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HB1 SALES AND USE TAX (STUMBO G) AN ACT proposing to amend Section 181 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to local levies of sales and use taxes.

Propose to amend Section 181 of the Constitution of Kentucky to authorize the General Assembly to confer upon the proper authority of any city or county the power to levy a local option sales and use tax, subject to specifically enumerated conditions and limitations; submit to the voters for approval or disapproval; supply ballot language.

Current Status: 3/11/2015 - (S) discharge petition filed

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB1.htm>

HB2 WAGES (STUMBO G) AN ACT relating to wages.

Amend KRS 337.010 to change the definition of "employees" of retail stores and service industries to increase the threshold of business that applies to the employer from \$95,000 to \$500,000; amend KRS 337.275 to raise the state minimum wage to \$8.20 per hour on July 1, 2015, \$9.15 per hour on July 1, 2016, and \$10.10 per hour on July 1, 2017; amend KRS 337.420 to define "equivalent jobs" as those that are equal under the federal Equal Pay Act, or jobs that are dissimilar but equivalent in skill, effort, responsibility, and working conditions; amend KRS 337.423 to prohibit wage discrimination on the basis of sex, race, or national origin by prohibiting wage differentials for employees who perform equivalent jobs; provide exceptions for wage differentials based on seniority or merit systems, systems that measure wages by quantity or quality of production, and factors other than sex, race, or national origin; amend KRS 337.425 to require the promulgation of administrative regulations to specify criteria for determining jobs that are dominated by employees of a particular sex, race, or national origin, and an acceptable methodology for determining equivalent skill, effort, responsibility, and working conditions; require that the regulations be promulgated on or before July 1, 2016; provide that amendments to KRS 337.423 are EFFECTIVE July 1, 2017.

Current Status: 3/11/2015 - (S) discharge petition filed

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB2.htm>

HB3 MEDICAL CANNABIS (STUMBO G) AN ACT relating to the medical use of cannabis.

Include a noncodified section permitting this Act to be cited as the "Gatewood Galbraith Medical Cannabis Act"; create new sections of KRS Chapter 218A to define terms; require the Department for Public Health operate a medical cannabis program;

require prospective patients to possess a diagnosis from a physician, and possess a registry identification card issued by the department; require the department to publish an annual list of varieties of cannabis that contain a low level of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC); require prioritization of low-THC-containing varieties of cannabis by the department; grant priority access to children and individuals with medication-resistant seizures to low THC cannabis; require patients under 18 to receive cannabis with a low-THC content; state guidelines for registry identification cards; exempt patients that possess a card and an amount of cannabis that does not exceed a sixty day supply from prosecution or penalty; protect a physician from prosecution, penalty, or disciplinary action solely for providing a medical order; protect dispensaries and dispensary employees when acting pursuant to this Act; require individuals that cease to be patients to dispose of cannabis; state that any local or statewide smoking ban shall ban the use of any medical cannabis unless explicitly permitted by prominent signage; allow use of cannabis on privately owned real property only with written permission of the property owner or tenant in possession of the property; prohibit unauthorized conduct, including undertaking tasks under the influence of cannabis; specify additional areas where cannabis may not be possessed or used; prohibit operation of motor vehicles, boats, or aircraft while under the influence of cannabis; clarify other protections for health insurance providers, property owners, employers, and jails or penal institutions; require the DPH to operate or license the operation of at least one dispensary in each area development district; grant the DPH authority to charge application and annual fees; authorize fines for cardholders carrying cannabis while not in possession of his or her registry card; require revocation of cardholder status to any cardholder that sells cannabis to another person that is not a patient; require DPH to promulgate administrative regulations to govern the treatment of drug addiction via use of medical cannabis; establish a Task Force on Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategies for Medical Cannabis to advise the DPH in implementing the Act; require the Board of Medical Licensure to issue certificates to physicians that elect to prescribe medical cannabis; state requirements for good standing for recommending physicians; require the board to establish standards for generating orders for medical cannabis; amend KRS 218A.202 to allow for the monitoring of cannabis recommended pursuant to this Act.

Current Status: 2/12/2015 - House Health and Welfare, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB3.htm>

HB4 KENTUCKY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (STUMBO G) AN ACT relating to funding for Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System and making an appropriation therefor.

Amend KRS 56.8605 to redefine "financing agreement" and "funding notes" to include financing or refinancing of pension obligations owed to Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System under KRS 161.550(1)(b); amend KRS 56.868 to authorize the Kentucky Asset/Liability Commission to issue funding notes to finance or refinance pension fund obligations owed to Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System under KRS 161.550(1)(b); authorize the Kentucky Asset/Liability Commission to issue funding notes in an amount not to exceed \$3,300,000,000 in fiscal year 2015-2016; amend KRS 161.550 to provide that the state shall pay the

additional amount needed to fund the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System pension fund on an actuarially sound basis beginning on July 1, 2015, and continuing for each year thereafter; provide that any funds used to finance statutory benefit improvements under KRS 161.553 that are repurposed and utilized to fund debt service on funding notes authorized under Sections 1 to 3 of this Act shall be included in the additional state appropriation required and to adjust the cost schedules of providing statutory benefit improvements for annuitants; establish intent of General Assembly to phase-into the full actuarially required contribution rate for the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System pension fund with direct state appropriations on a pro-rata basis from fiscal year 2016-2017 to fiscal year 2024-2025 and to utilize proceeds from funding notes authorized by Sections 1 to 3 of this Act to provide the additional funding needed to pay the full actuarially required contribution to the pension fund during the phase-in schedule and to pay the actuarially required contribution rate in fiscal year 2015-2016; amend 2014 Kentucky Acts Chapter 117, the state/executive branch budget bill, to authorize funding notes to be issued by the Kentucky Asset/Liability Commission for the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System not to exceed \$3,300,000,000 and to provide that current appropriations dedicated to funding past benefit improvements under subsections (1) and (2) of KRS 161.553 of \$116,798,700 shall be used in fiscal year 2015-2016 for debt service on the notes authorized by Sections 1 to 3 of this Act.

Current Status: 3/23/2015 - Free Conference Committee Appointed in House

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB4.htm>

HB13 FIREARMS (ST. ONGE D) AN ACT relating to preserving the right of Kentuckians to own and use firearms.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 237 to declare legislative intent; invalidate and nullify all federal laws and regulations restricting ownership or possession of firearms; direct the General Assembly to take all appropriate action to safeguard Kentuckian's rights to possess firearms in accordance with the second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Section 1 of the Constitution of Kentucky; amend KRS 527.040 to add persons who have been dishonorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States and persons illegally or unlawfully in the United States to the list of persons who shall not possess firearms.

Current Status: 3/10/2015 - (H) posted in committee House Judiciary

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB13.htm>

HB18 ACADEMIC CREDIT (YONTS B) AN ACT relating to the transfer of academic credit.

Amend KRS 164.2951 to require the Council on Postsecondary Education to implement a dual credit course policy; amend KRS 164.583 to require acceptance of articulated credit courses at all public colleges and universities.

Current Status: 2/10/2015 - House Education, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB18.htm>

HB23 COAL SEVERANCE REVENUES (STEELE F) AN ACT relating to coal severance revenues.

Amend various sections in KRS Chapter 42 to distribute 100% of coal severance revenues among the coal producing counties on the basis of the tax collected on coal severed or processed in each respective county; amend KRS 143.090 and 164.7891 to make conforming changes; repeal KRS 42.490.

Current Status: 2/12/2015 - (H) posted in committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB23.htm>

HB25 TAX HOLIDAYS (STEELE F) AN ACT relating to sales and use tax holidays and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 139 to establish a three day sales and use tax holiday the first weekend in August each year to exempt clothing, school supplies, school art supplies, computers, and school computer supplies; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 1/6/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB25.htm>

HB28 STATE FISCAL MEASURES (KING K) AN ACT relating to legislative procedures for state fiscal measures.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 6 to require roll call votes on any appropriation or revenue-raising measure voted upon in the Senate or House or a committee thereof; require identification of appropriation or revenue measures as state fiscal measures by the director of the Legislative Research Commission, or upon a determination by the Senate or House or a committee of either; require separate votes for appropriations or revenue measures; require committees to vote on appropriation and revenue measures by roll call votes.

Current Status: 1/6/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB28.htm>

HB31 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (KING K) AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 42 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to compensation for members of the General Assembly.

Propose to amend Section 42 of the Constitution of Kentucky to prohibit members of the General Assembly from receiving legislative pay for a special session that has been called by the Governor because the General Assembly adjourned without passing a state budget; submit to the voters with ballot question.

Current Status: 3/10/2015 - (H) posted in committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and Intergovernmental Affairs

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB31.htm>

HB33 PUBLIC SCHOOL STANDARDS (KERR T) AN ACT relating to public school standards.

Create a new section to KRS Chapter 158 to prohibit the Kentucky Board of Education and the Kentucky Department of Education from implementing the English language arts and mathematics academic content standards developed by the Common Core Standards Initiative and the science academic content standards developed by the Next Generation Science Standards Initiative; require the state board to recommend new content standards to school districts and schools after consultation with the Council on Postsecondary Education; require public involvement in standards development; clarify the authority of the local board of education to adopt standards which differ from or exceed the standards approved by the state board; clarify that the school-based decision making councils shall develop policies based upon the standards adopted by the local boards of education; prohibit state officials from ceding control of education content standards and assessments; prohibit withholding of state funds from school districts for adopting different academic content standards; amend KRS 156.070 to limit disclosure of personally identifiable information; direct the Kentucky Board of Education to require that the Department of Education and all school districts adhere to transparency and privacy standards when outsourcing data and Web-based tasks to vendors; clarify vendor contract requirements; amend KRS 158.6453 to permit a local board of education to supplement the state board-approved academic content standards with higher and more rigorous standards and require school councils to use them to fulfill curriculum policy requirements; amend KRS 160.345 to clarify school council curriculum policy authority.

