - Introduced

HB820 Bill Page

HB900 GOVERNMENT AGENCIES *(PETRIE, JASON)*

AN ACT relating to government agencies, making an appropriation therefore, and declaring an emergency.
Appropriate General Fund moneys from the budget reserve trust fund account in each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium to various state agencies for miscellaneous projects and programs; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

3/13/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)
3/11/2026 - received in Senate
3/10/2026 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 85-13 with Committee Substitute (1)

HB900 Bill Page

HCR45 BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT *(PETRIE, JASON)*

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION calling on the United States Congress to submit to the states for ratification a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution and making a formal application to Congress under Article V of the United States Constitution to call a convention for the sole purpose of proposing for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution which requires a balanced federal budget.
Call on the United States Congress to submit to the states for ratification a balanced budget amendment to the United States Constitution and making a formal application to Congress to call a convention.

RECENT STATUS

3/13/2026 - (H) Returned to Committee House Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H)
3/13/2026 - (H) FIRST READING
3/13/2026 - (H) Taken From Committee

HCR45 Bill Page →

HCR66 DISASTER PREVENTION TASK FORCE *(FREELAND, CHRIS)*

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION reestablishing the Disaster Prevention and Resiliency Task Force to study preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery, risk assessment, infrastructure resilience, and planning for natural disasters that impact the Commonwealth.
Direct the Legislative Research Commission to reestablish the Disaster Prevention and Resiliency Task Force to study disaster mitigation, infrastructure resilience, and planning for natural disasters that impact the Commonwealth; require the task force to submit recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2026.

RECENT STATUS

3/11/2026 - floor amendment (1) filed
3/11/2026 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules
3/10/2026 - (H) FIRST READING

HCR66 Bill Page →

SB6 ENDOWED RESEARCH FUND *(STIVERS, ROBERT)*

AN ACT relating to the endowed research fund, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.
Appropriate General Fund moneys in the amount of $150,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-2027 to the endowed research fund; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

3/12/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
3/11/2026 - received in House
3/10/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 38-0

SB6 Bill Page

SB14 PAID MATERNITY LEAVE *(DENEEN, MATTHEW)*

AN ACT relating to paid maternity leave for state employees.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 61 to define "full-time position" and "qualifying employee"; permit a qualifying employee paid leave of absence of up to 30 days for the birth of a child; require leave of more than 1 child during a singular pregnancy to be taken concurrently; require the employee to use the leave within one year of the child's birth; require the employee to use the leave as a continuous 30-day block or as a 20-day block with the remainder to be used intermittently as full days; require the employee to request advance approval before using the leave; require the employee to use the paid leave before other types of accrued leave; require compliance with the Family and Medical Leave Act; specify that any other type of leave not specified does not qualify for paid maternity leave; prohibit an employee from converting the unused balance of paid maternity leave to other types of paid leave, benefits, or compensation; require any administrative regulation in conflict with this Act to be amended, withdrawn, or repealed within 90 days of the effective date of the Act.

RECENT STATUS

1/6/2026 - Introduced

SB14 Bill Page

SB22 DUAL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PRGRAM *(HIGDON, JIMMY)*

AN ACT relating to the dual credit scholarship program.
Amend KRS 164.786 to define "eligible high school apprentice" and "eligible registered teacher apprenticeship program"; include eligible registered teacher apprenticeship programs in the dual credit scholarship program; establish student and school district eligibility and participation requirements in the eligible registered teacher apprenticeship scholarship program. SFA (2) Maintain all original provisions except remove the requirement that a student enrolled in the program achieve a grade of "C" or higher in all courses paid for by the program and require that a student maintain a high school grade point average of 2.75 or higher.

RECENT STATUS

3/9/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Natural Resources & Energy (S)
3/5/2026 - (H) Referred to Committee House Postsecondary Education (H)
1/23/2026 - received in House

SB22 Bill Page

SB61 KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE 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; 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, 2026.

RECENT STATUS

1/9/2026 - Introduced

SB61 Bill Page →

SB63 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 for a student journalist or student media advisor to seek injunctive relief; provide that the Act may be cited as the New Voices Act.