Current Status: 1/6/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB33.htm>

HB34 DISTRICTS OF INNOVATION (CLARK L) AN ACT relating to districts of innovation.

Amend KRS 160.107 to allow a waiver or modification of the statewide assessment system for schools participating in a district of innovation plan, under specific conditions; allow a district of innovation to use student assessments other than those required by the state board, under specific conditions.

Current Status: 3/2/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB34.htm>

HB45 TVA IN-LIEU-OF-TAX PAYMENTS (STONE W) AN ACT relating to TVA in-lieu-of-tax payments and making an appropriation therefor.

Amend KRS 96.895 to provide that, beginning in fiscal year 2016-2017, a portion of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in-lieu-of-tax payment made to the Commonwealth and deposited into the general fund shall be transferred to the regional development agency assistance fund to be distributed among fiscal court-designated local industrial development authorities for economic development and job creation activities; provide that the transfers will not affect the portion of the total TVA payment that is currently distributed among local government entities; provide that these transfers will be phased-in over a five-year period, with an amount equal to 50 percent of the general fund portion of the total TVA annual payment being transferred in fiscal year 2020-2021, and each fiscal year thereafter, not to exceed \$6,000,000 each year; APPROPRIATION.

Current Status: 1/6/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB45.htm>

HB46 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (IMES K) AN ACT proposing to amend Section 95 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to the election of state officers.

Propose to amend Section 95 of the Constitution of Kentucky to hold the elections of statewide constitutional officers in even-numbered years, every four years, beginning in 2022; provide transitional schedule; submit to the voters for ratification or rejection.

Current Status: 1/6/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and Intergovernmental Affairs

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB46.htm>

HB47 PUBLIC PENSION OVERSIGHT BOARD (YONTS B) AN ACT relating to the Public Pension Oversight Board.

Amend KRS 7A.200, 7A.210, 7A.220, 7A.240, and 7A.250 to add the Legislators' Retirement Plan, the Judicial Retirement Plan, and the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System to the Public Pension Oversight Board's review responsibilities; provide that members of the Public Pension Oversight Board appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and the Governor with expertise in pensions or investments shall serve a term of four years; remove the prohibition on members and retired members from serving in these appointed positions; modify the annual report due date for the Public Pension Oversight Board from December 1 to December 31 of each year.

Current Status: 3/20/2015 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB47.htm>

HB49 RETIREMENT (WAYNE J) AN ACT relating to retirement.

Amend KRS 21.540 to require the Legislators' Retirement Plan and Judicial Retirement Plan to follow the provisions of KRS Chapters 45A, 56, and 57 regarding procurement of services, goods, and property; provide that no funds of the Legislators' Retirement Plan or Judicial Retirement Plan shall be used to pay placement agents; amend KRS 61.645 to modify the minimum requirements for gubernatorial appointees to the Kentucky Retirement Systems board of trustees with investment expertise; require the Kentucky Retirement Systems to follow the provisions of KRS Chapters 45, 45A, 56, and 57 regarding budgeting and the procurement of services, goods, and property; require the Kentucky Retirement Systems to disclose on its Web site and upon request investment fees in addition to investment holdings and commissions; require the Kentucky Retirement Systems to disclose on its Web site and upon request all contracts and offering documents for services, goods, or property purchased or utilized by the systems; provide that no funds of the Kentucky Retirement Systems shall be used to pay placement agents; amend KRS 161.250 to require Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System to disclose on its Web site and upon request investment fees in addition to investment holdings and commissions; require the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System to disclose on its Web site and upon request all contracts and offering documents for services, goods, or property purchased or utilized by the systems; amend KRS 161.340 to require the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System to follow the provisions of KRS Chapters 45, 45A, 56, and 57 regarding budgeting and the procurement of services, goods, and property; amend KRS 161.430 to provide that Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System's board, staff, and investment advisors shall adhere to the CFA Institute's codes of conduct; provide that no funds of the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System shall be used to pay placement agents; establish noncodified sections to require the Public Pension Oversight Board to study and provide a report by December 1, 2014, as to whether or not legislative action should be taken to separate the administration of the County Employees Retirement System from the Kentucky Retirement Systems; require the Public Pension Oversight Board to study and provide a report by December 1, 2014, as to whether or not legislative action should be taken to transfer administration of the Judicial Retirement Plan and the Legislators' Retirement Plan to the Kentucky Retirement Systems; provide that the amendments in this Act requiring the state-administered retirement systems to be subject to state procurement laws and banning the use of system assets to pay placement agents shall apply to contracts established or renewed on or after August 1, 2014; provide that amendments in this Act modifying the requirements for gubernatorial appointments to the Kentucky Retirement Systems' board with investment expertise shall apply to appointments or reappointments made on or after the effective date of this Act.

Current Status: 1/6/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB49.htm>

HB52 CAREER READINESS (CARNEY J) AN ACT relating to career readiness.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require the Kentucky Board of Education to identify a student who obtains a

sufficient score on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery and signs enlistment papers for any branch of service as career-ready.

Current Status: 1/6/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB52.htm>

HB54 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL CERTIFICATION (STEELE F) AN ACT relating to certification of law enforcement personnel and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 15.382, 15.3971, 15.540, and 95.951 to allow the high school graduation requirement for law enforcement personnel to be met through graduation from a non-accredited school, a GED exam, or the external diploma program; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/23/2015 - (H) Returned to Committee House Rules

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB54.htm>

HB57 PUBLIC PROCUREMENT (DONOHUE J) AN ACT relating to public procurement.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 45A making findings of the General Assembly and establishing policy of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to promote the Kentucky and United States economies by requiring a preference for iron, steel, and manufactured goods produced in Kentucky and the United States; create a new section of KRS Chapter 45A to define "manufactured in Kentucky," "manufactured in the United States," "Kentucky," and "United States," require preference for iron, steel, and manufactured goods made in Kentucky in construction and maintenance contracts and subcontracts; provide for a waiver of the Kentucky preference requirement; require a preference for iron, steel, and manufactured goods made in the United States if the Kentucky waiver is granted, and provide for a waiver of the United States preference requirement; create a new section of KRS Chapter 45A establishing a short title of "Kentucky Buy American Act"; amend KRS 45A.343, 45A.352, 65.027, 162.070, 164A.575, 176.080, and 424.260 to require compliance with the "Kentucky Buy American Act."

Current Status: 1/6/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB57.htm>

HB62 PUBLIC AGENCIES (YONTS B) AN ACT relating to public agencies.

Create a new section of KRS 61.510 to 61.705 to provide that certain employers participating in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS) and the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) may elect to voluntarily cease participation in the system and that any agency may be required to involuntarily cease participation in KERS or CERS in the event the board of trustees has determined the employer is no longer eligible to participate in a governmental plan or has failed to comply with the

provisions of KRS 61.510 to 61.705 or 78.510 to 78.852; establish requirements for voluntary and involuntary cessation of participation by the employer, including requiring any employer voluntarily ceasing participation to adopt a resolution to cease participation and submit the resolution the Kentucky Retirement Systems' board, requiring the cessation of participation to apply to all employees of the employer ceasing participation, requiring the employer to pay for an actuarial cost study to determine the cost to the employer for discontinuing participation, requiring an employer voluntarily ceasing participation to offer an alternative retirement plan to impacted employees, and requiring the employer to pay the system for the full actuarial cost of discontinuing participation either in a lump-sum payment or in installments under the terms established by the board; provide that the full actuarial cost shall not include those employees who elect to take a refund of their account balance within 60 days of the employer's cessation date; provide that the employer's full actuarial cost shall be fixed once the employer makes the lump-sum payment or first installment payment; provide that employees hired after the employer ceases participation will not participate in KERS or CERS for the ceased employer; provide that employees participating in the systems with the employer ceasing participation will not earn benefits after the employer has ceased participation, but will be vested for those benefits accrued prior to the employer's cessation date; provide that the voluntary cessation of participation provisions shall not apply to certain KERS employers including Commonwealth's attorney offices, county attorney offices, local and district health departments governed by KRS Chapter 212, master commissioners, property valuation administration offices, executive branch agencies whose employees are subject to KRS 18A.005 to 18A.200, state-administered retirement systems, employers in the legislative or judicial branch of Kentucky state government, or state-supported universities and community college systems, unless the agency is a nonstock nonprofit corporation established under KRS Chapter 273; provide that the voluntary cessation of participation provisions shall only apply to CERS employers who are nonstock nonprofit corporation established under KRS Chapter 273; amend KRS 78.530 to make conforming amendments and to remove provisions that allow a CERS agency whose participation has been terminated under KRS 78.535 to once again participate in CERS at a later date; amend KRS 78.535 to remove provisions regarding the termination of participation provisions in current law and to reference the cessation of participation provisions in Section 1 of this Act; amend KRS 78.540, 78.545, 78.610, 61.520, and 78.615 to conform; amend KRS 95.520, 95.621, and 95.852 to remove provisions that allow an employee to regain participation in a closed city pension plan if the agency's participation has been terminated under KRS 78.535.

Current Status: 3/20/2015 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB62.htm>

HB66 PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES (BURCH T) AN ACT relating to the use of a personal communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

Amend KRS 189.294 to prohibit the use of a personal communication without a hands-free device while operating a motor vehicle; specify that use of a personal communication device includes text messaging; provide an exemption for law enforcement

officers when in the line of duty; amend KRS 189.990 to establish penalty for violation; amend KRS 186.452 and KRS 186.454 to conform; repeal KRS 189.292, relating to use of a personal communication device.

Current Status: 1/6/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Transportation

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB66.htm>

HB67 KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP (FLOOD K) AN ACT relating to the Kentucky educational excellence scholarship.

Amend KRS 164.7874 to define the minimum number of cumulative credit hours needed to be considered "on track to graduate" at the end of each award period for KEES scholarship renewal requirements.

Current Status: 3/11/2015 - (S) THIRD READING, defeated 15-21 with Committee Substitute

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB67.htm>

HB69 COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENINGS (BURCH T) AN ACT relating to removing barriers to colorectal cancer screening.

Amend KRS 304.17A-257 to require that health benefit plans cover colorectal cancer screening regardless of the billing code or other procedure performed in the same clinical encounter and as part of ongoing prevention; effective January 1, 2016.

Current Status: 3/23/2015 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB69.htm>

HB74 POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION (PULLIN T) AN ACT relating to public postsecondary institutions and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 prohibiting public postsecondary institutions from operating any office or facility outside of Kentucky; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 1/6/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB74.htm>

HB77 DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS (RIGGS S) AN ACT relating to prohibiting various state and local governmental entities from procuring goods and services from delinquent taxpayers.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 45A, within the Model Procurement Code, to prohibit any state governmental body from

entering into any contract to acquire goods or services from a delinquent state taxpayer; create new sections of KRS Chapters 65, 175, and 177, and amend KRS 160.160, 164A.575, 176.080, and 180.060 to similarly prohibit local government entities, local boards of education, public postsecondary educational institutions, the Kentucky Turnpike Authority, the state Department of Highways, and the Transportation Cabinet from procuring goods or services from a delinquent state taxpayer; amend KRS 131.190 to allow the state Department of Revenue to make the current list of delinquent taxpayers available to the various aforementioned entities to further compliance with the procurement prohibition.

Current Status: 2/10/2015 - (H) posted in committee House State Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB77.htm>

HB86 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION TUITION FEES (JENKINS J) AN ACT relating to postsecondary education tuition fees.

Amend KRS 164.2841 and 164.2842 to identify correctional officers of urban-county governments and metropolitan correctional services divisions as law enforcement officers; allow postsecondary education tuition fees to be waived for survivors of correctional officers of urban-county government and metropolitan correctional services divisions killed or permanently and totally disabled in the line of duty.

Current Status: 3/3/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB86.htm>

HB96 MINIMUM WAGE (MEEKS R) AN ACT relating to minimum wage.

Amend KRS 337.275, relating to the minimum wage, to include anti-preemption language permitting local governments to establish minimum wage laws in excess of the state minimum wage.

Current Status: 1/6/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB96.htm>

HB99 HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS (KAY II J) AN ACT relating to health benefit plans which include a tiered formulary for prescription drugs.

Create new sections of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to define terms; require health benefit plans that provide coverage for prescription drugs subject to a tiered formulary to ensure that any copayment or coinsurance applicable to specialty drugs not exceed \$100 per month for up to a 30-day supply and that the copayment or coinsurance for specialty tier drugs shall not exceed \$200 per month in the aggregate; require an exceptions process for tiered formulary plans that allows an insured to request an exception to the tiered cost-sharing structure, including coverage of a non-preferred drug under the cost sharing, applicable for

preferred drugs if the prescribing physician determines that the preferred drug would not be as effective or would have an adverse effect, or both, for the insured, and denial of a cost-sharing exception shall be subject to an external review; prohibit placing all drugs of the same class in a specialty tier; require the commissioner to promulgate administrative regulations to implement this section; provide that nothing in the section requires coverage of any drugs not otherwise required by law, specific utilization management techniques, or ceasing utilization of tiered cost-sharing structure; provide that nothing in the section is to be construed to require a pharmacist to substitute a drug without the written consent of the prescribing physician; provide that the new sections apply to health benefit plans issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2016.

Current Status: 2/5/2015 - (H) WITHDRAWN

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB99.htm>

HB101 TUITION PROGRAM TAX DEDUCTION (MONTELL B) AN ACT relating to an income tax deduction for qualified tuition programs.

Amend KRS 141.010 to allow a tax deduction for contributions to a qualified tuition program for higher education.

Current Status: 1/6/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB101.htm>

HB108 KENTUCKY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (YONTS B) AN ACT relating to Kentucky Retirement Systems.

Amend KRS 16.505 to clarify that lump-sum payments or nonrecurring payments shall, as determined by the board, be credited when earned or classified as a lump-sum bonus and averaged over the career of the member; make technical amendments; amend KRS 16.582 to remove language which prohibited an injury or disease resulting from military service from being considered a disabling condition for hazardous members of Kentucky Retirement Systems; amend KRS 61.510 and 78.510 to utilize partial fiscal years in determining the final compensation of a nonhazardous member who began participating in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System and the County Employees Retirement System on or after September 1, 2008, but prior to January 1, 2014, in situations where the member does not have 5 complete fiscal years of service; to clarify that lump-sum payments or nonrecurring payments shall, as determined by the board, be credited when earned or classified as a lump-sum bonus and averaged over the career of the member; provide that interim positions in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System and probationary positions in the County Employees Retirement System shall not be renewable by the employer for the same employee unless the employee has not been employed by the agency for 12 months; make technical amendments; amend KRS 61.542 to remove the requirement that the estate be designated as beneficiary of a member's account when they request a refund of contributions prior to retirement; provide that the member's estate shall be beneficiary of his or her account from Kentucky Retirement Systems if prior to retirement the member fails to designate a beneficiary or the beneficiary designation is

found to be void; provide that a beneficiary shall not be changed on or after the first day of the month in which a retired employee begins receiving retirement benefits; provide that reemployed retirees who establish a second retirement account will have their estate named beneficiary if they fail to designate a beneficiary for their new account; amend KRS 61.545 to remove provisions allowing a member who is simultaneously eligible for participation in more than one retirement system administered by Kentucky Retirement Systems to select participation in only one system; make conforming amendments; amend KRS 61.552 to clarify and conform to federal law the payment options available to members for purchasing service credit; remove service purchase provisions no longer applicable to current members; require agencies who fail to report employees to the retirement system to pay penalties and interest on employer contributions from the date the contributions should have been reported to the system; make technical amendments; amend KRS 61.555 to provide that the service credit that is granted without cost to employees who are called to active duty military deployment shall be limited to those whose rights to such benefits have not been terminated under the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA); require employees participating in the hybrid cash balance plan on or after January 1, 2014, who are called to active duty military deployment to pay their employee contributions if they are granted service credit, as required by USERRA, for the period of active duty deployment; require employers to make contributions, for service credited to employees as required by USERRA, who are called to active duty military deployment: make conforming amendments; amend KRS 61.557 to make technical amendments; amend KRS 61.560 to clarify that retirees reemployed on or after 9/1/2008 shall not pay into the systems and to make conforming amendments; amend KRS 61.590 to make technical changes and to clarify that a retiring employee must separate employment with all participating system employers; amend KRS 61.623 to require all recipients of a retirement allowance from Kentucky Retirement Systems to receive retirement allowance payments by electronic funds transfer to a financial institution; provide that if the member does not have a bankaccount or the member's bank does not participate in electronic funds transfers that the member will receive payment of his or her retirement allowance to an electronic fund transfer card issued by Kentucky Retirement Systems; amend KRS 61.645 to allow the Kentucky Retirement Systems board by promulgation of administrative regulation to conduct trustee elections by electronic ballot; amend KRS 61.650 to increase the Kentucky Retirement Systems investment committee membership from 5 trustees to 7 trustees and to make technical amendments; amend KRS 61.680 to provide for consolidation of accounts with other state-administered retirement systems only if the member retires simultaneously from all state-administered retirement systems or retires from the other state-administered retirement systems within one month of retiring from the systems administered by Kentucky Retirement Systems; make technical amendments; amend KRS 61.702 to define "monthly contribution rate"; require recipients or the spouse or dependent children of a recipient of a retirement allowance, who is eligible to participate in Medicare to participate in the plans administered by the systems for Medicare eligible recipients; provide that a member who retired prior to July 1, 2003, who has established a second retirement account shall not receive more than the monthly contribution rate for retiree health benefits: make technical amendments; amend KRS 16.520, 61.525, 61.5525, 61.592, 78.540, 78.610, and 78.615 to make technical and conforming amendments; provide non-codified section to provide that the successor of the additional board trustee elected by the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) added by SB 2 in the 2013 Regular Session shall be elected in the same period as all other CERS trustees in 2017 and shall have

a shortened term from 2017 to 2021 to coincide with all other future CERS trustee terms of office.

Current Status: 3/11/2015 - received in House w/Letter

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB108.htm>

HB111 ADOPTED CHILDREN TUITION WAIVERS (IMES K) AN ACT relating to tuition waivers for adopted children.

Amend KRS 164.2847 to provide a tuition waiver for students at Kentucky public postsecondary institutions who were adopted by a grandparent and either adjudicated as abused, neglected, dependent, or orphaned children; amend KRS 199.520 to require the court to indicate in the adoption judgment if a child meets the requirements of the tuition waiver; amend KRS 199.570 to allow the Cabinet for Families and Children to obtain a copy of an adoption file for purposes of determining a student's tuition waiver eligibility; amend KRS 625.045 to allow the Cabinet for Families and Children to obtain a copy of a voluntary termination file for purposes of determining a student's tuition waiver eligibility; amend KRS 625.108 to allow the Cabinet for Families and Children to obtain a copy of an involuntary termination file for purposes of determining a student's tuition waiver eligibility.

Current Status: 2/12/2015 - floor amendment (1) filed

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB111.htm>

HB113 SWIMMING POOL SAFETY (BURCH T) AN ACT relating to participant safety at publicly used swimming pools.

Amend KRS 311.667 to require AEDs at swimming pools that are used by members of the public, including swimming pools at private clubs and private swimming clubs.

Current Status: 2/9/2015 - (H) posted in committee House Health and Welfare

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB113.htm>

HB116 RETIREMENT BENEFIT SPIKING (YONTS B) AN ACT relating to retirement benefit spiking.

Amend KRS 61.598 to provide that the last participating employer shall not be required to pay for pension spiking costs that are less than \$2,500.

Current Status: 2/23/2015 - House State Government, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB116.htm>

HB120 FIREARMS (WUCHNER A) AN ACT relating to preserving the right of Kentuckians to own and use firearms and declaring an emergency.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 237 to require the General Assembly to enact laws to prevent the enforcement of federal acts that violate the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/10/2015 - (H) Posting Waived

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB120.htm>

HB143 TUITION FREE COURSES (BELCHER L) AN ACT relating to tuition-free courses for employees of public postsecondary institutions.