RECENT STATUS

1/12/2026 - Introduced

SB63 Bill Page →

SB75 CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS *(REED, AARON)*

AN ACT relating to concealed deadly weapons.
Amend KRS 237.109 and 237.110 to lower the age requirement for carrying concealed deadly weapons from 21 to 18; make technical corrections.

RECENT STATUS

1/15/2026 - Introduced

SB75 Bill Page →

SB97 COVERAGE FOR PROSTHESES AND ORTHOSES *(GIRDLER, RICK)*

AN ACT relating to coverage for prostheses and orthoses.
Create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require health benefit plans to provide coverage for prostheses and orthoses; establish minimum requirements for the required coverage; require utilizations review decisions to be made in a nondiscriminatory manner; require an insurer or its private review agent to provide notice of certain rights of the insured; establish notice requirements for denials; establish network adequacy requirements for the provision of a prosthesis or orthosis that is required to be covered; establish reporting requirements for insurers and the commissioner of the Department of Insurance relating to the required coverage; amend KRS 164.2871 and 18A.225 to require self-insured group health plans offering by the governing board of state postsecondary education institutions and the state employee health plan to comply with the requirements relating to coverage for prostheses and orthoses; provide that the Act applies to health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2027. SCS (1) Retain original provisions, except delete short-term limited duration coverage from the definition of "health benefit plan"; modify minimum coverage and network adequacy requirements; suspend the coverage requirement's

application to qualified health plans if the state would be required to make cost defrayal payments; make technical corrections; amend KRS 304.17A-099 to conform; require the Department of Insurance to make a determination as to whether any requirement in Section 1 is in addition to essential health benefits, make submissions to the federal Department of Health and Human Services, and consider the determination accepted if a response is not received within 365 days; EFFECTIVE, January 1, 2028.

RECENT STATUS

3/13/2026 - received in House
3/12/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 38-0 with Committee Substitute (1)
3/12/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ SCS 1

SB97 Bill Page →

SB103 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS *(WHEELER, PHILLIP)*

AN ACT relating to prescription drugs.
Amend KRS 304.17A-164 to define terms; prohibit insurers and administrators from requiring insureds to pay cost sharing for a prescription drug that is greater than the cash price; require insurers and administrators to count the amount paid for a covered prescription drug towards the insured's cost-sharing if certain requirements are met; establish requirements for insurers, administrators, and pharmacies for submission of cash price paid by an insured; exempt a state employee health plan from counting third-party payments unless a cash price was paid that is less than the plan's negotiated price; provide for construction of cost-sharing requirements; amend KRS 304.17C-125, 304.38A-115, 164.2871, and 18A.225 to apply cost-sharing requirements to limited health plans, self-insured state postsecondary education institution employer group health plans, and the state employee health plan; create a new section of KRS Chapter 315 to require pharmacies to comply with cost-sharing requirements; provide that cost-sharing requirements apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after effective date; EFFECTIVE, January 1, 2027.

RECENT STATUS

1/16/2026 - Introduced

SB103 Bill Page →

SB105 READING AND WRITING IN SCHOOLS *(THOMAS, REGINALD)*

AN ACT relating to reading and writing in schools.
Amend KRS 158.307 to define "dysgraphia"; require the department to annually update the dyslexia toolkit; require the toolkit to include guidance on dysgraphia and strategies and other resources to be used for students displaying dyslexia and dysgraphia; require universal screeners and diagnostic tools be approved by the department; require each district to use evidence-based instructional strategies to provide intervention services; require school districts to report data to the department; amend KRS 164.304 to require postsecondary institutions offering teacher preparation programs include instruction on the application and implementation of a multitiered system of supports by the 2027-2028 school year.

RECENT STATUS

1/16/2026 - Introduced

SB105 Bill Page →

SB106 KENTUCKY EDUCATION EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP *(MADON, SCOTT)*

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Education Excellence Scholarship.
Amend KRS 164.7874 to include the United States Air Force Academy, the United States Military Academy, the United States Naval Academy, the United States Coast Guard Academy, or the United States Merchant Marine Academy to the definition of "participating institution" under the Kentucky Education Excellence Scholarship program if the academy enters into the necessary agreements with the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

RECENT STATUS

1/20/2026 - Introduced

SB106 Bill Page →

SB128 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS *(MEREDITH, STEPHEN)*