Amend KRS 164.001 to define "adjunct faculty"; amend KRS 164.020 to allow temporary full-time employees and adjunct faculty of public postsecondary institutions meeting conditions to take up to 6 credit hours per term at any public postsecondary institution with tuition waived; amend KRS 164.5807 to allow temporary full-time employees and adjunct faculty to take a maximum of 6 credit hours per term at any public postsecondary institution with tuition waived; amend KRS 15.257, 164.2843, and 164.465 to conform.

Current Status: 3/3/2015 - House Education, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB143.htm>

HB145 PUBLIC SMOKING (WESTROM S) AN ACT prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 438 to define terms; prohibit indoor smoking in businesses, places of employment, and other listed public places; exempt private residences, unless used for child care or adult day care; permit smoking in designated nonenclosed areas; require posting of "no smoking" signs at specified locations; permit local governments to adopt stricter regulations by ordinance; provide for enforcement by all peace officers and designated health department and local government employees; provide for the issuance of uniform citations for violations; require that employers and others not discriminate against persons reporting violations; provide for fines for violation; provide that fines go to the agency whose employee issued the citation; provide that no court costs or other fees be charged for violations; exempt certain research and manufacturing laboratories and agricultural buildings; amend KRS 344.040, relating to unlawful practices by an employer, to add reference to state law, local ordinance, or local board of health regulation relating to smoking; amend KRS 431.450, relating to uniform citations, to provide for issuing citation forms to health departments; authorize the Department of Kentucky State Police to create and issue uniform smoking violation citations; repeal various statutes permitting smoking in public buildings; provide that Sections 1 to 6 may be referred to as the Smokefree Kentucky Act.

Current Status: 3/11/2015 - (S) discharge petition filed

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB145.htm>

HB146 HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS (KAY II J) AN ACT relating to health benefit plans which include a tiered formulary for prescription drugs.

Create new sections of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to define terms; require health benefit plans that provide coverage for prescription drugs subject to a tiered formulary to ensure that any out-of-pocket expenditure shall not exceed \$100 per month for up to a 30-day supply, and that out-of-pocket expenditures for drugs subject to a tiered formulary shall not exceed \$200 per month in the aggregate; require an exceptions process for tiered formulary plans that allows an insured to request an exception to the tiered cost-sharing structure, including coverage of a non-preferred drug under the cost sharing, applicable for preferred drugs if the prescribing physician determines that the preferred drug would not be as effective or would have an adverse effect, or both, for the insured, and denial of a cost-sharing exception shall be subject to an external review; prohibit placing all drugs of the same class in a specialty tier; require the insurance commissioner to promulgate administrative regulations to implement this section; provide that nothing in the section requires coverage of any drugs not otherwise required by law, specific utilization management techniques, or ceasing utilization of tiered cost-sharing structure; provide that nothing in the section is to be construed to require a pharmacist to substitute a drug without the written consent of the prescribing physician; provide that the new sections apply to health benefit plans issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2016.

Current Status: 1/9/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Banking and Insurance

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB146.htm>

HB163 REEMPLOYMENT (BELCHER L) AN ACT relating to reemployment after retirement.

Amend KRS 61.637 to provide that effective July 1, 2015, local school districts shall not be required to reimburse Kentucky Retirement Systems for retiree health care premiums for reemployed retirees who work less than 80 days a year.

Current Status: 4/1/2015 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB163.htm>

HB164 VETERAN EMPLOYMENT (PULLIN T) AN ACT relating to employment opportunities for veterans.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 40 to create the Voluntary Veterans' Preference Employment Policy Act encouraging private employers to hire veterans and directing the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet to create a registry of participating employers.

Current Status: 4/1/2015 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB164.htm>

HB174 CHARTER SCHOOLS (MONTELL B) AN ACT relating to charter schools and making an appropriation therefor.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 160 to describe the intent of the General Assembly and the purposes of authorizing public charter schools; define terms; establish the Kentucky Public Charter School Commission and identify membership selection and responsibilities of members; outline the requirements and limitations on the establishment of charter schools including identification of charter school authorizers; describe responsibilities of authorizers; describe charter school application, renewal, and revocation processes; establish the Kentucky Public Charter School Commission trust fund and identify uses of the fund; create a new section of KRS Chapter 159 to identify student enrollment and withdrawal requirements to be followed by a charter school; create a new section of KRS Chapter 161 to identify employment conditions for charter school staff; create a new section of KRS Chapter 157 to require local, state, and federal funds to be distributed to charter schools using formulas and allocation processes used in public schools; amend KRS 161.220 to include a teacher employed by a board of directors of a public charter school as a member within the state retirement system; amend KRS 161.220 to include employees of boards of directors of public charter schools in the state-sponsored retirement system; amend KRS 78.510 to include noncertified employees of public charter schools in the state-sponsored retirement system.

Current Status: 2/3/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB174.htm>

HB180 FINANCIAL AID (PALUMBO R) AN ACT relating to postsecondary financial aid for students with intellectual disabilities.

Amend KRS 164.7882 to increase the amount of Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships available to students enrolled in a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program.

Current Status: 2/5/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB180.htm>

HB205 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (MARZIAN M) AN ACT relating to governance of postsecondary education institutions.

Amend KRS 164.600 to allow the membership of the local community and technical college board of directors to increase up to 16 members, with no less than 10 members.

Current Status: 2/24/2015 - House Education, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB205.htm>

HB206 WORKERS COMPENSATION (MEREDITH M) AN ACT relating to workers' compensation and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 342.650 to include certain ministers and caretakers of a church or religious organization with employees who are exempt from workers' compensation insurance; apply the provision retroactively to citations issued on or after July 1, 2014; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/23/2015 - (H) Returned to Committee House Rules

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB206.htm>

HB218 CIVIL RIGHTS (JENKINS J) AN ACT relating to civil rights.

Amend KRS 344.030 to include within the definition of reasonable accommodations, accommodations made for pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions; amend KRS 344.040 to make an unlawful practice for employers who fail to accommodate an employee affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical condition; require employers to provide notice to all employees regarding discrimination for pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions.

Current Status: 3/2/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB218.htm>

HB224 LICENSING (MARZIAN M) AN ACT relating to licensing.

Amend KRS 241.010 to define "commercial quadricycle" and "university sports stadium"; create a new section of KRS Chapter 243 to establish and regulate authorized public consumption (APC) licenses for use with a commercial quadricycle, racetrack, or university sports stadium; allow patrons to bring their own packaged alcoholic beverages in non-glass containers for personal consumption on an APC licensed premises; require all alcoholic beverage consumption in nondescriptive plastic cups; limit the use of an APC license at a racetrack or university sports stadium to race or sport event dates within the local hours of alcohol sales; permit more than one separately licensed APC premises at a racetrack or stadium if each separate premises is clearly designated; forbid consumers from taking open alcoholic beverages from the licensed premises; set qualifications for a commercial quadricycle APC license, including a business office and secure storage, general liability insurance of at least \$2,000,000, and a local government permit; establish the standards for local ordinances covering commercial quadricycles; set commercial quadricycle APC license requirements consistent with the package, container, and sales restrictions for a racetrack or stadium; name the qualifications for a commercial quadricycle driver; forbid local APC fees from exceeding state APC fees; amend KRS 243.030, 243.060, and 243.070 to designate state and local APC license fees; amend KRS 244.085 to allow a person under 21 years of age to remain at a licensed APC premises; amend KRS 243.034 to conform.

Current Status: 3/3/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB224.htm>

HB232 CRAFT ACADEMY (ADKINS R) AN ACT relating to the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics.

Amend KRS 158.140 to allow the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics to award a high school diploma; allow the local school district to award a joint diploma with the Craft Academy; amend KRS 164.002 to include the Craft Academy in the definitions of dual credit and dual enrollment; amend KRS 164.7874 to allow students enrolled in the Craft Academy to earn KEES scholarships; amend KRS 164.7885 to require the Craft Academy to report data for KEES scholarship purposes.

Current Status: 3/19/2015 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB232.htm>

HB235 POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTION GOVERNANCE (GRAHAM D) AN ACT relating to governance of postsecondary education institutions.

Amend KRS 164.011 to require new appointees to the council to complete orientation and education program to be eligible for a second term; amend KRS 164.020 to direct the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) to develop orientation and education program for new governing board members of the council, public universities, and Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS); require that the program include six hours of instruction time with specific information and be delivered within one year of a new member's appointment; require an annual report listing new board members not completing the program; invite board members of private colleges and universities to participate; authorize the CPE to develop continuing education programs for all governing board members of public institutions and to review and approve orientation programs for governing boards of each public university and KCTCS; amend KRS 164.131 to require appointed and elected governing board members of the University of Kentucky to complete an orientation and education program to be eligible for a second term; amend KRS 164.321 to require appointed and elected governing board members of the comprehensive public universities and KCTCS to complete an orientation and education program to be eligible for a second term; amend KRS 164.821 to require appointed and elected governing board members of the University of Louisville to complete an orientation and education program to be eligible for a second term.

Current Status: 2/19/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB235.htm>

HB247 NURSING (MARZIAN M) AN ACT relating to nursing.

Amend KRS 164.298 to update nursing education accreditation requirements; amend KRS 217.015 to add advanced practice registered nurse to definition of prescription; amend KRS 314.011 to update definitions; amend KRS 314.025 to delete reference to nursing workforce competency development grants; amend KRS 314.026 to delete the Kentucky Nursing Incentive Scholarship Fund Grant Review Committee; amend KRS 314.041 to delete reference to a board-approved practical nursing role delineation course; amend KRS 314.042 to require collaborative agreements for advanced practice registered nurse's prescriptive authority to be with a physician licensed in Kentucky; amend KRS 314.071 to require nurse applications for licensure to be truthful and accurate; amend KRS 314.073 to update language; amend KRS 314.085 to replace required chemical dependency evaluation with Neuropsychological, psychosocial, psychosexual, and substance use disorder evaluations; amend KRS 314.109 to add that an attested or certified copy of an order for a misdemeanor or felony criminal conviction may be submitted to the board; repeal KRS 314.043 relating to nurse midwifery, KRS 314.061, and KRS 314.450, 314.452, 314.454, 314.456, 314.458, 314.460, 314.462, and 314.464 relating to the nursing workforce foundation.

Current Status: 3/11/2015 - received in House w/Letter

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB247.htm>

HB253 NALOXONE (WATKINS D) AN ACT relating to naloxone administration and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 217.186 to allow a person or agency, including a first responder or peace officer, to receive a prescription for naloxone, carry equipment needed to administer it, and administer naloxone to a third party suffering from an apparent overdose; require that prescribers include information that encourages individuals to transport someone suffering from an overdose to the hospital even after administering naloxone; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/23/2015 - (H) Returned to Committee House Rules

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB253.htm>

HB260 STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (KAY II J) AN ACT relating to postsecondary student financial assistance.

Repeal KRS 164A.337 and reenact as a new section of KRS 164.740 to 64.7911 to repurpose the Kentucky Educational Savings Plan endowment trust; amend the new section to allow the endowment trust to provide college access programs; delete reference to the Kentucky Educational Savings Plan Trust and make technical amendments; repeal KRS 164A.315, which provides for administrative support of the Kentucky Educational Savings Plan endowment trust.

Current Status: 3/30/2015 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB260.htm>

HB265 KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP (DUPLESSIS J) AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship and making an appropriation therefor.

Amend KRS 164.7881 to permit high school seniors, beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, and high school juniors and seniors, beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, to use their KEES awards to pay for dual credit courses; require that the funds they would have received as eligible postsecondary students be reduced proportionally over a four, or in some cases, five year period by an amount equal to the amount used for dual credit; amend KRS 164.7885 to conform; designate the expenditures as necessary governmental expenses if KEES funds appropriated for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 are not adequate; APPROPRIATION.

Current Status: 3/10/2015 - (H) posted in committee House Education

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB265.htm>

HB268 KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP (DONOHUE J) AN ACT relating to Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 164.002 to define "Cambridge Advanced International"; amend KRS 164.7879 to add Cambridge Advanced International exams to the high school exams eligible for KEES supplemental awards; amend KRS 164.7874, 164.7881, and 164.7885 to conform; make provisions retroactive beginning with the 2013-2014 school year; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 4/2/2015 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB268.htm>

HB278 FIREARMS (JENKINS J) AN ACT relating to local controls of firearms, ammunition, and firearms accessories.

Amend KRS 65.870 to specifically exempt a duly organized law enforcement agency that enacts and enforces regulations pertaining to firearms, ammunition, or accessories in the course of official duties; exempt any entity subject to the prohibitions of the section to the extent that it may regulate or prohibit the carrying of firearms and ammunition by an employee during and in the course of the employee's official duties.

Current Status: 2/5/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB278.htm>

HB280 EMINENT DOMAIN (FISCHER J) AN ACT relating to eminent domain.

Amend KRS 416.675 to condition the exercise on the power of eminent domain on the right of the owner of the condemned property to access the service for which the property was condemned.

Current Status: 2/5/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB280.htm>

HB281 VETERAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES (PULLIN T) AN ACT relating to employment opportunities for veterans.

Amend KRS 205.510 to include nurse aide in the definitions; create a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to require the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to promulgate administrative regulations to require that military training in the medical field be applied toward the nurse aide training course requirements.

Current Status: 3/2/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB281.htm>

HB287 KENTUCKY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (GRAHAM D) AN ACT relating to Kentucky Retirement Systems board of trustees.

Amend KRS 61.645 to provide that vacancies in an elected position on the Kentucky Retirement Systems board of trustees shall be filled, for the remaining term of office, by a majority vote of the remaining elected trustees rather than a majority vote of the remaining full board of trustees.

Current Status: 3/3/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB287.htm>

HB293 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE (COLLINS H) AN ACT relating to unemployment insurance.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 341 to define a "seasonal/on recall employee" and require certification by an employer; amend KRS 341.350 to exempt seasonal/on recall employees from the waiting week and reemployment requirements.

Current Status: 2/26/2015 - House Labor and Industry, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB293.htm>

HB294 WORKERS COMPENSATION (SINNETTE K) AN ACT relating to workers compensation.

Amend sections of KRS Chapter 342 relating to workers' compensation to terminate income benefits at age 70, change impairment multipliers, and amend the calculation of attorney's fees and specify that attorneys shall file a notarized affidavit

detailing fees with the commissioner.

Current Status: 2/25/2015 - (H) WITHDRAWN

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB294.htm>

HB298 POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS (RAND R) AN ACT authorizing bonds for a postsecondary education capital project, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Appropriate to the University of Kentucky from the General Fund \$5,459,000 in fiscal year 2015-2016 for debt service to support General Fund Bonds; authorize and appropriate \$132,500,000 in Bond Funds in fiscal year 2014-2015 and \$132,500,000 in Restricted Funds in fiscal year 2014-2015 for construction of a Research Building at the University of Kentucky; establish that it is the intent of the 2015 General Assembly that the University of Kentucky not base any decision to proceed with the capital project on an expectation of receiving any General Fund moneys for the operation and maintenance of that facility in future biennia; stipulate that all authorizations and appropriations for the capital project shall expire on June 30, 2016, unless reauthorized, with the following exceptions: a construction or purchase contract for the project is awarded, or permanent financing or a short-term line of credit sufficient to cover the total authorized bonds is obtained if the appropriated project completes an initial draw on the line of credit within the fiscal biennium immediately subsequent to the original bond authorization; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/9/2015 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB298.htm>

HB300 CASINO GAMBLING (STUMBO G) AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 226 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to casino gaming.

Propose to amend Section 226 of the Constitution of Kentucky to permit casino gaming by general law; require a limit on the number and location of casinos; require local approval; assign oversight to the Kentucky Lottery Corporation; direct revenue from casino gaming to elementary, secondary, and higher education, and enhance purses at licensed racing associations; permit local governments containing a casino to impose a licensing fee and an occupational tax.

Current Status: 2/5/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and Intergovernmental Affairs

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB300.htm>

HB303 HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING (PULLIN T) AN ACT relating to higher education funding.

Amend KRS 141.010 to permit a deduction for contributions to the Kentucky Educational Savings Plan Trust; Amend KRS

164A.370 to clarify tax treatment of refunds from participant accounts; create a new section of KRS 164A.300 to 164A.380 to specify reporting requirements for refunds from participant accounts; Make effective for tax years on and after January 1, 2015, and sunset in 2026.

Current Status: 2/9/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB303.htm>

HB328 METROPOLITAN COLLEGE (CLARK L) AN ACT relating to the tax credit for entities participating in the Metropolitan College.

Amend KRS 141.381 to remove the expiration date for the Metropolitan College tax credit.

Current Status: 2/9/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB328.htm>

HB333 PEACE OFFICERS (BELL J) AN ACT relating to peace officers.

Amend KRS 15.520 relating to complaints against police officers to set up a system of disciplinary protocols relating to law enforcement agency proceedings against an officer accused of misconduct; create a new section of KRS 67C.301 to 67C.327, relating to a police force merit system in a consolidated local government, to create a similar disciplinary protocol system for officers employed by consolidated local governments.

Current Status: 4/3/2015 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB333.htm>

HB340 FILM TAX CREDITS (RAND R) AN ACT relating to the expansion of the film tax credits.

Amend KRS 148.542 to add definitions for "enhanced incentive county," "Kentucky-based company," and "resident"; amend KRS 148.544 to establish thresholds for Kentucky-based companies to qualify for the film tax credit incentives and lower the thresholds for all other companies; increase current incentives for a motion picture or entertainment production filmed or produced in a county other than an enhanced incentive county and further increase the incentives for those productions filmed or produced in an enhanced incentive county; amend KRS 148.546 to require additional information to be included on the application for the incentives, incentive agreement, and cost report; apply to taxable periods beginning on or after January 1, 2015.

Current Status: 3/30/2015 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB340.htm>

HB344 LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX (THOMPSON T) AN ACT relating to local option sales and use taxes.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 65 to establish the parameters and requirements for the levy of local option sales and use taxes, if a proposed constitutional amendment allowing such a levy is approved; create a new section of KRS Chapter 139 to establish tax administration provisions; amend KRS 139.570, 139.670, 139.778, 144.132, and 183.525 to conform; amend KRS 131.190 to allow the Department of Revenue to share information related to the local option, sales and use taxes with local jurisdictions imposing the tax; provide that the provisions of the Act will be effective on January 1, 2017, only if the proposed constitutional amendment is approved by the voters of the Commonwealth at the November 2016 general election; if the proposed amendment is not approved, the Act is void.

Current Status: 3/11/2015 - (S) discharge petition filed

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB344.htm>

HB352 MILITARY EXPERIENCE ACADEMIC CREDITS (OVERLY S) AN ACT relating to academic credit for military experience.

Amend KRS 164.2951 to require the Council on Postsecondary Education to develop and implement a statewide policy for public postsecondary education institutions to provide academic credit for military service and training for active duty members of the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, and National Guard as well as veterans of the Armed Forces.

Current Status: 3/2/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB352.htm>

HB356 SALES AND USE TAX (DENHAM M) AN ACT relating to sales and use tax incentives.

Amend KRS 154.32-020 relating to the Kentucky Business Investment (KBI) economic development incentive program to allow a new, additional sales and use tax incentive to be awarded to approved companies undertaking economic development projects in certain enhanced incentive counties; create a new section of Subchapter 32 of KRS Chapter 154 to establish the parameters of the sales and use tax refund incentive; amend KRS 154.32-040 to conform; create a new section of KRS Chapter 139 to establish the procedure for an approved company to apply to the Department of Revenue for payment of a refund; declare the short title of the Act to be the Rural Communities Economic Advancement and Job Creation Act of 2015; provide that the Act shall apply to economic development projects undertaken by companies receiving preliminary approval on or after the effective date of the Act.