AN ACT relating to prescription drugs.
Amend KRS 304.17A-164 to define and redefine terms; establish cost-sharing requirements for prescription drugs; require rebates to be passed through; establish confidentiality requirements for the rebate information; create a new section of KRS 365.880 to 365.900 to provide that the actual amount of rebates received is a trade secret; provide that compliance with prescription drug cost-sharing and rebate requirements shall not be in violation of the Uniform Trade Secrets Act; amend KRS 304.17C-125, 304.38A-115, 18A.225, and 164.2871 to apply the cost-sharing and rebate requirements for prescription drugs to limited health service benefit plans, limited health service organizations, the state employee health plan, and self-insured employer group health plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution; apply provisions to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2027.

RECENT STATUS

1/27/2026 - Introduced

SB128 Bill Page →

SB130 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION *(NEMES, MICHAEL J.)*

AN ACT relating to postsecondary education.
Create a new section of KRS 164.6941 to 164.6951 to define terms; require an intercollegiate athletics enterprise that provides a cumulative sum of more than $1,000 to coaches and student-athletes to register for a license with the Council on Postsecondary Education; provide for the terms of the license, require the reporting of contracts and amounts of intercollegiate athletics compensation; set the license fee at 10% of all compensation provided to student-athletes and coaches during the previous year; deposit fees into restricted scholarships account; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to distribute moneys to postsecondary institutions proportionally to the intercollegiate athletics compensation received by the institution's student-athletes and coaches; require postsecondary institutions to establish a scholarship program with funds received, set requirements for scholarship program, EFFECTIVE January 1, 2027.

RECENT STATUS

2/13/2026 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)
1/28/2026 - Introduced

SB130 Bill Page

SB177 SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS *(GIRDLER, RICK)*

AN ACT relating to speech-language pathologists.
Amend KRS 334A.035 to remove the requirement of needing to complete postgraduate professional experience to be completed under the supervision of a speech-language pathologist who holds a Kentucky license; amend KRS 334a.050, 334A.020, and 344A.085 to conform. SCS (1) Retain original provisions; create a pathway to licensure to practice as a speech-language pathologist that is compatible with the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact; require speech-language pathologists practicing through the compact to complete 3 years of postgraduate professional experience.

RECENT STATUS

3/6/2026 - received in House
3/5/2026 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 36-1 with Committee Substitute (1)
3/5/2026 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ SCS 1

SB177 Bill Page

SB185 BRANCH BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS *(MCDANIEL, CHRISTIAN)*

AN ACT relating to branch budget recommendations.
Amend KRS 48.030, relating to branch budget recommendations, to include supporting budget documents.

RECENT STATUS

2/11/2026 - Introduced

SB185 Bill Page

SB187 BRANCH BUDGET BILLS *(MCDANIEL, CHRISTIAN)*

AN ACT relating to branch budget bills.
Amend KRS 48.311, relating to branch budget bills, to make a technical correction.

RECENT STATUS

2/11/2026 - Introduced

SB187 Bill Page

SB211 COVERAGE FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS *(RICHARDSON, CRAIG)*

AN ACT relating to coverage for prescription drugs.
Create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require health plans to include a generic drug or biosimilar on the plan's formulary under specified circumstances; define terms; establish cost-sharing requirements when a generic drug or biosimilar is required to be placed on the health plan's formulary; prohibit a health plan from imposing any prior authorization, step therapy, or other limitation on coverage for a generic drug or biosimilar required to be placed on the health plan's formulary or imposing any restriction on a pharmacist or pharmacy that makes it more difficult for the insured to obtain coverage or access to the generic drug or biosimilar compared to the reference drug or product; amend KRS 304.17C-125, 164.2871, and 18A.225 to require limited health service benefit plans, self-insured group health plans offered by a state postsecondary education institution, and the state employee health plan to comply with the requirements for generic drugs and biosimilars; direct that the Act applies to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027; EFFECTIVE, January 1, 2027.

RECENT STATUS

2/19/2026 - Introduced

SB211 Bill Page →

SB234 EDUCATION *(WEST, STEPHEN)*

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

RECENT STATUS

2/24/2026 - Introduced

SB234 Bill Page →

SB235 EDUCATION *(WEST, STEPHEN)*

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

RECENT STATUS

2/24/2026 - Introduced

SB235 Bill Page →

SB236 EDUCATION *(WEST, STEPHEN)*

AN ACT relating to education.