Current Status: 2/10/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB356.htm>

HB359 PROCUREMENT (THOMPSON T) AN ACT relating to procurement.

Amend KRS 45A.030 to include the definition of "construction manager-general contractor"; amend KRS 45A.183 to provide for the construction manager-general contractor method of capital construction, and provide for the secretary to promulgate administrative regulations to implement this method; and amend KRS 45A.837 to raise the limits for price contracts for architectural, engineering, and engineering-related services.

Current Status: 3/2/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB359.htm>

HB368 LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT (MARZIAN M) AN ACT relating to the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act.

Amend KRS 383.500 to apply the Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act on a statewide basis; repeal and reenact the various sections of KRS Chapter 383 constituting that Act without change.

Current Status: 2/10/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB368.htm>

HB379 CIVIL RIGHTS (MARZIAN M) AN ACT relating to civil rights.

Amend KRS 344.010 to include definitions for "sexual orientation" and "gender identity"; amend KRS 344.020, relating to the purpose of the Kentucky's civil rights chapter, to include a prohibition against discrimination because of sexual orientation and gender identity; amend KRS 344.025, 344.040, 344.050, 344.060, 344.070, and 344.080, relating to prohibited discrimination in various labor and employment practices, to include sexual orientation and gender identity; amend KRS 344.100 and 344.110 to conform; amend KRS 344.120 and 342.140, relating to prohibited discrimination in places of public accommodation and advertisements therefor, to include sexual orientation and gender identity; amend KRS 344.170, 344.180, 344.190, 344.300, and 344.310, relating to the state and local human rights commissions, to include prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in the scope of their powers and duties; amend KRS 344.360, 344.370, 344.380, and 344.680, relating to prohibited discrimination in certain housing, real estate, and other financial transactions, to include sexual orientation and gender identity; amend KRS 344.367, relating to prohibited discrimination in certain insurance sales, to include sexual orientation and gender identity; amend KRS 344.400, relating to prohibited discrimination in certain credit transactions, to include sexual orientation and gender identity; and make various technical amendments; amend KRS 18A.095 to conform.

Current Status: 2/10/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB379.htm>

HB384 QUALITY EDUCATION PROMOTION (THOMPSON T) AN ACT relating to tax credits to promote quality education in Kentucky.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to provide a nonrefundable tax credit against the tax imposed by KRS 141.020 or 141.040 and 141.0401 for contributions made to the Commonwealth school improvement fund; create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to establish a tuition assistance tax credit against the tax imposed by KRS 141.020 or 141.040 and 141.0401 for contributions made to qualified tuition assistance organizations; amend KRS 141.010 to exclude any amount received as tuition assistance from the definition of "adjusted gross income"; amend KRS 141.0205 to establish the order in which the credits may be taken; create a new section of KRS 136.500 to 136.575 to allow financial institutions to take the Commonwealth school improvement tax credit and the tuition assistance tax credit against the tax imposed by KRS 136.505.

Current Status: 2/10/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB384.htm>

HB405 TENANCIES IN REAL PROPERTY (JENKINS J) AN ACT relating to tenancies in real property.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 383 to provide that, after the effective date of this Act, residential tenants who hold a domestic violence order, a pretrial release no contact order, or a stalking restraining order may terminate a lease with at least thirty (30) days notice to landlords, while the lease continues for co-tenants; establish civil action for a landlord's economic losses due to termination against persons restrained by protective orders; for those tenants or applicants for tenancy who hold an emergency protective order, a domestic violence order, a pretrial release no contact order, or a stalking restraining order, those orders cannot serve as a basis for denying a lease and new locks may be requested at the tenant's expense; create a new section of KRS Chapter 383 to provide that, after the effective date of this Act, rental agreements shall not penalize tenants for requesting assistance from emergency services.

Current Status: 3/4/2015 - House Judiciary, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB405.htm>

HB420 CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS TRAINING (TIPTON J) AN ACT relating to concealed deadly weapon training.

Amend KRS 237.122 to allow firearms instructor trainers or certified firearms instructors to charge any amount for applicant training courses, rather than capping the amount at \$75.

Current Status: 2/12/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB420.htm>

HB423 SMALL FARM WINERIES (HORLANDER D) AN ACT relating to small farm wineries.

Amend KRS 243.155 to allow a small farm winery to produce up to 1,000 gallons of brandy per year; mandate the use of 100% Kentucky products in the production of brandy or its fortified wine products; forbid the offer or sale of brandy as a stand-alone product by the small farm winery, with its use limited to fortifying wine products produced by that small farm winery; exclude brandy and fortified wine production from a small farm winery's 50,000 gallon wine production limit; authorize sampling and sale of fortified wine products at a small farm winery or off-premises retail site located in wet territory; limit fortified wine samples to two ounces per patron per day; direct a small farm winery to only fortify its wine products with brandy it manufactured.

Current Status: 3/10/2015 - Senate Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB423.htm>

HB435 KCTCS (NELSON R) AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Community and Technical College System and declaring an emergency.

Create a new chapter of KRS 164 requiring the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to publish a listing of the 100 highest-paid system employees; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 2/12/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB435.htm>

HB437 OPEN RECORDS (HARRIS C) AN ACT relating to open records.

Amend KRS 61.870 to exclude entities contracting with public utilities from the exception to the definition of "public agency" that includes any body that derives at least 25% of its funds from state or local authority funds.

Current Status: 2/23/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB437.htm>

HB438 ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES (CLARK L) AN ACT relating to the taxation of electronic cigarettes.

Amend KRS 138.130 to create a definition for "electronic cigarettes" and amend definition of "tobacco products" to include "electronic cigarettes; Effective July 1, 2015.

Current Status: 2/23/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB438.htm>

HB442 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (LEE S) AN ACT proposing to amend Sections 99, 124, and 144 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to a Judge of the County Court.

Propose to amend Sections 99, 124, and 144 of the Constitution of Kentucky to eliminate the Office of Judge of County Court in merged county and city government; submit to the voters for approval or disapproval.

Current Status: 2/23/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and Intergovernmental Affairs

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB442.htm>

HB443 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (COMBS L) AN ACT relating to public-private partnerships and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 45A.030 and 45A.075 and create a new section of KRS Chapter 45A to provide an explicit framework for the use of public-private partnerships (P3s) as an alternative method of procurement, construction, or financing of capital projects and services by state government; define terms and establish procurement procedures; establish certain oversight and General Assembly authorization requirements; amend KRS 175B.005, 175B.010, 175B.020, 175B.025 175B.030, 175B.035, 175B.040, 175B.045 and 175B.095 and create a new section of KRS Chapter 175B to provide for the use of P3 procurement pursuant to that chapter as an alternative method for developing and financing major transportation projects; define terms and amend the definition of a transportation project to align with current federal usage; make numerous conforming changes; provide that the provisions of this Act relating to state government P3 procurement shall apply only to projects initially undertaken on or after the effective date of this Act; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/11/2015 - (S) discharge petition filed

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB443.htm>

HB444 RETIREMENT BENEFIT CALCULATIONS (BUTLER D) AN ACT relating to retirement benefit calculations.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 6 to provide that members of the Legislators' Retirement Plan who retire on or after January 1, 2016, shall be limited to a 10% growth in the creditable compensation earned during their last three years of service to the General Assembly if that compensation is used to calculate their retirement benefits; provide that only creditable compensation earned on or after July 1, 2015, shall be subject to the creditable compensation growth limitations; exempt bona fide promotions or salary advancements from the compensation growth limitation; define "bona fide promotion or salary advancements" as a professional advancement in substantially the same line of work held by the member in the 4 years immediately prior to the 3-year period or a change in employment position based upon training, education, or expertise; provide

that the Judicial Form Retirement System shall refund contributions and interest on contributions, for any reductions in creditable compensation; provide that the Judicial Form Retirement System shall determine what constitutes a bona fide promotion or salary advancement; create a new section of KRS Chapter 21 to provide that members of the Judicial Retirement Plan who retire on or after January 1, 2016, shall be limited to a 10% annual growth in the creditable compensation earned during their last 60 months of service if that compensation is used to calculate their retirement benefits; provide that only creditable compensation earned on or after July 1, 2015, shall be subject to the creditable compensation growth limitations; exempt bona fide promotions or salary advancements from the compensation growth limitation; define "bona fide promotion or salary advancements" as a professional advancement in substantially the same line of work held by the member in the 4 years immediately prior to the 60 month period or a change in employment position based upon training, education, or expertise; require the Judicial Form Retirement System to refund contributions and interest on contributions, for any reductions in creditable compensation; provide that the Judicial Form Retirement System shall determine what constitutes a bona fide promotion or salary advancement; amend KRS 61.598 to provide that members of the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, the County Employees Retirement System, and the State Police Retirement System, who retire on or after January 1, 2016, shall be limited to a 10% growth in the creditable compensation earned during their last five years of employment if that compensation is used to calculate their retirement benefits; provide that only creditable compensation earned on or after July 1, 2015, shall be subject to the creditable compensation growth limitations; exempt bona fide promotions or salary advancements, alternative sick leave payments, and lump-sum payments for compensatory time from the compensation growth limitation; exempt from the compensation growth limitation those years of compensation where in the immediately preceding fiscal year the member was paid worker's compensation benefits or was on unpaid maternity, FMLA, or approved sick leave for a period of 5 weeks or for a period of at least 10% of the employee's contract days if the employee is hired to work a specific number of days during the year; provide that the Kentucky Retirement Systems shall refund employee contributions and interest on contributions, for any reductions in creditable compensation provided by this section; provide that the Kentucky Retirement Systems shall determine what constitutes a bona fide promotion or salary advancement and allow the member to appeal a decision of the system to the board; remove provisions charging employers for creditable compensation growth greater than 10% during the employee's last five years of employment; amend KRS 16.645, 61.645, and 78.545 to conform.