Amend KRS 156.690 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

3/3/2026 - House Postsecondary Education (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
2/24/2026 - Introduced

SB236 Bill Page →

SB279 PUBLIC FUNDS AND POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS *(REED, AARON)*

AN ACT relating to the efficient use of public funds in postsecondary institutions.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require the Council on Postsecondary Education to promulgate administrative regulations to prohibit the use of public funds towards a degree in a low-earning outcome program; require the council to provide an annual report on the implementation of the prohibition to the Legislative Research Commission.

RECENT STATUS

2/26/2026 - Introduced

SB279 Bill Page →

SB331 PUBLIC MEETINGS *(TICHENOR, LINDSEY)*

AN ACT relating to public meetings.
Amend KRS 61.815 to require the presiding officer of a public meeting to provide notice before going into closed session of the general nature of business to be discussed, the reason for the closed session, and any persons not members of the board, commission, committee, authority, council, or governing body of the public agency who will be present; require the closed session to be recorded by video or audio and stored for 180 days; exempt the recording of the closed session from the Open Records Act; amend KRS 61.820 to require a public agency to adopt, on an annual basis, a schedule of its regular meetings; require a public agency to provide notice of its regular meeting by publishing its agenda at least 24 hours, but not more than 7 days before the meeting; provide agenda requirements; prohibit a public agency from recessing a meeting longer than 60 minutes unless exceptions apply; require the public agency to adjourn the meeting if a recess exceeds 60 minutes; prohibit a vote on any item discussed immediately prior to the recess until the next regular meeting; require each regular meeting to include public comment of at least 15 minutes; amend KRS 61.823 to require each special meeting to include public comment of at least 15 minutes; amend KRS 61.840 to prohibit a public agency from requiring a person to identify himself or herself, provide his or her address, or sign up to speak at a meeting; amend KRS 61.848 to require a court to award a person $500, instead of $100 who prevails against a public agency for violation of the Open Meetings Act, to be paid by the person or persons who are found to have violated the act.

RECENT STATUS

3/2/2026 - Introduced

SB331 Bill Page →

SB346 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION *(ADAMS, JULIE RAQUE)*

AN ACT relating to postsecondary education.
Amend KRS 164.050 to insert gender-neutral language.

RECENT STATUS

3/2/2026 - Introduced

SB346 Bill Page

SB351 EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS *(WILLIAMS, GEX)*

AN ACT relating to education professional certifications.
Amend KRS 161.030 to prohibit the Education Professional Standards Board from issuing or renewing certificates to individuals who have been treated for or diagnosed with a disorder that is excluded from the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; require certification and renewal applications to include a sworn statement that the applicant has never been treated for or diagnosed with any listed disorder; direct certain state medical licensing boards to promulgate administrative regulations to require licensees to diagnose the listed disorders based on the disorder definitions established in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (Third Edition, Revised); amend KRS 161.120 to include treatment for or a diagnosis with one of the listed disorders as grounds for revocation, suspension, or refusal to issue or renew certification by the Education Professional Standards Board; require the Education Professional Standards Board to investigate and respond to all complaints against a certificate holder alleging that the certificate holder exhibits easily identifiable behavioral signs or symptoms characteristic to a listed disorder; authorize the Education Professional Standards Board to compel a medical examination to evaluate whether a certificate holder meets the diagnostic criteria for a listed disorder, and require that the results be provided to the board as a condition of continued certification.

RECENT STATUS

3/2/2026 - Introduced

SB351 Bill Page

SCR96 REESTABLISHING THE DISASTER PREVENTION AND RESILIENCY TASK FORCE *(WEBB, ROBIN L.)*

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION reestablishing the Disaster Prevention and Resiliency Task Force to study preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery, risk assessment, infrastructure resilience, and planning for natural disasters that impact the Commonwealth.
Direct the Legislative Research Commission to reestablish the Disaster Prevention and Resiliency Task Force to study disaster mitigation, infrastructure resilience, and planning for natural disasters that impact the Commonwealth; require the task force to submit recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2026.

RECENT STATUS

2/11/2026 - Introduced

SCR96 Bill Page