Current Status: 2/23/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB444.htm>

HB478 WAGES (NELSON R) AN ACT relating to wages and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to publish a listing of the 100 highest-paid system employees; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/9/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB478.htm>

HB494 PUBLIC RETIREMENT INFORMATION (MOFFETT P) AN ACT relating to the disclosure of public retirement information.

Amend KRS 61.661, 161.585, and 21.540 to require the Kentucky Retirement Systems, Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, and the Judicial Form Retirement System to disclose upon request the names, status, projected or actual benefit payments, and other retirement information of each member or recipient of a retirement allowance of the systems; require the systems to also make the information available on a searchable database on the systems' Web site or on a Web site established by the executive or judicial branch to provide government expenditure and salary data to the public.

Current Status: 2/24/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB494.htm>

HB500 KENTUCKY TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (GRAHAM D) AN ACT relating to Kentucky Teachers Retirement System.

Create a new section of KRS 161.220 to 161.716 to permit the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System (KTRS) to use and accept electronic signatures as deemed appropriate; amend KRS 161.220 to clarify that annual compensation does not include benefit or salary adjustments that are not available to all members of an agency; amend KRS 161.290 to require public employers in addition to school districts to provide paid leave to teacher trustees serving on the KTRS board; amend KRS 161.310 to clarify the types of remuneration included in retirement incentives; amend KRS 161.340 to allow KTRS to contract for insurance; amend KRS 161.430 to allow the KTRS board to contract with one or more general investment consultants; remove references to the book value of assets in regard to limitations on funds managed internally by the system's investment staff; remove the requirement that the board investment committee consist of the executive secretary of the system and two trustees; require the system's staff to be subject to fiduciary requirements applicable to board members and investment consultants and managers; make technical amendments; amend KRS 161.470 to make technical corrections; amend KRS 161.480 to automatically designate a KTRS member's spouse as beneficiary for an active member's account balance upon employment until changed by the member; declare the member's spouse as beneficiary of the active member's account balance in the event all named beneficiaries predecease the active member or the member fails to designate a beneficiary; amend KRS 161.500 to provide allow a full year of service credit for contracts of at least 185 and 180 days if no more than five unpaid leave days are taken during a year; amend KRS 161.515 to clarify the retirement factor for service purchases; amend KRS 161.540 to add eligibility requirements for including annual leave credit in the retirement calculation for year-round contracts; amend KRS 161.545 to provide that full-time sabbatical leave by university staff participating in the KTRS shall be deemed full-time employment for retirement purposes; require employee and employer contributions to be paid during the period of sabbatical leave; amend KRS 161.553 to adjust the cost schedules of providing statutory benefit improvements for annuitants; amend KRS 161.560 to require participating

employers to file contribution data with KTRS 15 days after each payroll period and set penalties for noncompliance; amend KRS 161.597 to require a refund of prior installment payments and a reduction in service credit for a member in default on installment payments; amend KRS 161.600 to make technical changes; amend KRS 161.605 to make technical changes; require a refund of retirement contributions made on compensation that exceeds salary limitations; provide that breaks in service are required before returning to work for the employer even if in a position not covered by KTRS if the member is under age 60; begin running of breaks in service from date of retirement; prohibit prearranged agreements between a retiring member and employer for member to return to work after retirement and require certification thereof; allow KTRS to provide medical insurance to retired members who return to work when medical insurance is not available from the employer; allow the commissioner of education to pay reemployed retirees in excess of statutory maximums if the commissioner deems that the employees have the necessary experience to provide services and support to persistently low-achieving schools as provided by KRS 160.346; require retired members under age 60 returning to work for certain state universities and state community colleges to comply with the separation-from-service requirements, effective July 1, 2016; amend KRS 160.612 to reduce the \$500 minimum monthly disability benefit by benefit payments from all state-administered retirement systems for part-time employees and substitute teachers participating in the KTRS who apply for disability benefits on or after July 1, 2015; provide that part-time employees and substitute teachers are not eligible to apply for a disability retirement allowance if they are eligible for a nondiscounted service retirement allowance; amend KRS 161.614 to include mediation awards; amend KRS 161.620 to clarify the option for seeking inflation adjustments; amend KRS 161.630 to make technical change; amend KRS 161.643 to authorize KTRS to require more frequent submission of annual reports on reemployed employees by participating employers; amend KRS 161.650 to automatically designate a KTRS member's spouse as beneficiary for a retired member's remaining account balance at the time of death unless changed by the member; declare the member's spouse as beneficiary of the retired member's remaining account balance in the event all named beneficiaries predecease the retired member or the member fails to name a beneficiary for the account balance; amend KRS 161.655 to automatically designate a KTRS member's spouse as beneficiary for the life insurance benefit available to active and retired members unless changed by the member; declare the member's spouse as beneficiary of the life insurance benefit available to active and retired members if, upon the death of the member, all named beneficiaries predecease the member or the member fails to name a beneficiary; amend KRS 161.661 to provide that members who begin participating on or after July 1, 2015, shall not be eligible for a disability benefit if they are eligible for any unreduced benefit and that they shall have their \$500 minimum monthly disability benefit reduced by benefit payments from all state-administered retirement systems; amend KRS 161.680 to clarify the system's authority to collect overpayments; amend KRS 161.550 to conform.

Current Status: 3/3/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB500.htm>

HB503 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (UPCHURCH K) AN ACT proposing to amend section 43 of the Constitution of Kentucky.

Propose to amend Section 43 of the Constitution of Kentucky to prohibit a member of the General Assembly from using the immunity established in this section to escape prosecution from the general laws of this state; with ballot language.

Current Status: 2/24/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and Intergovernmental Affairs

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB503.htm>

HB504 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (RICHARDS J) AN ACT relating to tax increment financing.

Amend KRS 154.30-090 to require the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority and the Department of Revenue to review information submitted by an agency to receive an increment pursuant to a tax incentive agreement within 60 days, and to submit additional information if the increment determined by the authority and department differs from the increment requested by the agency; require the authority, in consultation with the department, to promulgate an administrative regulation identifying all forms, reports, and information that must be submitted by an agency as part of the increment notification process.

Current Status: 2/24/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB504.htm>

HB506 PUBLIC RETIREMENT INFORMATION (BENVENUTI R) AN ACT relating to the disclosure of public retirement information.

Amend KRS 61.661, 161.585, and 21.540 to require the Kentucky Employee Retirement System, the County Employees Retirement System, Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, and the Judicial Form Retirement System, to disclose upon request the names, status, projected or actual benefit payments, and other retirement information of each member or recipient of a retirement allowance of the systems; require the systems to also make the information available on a searchable database on the systems' Web site or on a Web site established by the executive or judicial branch to provide government expenditure and salary data to the public.

Current Status: 2/24/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB506.htm>

HB546 HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS (MOORE T) AN ACT relating to the negotiation of health benefit plans.

Create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to authorize the purchase of health benefit plans across state lines, and allow negotiation of terms based on the purchaser's needs without regard to state-mandated health insurance benefits; provide individuals and groups the ability to form pools to seek greater advantage in negotiations for health benefit plans.

Current Status: 2/24/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Banking and Insurance

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB546.htm>

HB547 HEALTH CARE COVERAGE (MOORE T) AN ACT relating to health care coverage.

Create new sections of Subtitle 17 of KRS Chapter 304 to establish definitions for "direct purchase," "health care system," and "penalty or fine"; prohibit the General Assembly from requiring any individual to participate in any health care system or plan, or imposing a penalty or fine regarding participation; permit an individual or an employer to pay directly for health care services and a health care provider to accept direct payment without penalties or fines; direct the Attorney General of Kentucky to undertake and initiate all necessary legal proceedings to protect and defend Kentuckians' rights as set forth; prohibit the Governor, the Personnel Cabinet, and state agencies from participating in or complying with any federal law, regulation, or policy that would compromise the freedom of choice in the health care decisions of any resident of Kentucky.

Current Status: 2/24/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Banking and Insurance

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HB547.htm>

HCR16 GUN SAFETY AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASK FORCE (MEEKS R) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION requesting that the Legislative Research Commission create the Gun Safety and Violence Prevention Task Force to study public safety, public protection, and gun safety issues.

Request that the Legislative Research Commission create the Gun Safety and Violence Prevention Task Force to study public safety, public protection, and gun safety issues.

Current Status: 1/6/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HC16.htm>

HCR20 BUDGET REFORM TASK FORCE (WUCHNER A) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION creating the Budget Reform Task Force.

Establish the Budget Reform Task Force; direct the task force to study the priorities of government spending and budget reform and report findings to the Legislative Research Commission no later than November 30, 2015.

Current Status: 1/8/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HC20.htm>

HCR87 VETERANS TO WORK INITIATIVE (PULLIN T) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the Kentucky General Assembly's putting Kentucky Veterans to work initiative.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the Kentucky General Assembly's putting Kentucky Veterans to work initiative.

Current Status: 4/3/2015 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HC87.htm>

HJR7 KENTUCKY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (MONTELL B) A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS) board of trustees to have an actuarial audit completed of the assumptions and funding methods adopted by the systems.

Direct the Kentucky Retirement Systems to engage an independent actuarial firm to perform an actuarial audit of the assumptions and funding methods adopted by the systems and report the findings to the KRS board of trustees and the Public Pension Oversight Board.

Current Status: 3/23/2015 - (H) Returned to Committee House Rules

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HJ7.htm>

HJR14 CAROL MARTIN GATTON ACADEMY (RICHARDS J) A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to erect signs on Interstate 65 in Warren County that proudly proclaim Warren County as the home of the Carol Martin Gatton Academy, Newsweek Magazine's Number One Public School in the United States in 2012, 2013, and 2014.

Direct the Transportation Cabinet to erect signs on Interstate 65 in Warren County honoring the Carol Martin Gatton Academy, Newsweek Magazine's Number One Public School in the United States.

Current Status: 1/6/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Transportation

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HJ14.htm>

HR13 BOWLING GREEN VETERANS CENTER (RICHARDS J) A RESOLUTION urging the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and Kentucky's United States Congressional delegation to take the appropriate steps to get the approval and funding necessary for the construction of a veterans center in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

A Resolution urging the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and Kentucky's United States Congressional delegation to take the appropriate steps to get the approval and funding necessary for the construction of a veterans center in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Current Status: 2/23/2015 - (H) THIRD READING, adopted 97-0

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HR13.htm>

HR97 POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL (RICHARDS J) A RESOLUTION honoring the Western Kentucky University football team upon its victory in the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

A RESOLUTION honoring the Western Kentucky University football team upon its victory in the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

Current Status: 3/11/2015 - adopted by voice vote

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/HR97.htm>

SB1 CONTRACTS (STIVERS R) AN ACT relating to contracts.

Amend KRS 336.130 to prohibit mandatory membership in or financial support of a labor organization as a condition of employment and to name this section the "Kentucky Right to Work Act"; amend KRS 336.180 to conform; amend KRS 336.990 to make a violation of the Act a Class A misdemeanor, award damages, and provide injunctive relief; create new sections of KRS Chapter 336 to exempt existing contracts or agreements; require the Attorney General to investigate complaints and prosecute those who violate Section 1 of the Act; amend KRS 67A.6904, 67C.406, 70.262, 78.470, 78.480, and 345.050 to conform.

Current Status: 2/12/2015 - House Labor and Industry, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB1.htm>

SB2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (BOWEN J) AN ACT proposing to amend section 29 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to administrative regulations.

Propose to amend Section 29 of the Constitution of Kentucky to permit the General Assembly or an agency or committee it creates to review, approve, or disapprove any administrative regulation of the executive branch during or between regular sessions of the General Assembly; submit to the voters for approval or disapproval; supply ballot language.

Current Status: 3/10/2015 - (H) posted in committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and Intergovernmental Affairs

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB2.htm>

SB8 CHARTER SCHOOLS (WILSON M) AN ACT relating to charter schools and making an appropriation therefor.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 160 to describe the intent of the General Assembly and the purposes of authorizing public

charter schools; define terms; establish the Kentucky Public Charter School Commission and identify membership selection and responsibilities of members; outline the requirements and limitations on the establishment of charter schools including identification of charter school authorizers; describe responsibilities of authorizers; describe charter school application, renewal, and revocation processes; establish the Kentucky Public Charter School Commission trust fund and identify uses of the fund; create a new section of KRS Chapter 159 to identify student enrollment and withdrawal requirements to be followed by a charter school; create a new section of KRS Chapter 161 to identify employment conditions for charter school staff; create a new section of KRS Chapter 157 to require local, state, and federal funds to be distributed to charter schools using formulas and allocation processes used in public schools; amend KRS 161.220 to include a teacher employed by a board of directors of a public charter school as a member within the state retirement system; amend KRS 161.220 to include employees of boards of directors of public charter schools in the state-sponsored retirement system; amend KRS 78.510 to include noncertified employees of public charter schools in the state-sponsored retirement system; APPROPRIATION.

Current Status: 2/9/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB8.htm>

SB9 PREVAILING WAGE (SCHRODER W) AN ACT relating to prevailing wage.

Amend KRS 337.010 to exclude all educational buildings and facilities from meeting the requirements of the prevailing wage law.

Current Status: 3/10/2015 - (H) Posting Waived

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB9.htm>

SB11 OATHS (THOMAS R) AN ACT relating to oaths.

Amend KRS 6.072 to require witnesses appearing before a committee to take an oath prior to giving testimony.

Current Status: 2/3/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB11.htm>

SB16 COMPUTER PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES (GIVENS D) AN ACT relating to computer programming languages in public schools.

Amend KRS 156.160 to allow computer programming language courses to be accepted as meeting foreign language requirements in the public schools; amend KRS 164.002 to define "computer programming language"; amend KRS 164.4785 to ensure that computer programming language courses be accepted as meeting foreign language requirements for admission to public postsecondary institutions.

Current Status: 3/24/2015 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/HFA 1, 2T, 3P,4T,5P,6T
State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB16.htm>

SB20 PUBLIC RETIREMENT INFORMATION (MCDANIEL C) AN ACT relating to the disclosure of public retirement information.

Amend KRS 61.661, 161.585, and 21.540 to require the Kentucky Retirement Systems, Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, Legislators' Retirement Plan, and the Judicial Retirement Plan to disclose upon request the retirement benefit information of current and former members of the General Assembly including their name, status, and projected or actual retirement benefit payments.

Current Status: 2/3/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government
State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB20.htm>

SB22 PUBLIC PENSION FUND INVESTMENTS (MCDANIEL C) AN ACT relating to public pension fund investments.

Amend KRS 21.540, 61.645, and 161.430 to require the Judicial Retirement Plan, the Legislators' Retirement Plan, the Kentucky Retirement Systems, and the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System to establish by reference in administrative regulation a placement agent disclosure policy; require the policy to disclose, at a minimum, to the boards of trustees of the plans and systems the name of the placement agent, dollar value of investment, and the fees or payments made to placement agent for each investment in which a placement agent was utilized; define placement agent; require the plans and systems to submit a quarterly update of the information disclosed to the respective boards of trustees to the Government Contract Review Committee; provide that the disclosure shall apply to contracts established or renewed on or after July 1, 2015.

Current Status: 3/24/2015 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/HCS 1
State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB22.htm>

SB26 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (BUFORD T) AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to persons entitled to vote.

Propose to amend Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky to restore the right to vote to persons convicted of a felony after service of their sentence, expiration of probation, or final discharge from parole, unless the offense was treason, intentional murder, rape, sodomy, sexual abuse of a child, bribery in an election, or another crime specified by the General Assembly; delete language in the 1891 Constitution referring to persons as "idiots and insane persons"; submit to the voters for ratification or rejection.

Current Status: 2/3/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB26.htm>

SB27 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (TILLEY J) AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 33 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to redistricting.

Propose to amend Section 33 of the Constitution of Kentucky to clarify standards relating to redistricting and to require the General Assembly to remain in continuous session, without pay to the members, for the sole purpose of redistricting if the General Assembly fails to redistrict the state by April 15 of the first even-numbered year session following receipt of the decennial census data; submit to the voters for ratification or rejection; include ballot language.

Current Status: 3/11/2015 - (H) Returned to Committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and Intergovernmental Affairs

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB27.htm>

SB31 HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS (BUFORD T) AN ACT relating to health benefit plans which include a tiered formulary for prescription drugs.

Create new sections of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to define terms; require health benefit plans that provide coverage for prescription drugs subject to a tiered formulary to ensure that any out-of-pocket expenditure shall not exceed \$100 per month, for up to a 30-day supply, and that out-of-pocket expenditures for drugs subject to a tiered formulary shall not exceed \$200 per month in the aggregate; require an exceptions process for tiered formulary plans that allows an insured to request an exception to the tiered cost-sharing structure, including coverage of a non-preferred drug under the cost sharing, applicable for preferred drugs if the prescribing physician determines that the preferred drug would not be as effective or would have an adverse effect, or both, for the insured, and denial of a cost-sharing exception shall be subject to an external review; prohibit placing all drugs of the same class in a specialty tier; require the commissioner to promulgate administrative regulations to implement this section; provide that nothing in the section requires coverage of any drugs not otherwise required by law, specific utilization management techniques, or ceasing utilization of tiered cost-sharing structure; provide that nothing in the section is to be construed to require a pharmacist to substitute a drug without the written consent of the prescribing physician; provide that the new sections apply to health benefit plans issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2016.

Current Status: 2/25/2015 - Senate Health and Welfare, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB31.htm>

SB35 BREAST FEEDING (THOMAS R) AN ACT relating to breast-feeding.

Amend KRS 211.755 which establishes that breast-feeding is permitted by a mother in any location, public or private, where the mother and child are otherwise authorized to provide that a violation of this section shall be reported to a local health department; amend KRS 211.990 to establish a fine of \$500 for the first offense and \$1,000 for each subsequent penalty for any person who violates any provision of KRS 211.755.

Current Status: 2/3/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB35.htm>

SB36 BREAST FEEDING (THOMAS R) AN ACT relating to breast-feeding.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 337 to establish workplace standards for nursing mothers; amend KRS 337.990 to establish penalties for violations of newly established workplace standards for nursing mothers.

Current Status: 2/3/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB36.htm>

SB40 MEDICAL CANNABIS (CLARK P) AN ACT relating to medical cannabis.

Create various new sections of KRS Chapter 218A to establish a comprehensive system for medical cannabis in Kentucky, including provisions for medical verification of need, persons allowed to cultivate, use, and possess the drug, organizations allowed to assist in providing the drug, regulation by the state Department for Public Health, interaction on the part of state and local governments, including law enforcement, with persons and entities coming within the purview of the Act, and the establishment of required reporting and review procedures; amend KRS 218A.040 to conform; name the Act the Cannabis Compassion Act.

Current Status: 2/3/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB40.htm>

SB41 TUITION PAYMENT TAX DEDUCTION (SCHICKEL J) AN ACT relating to an income tax deduction for tuition payments.

Amend KRS 141.010 to exclude amounts paid for private elementary and secondary school tuition from adjusted gross income.

Current Status: 2/3/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB41.htm>

SB52 CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS (WESTERFIELD W) AN ACT relating to concealed deadly weapons.

Amend KRS 527.020 to add members of the Kentucky General Assembly to the list of persons authorized to receive expanded concealed carry permits.

Current Status: 2/3/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB52.htm>

SB57 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (WEBB R) AN ACT proposing to amend the Constitution of Kentucky relating to the right to farm.

Propose to amend the Constitution of Kentucky to create a right to farm within provisions of the law; submit to the voters for approval or disapproval.

Current Status: 2/5/2015 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB57.htm>

SB61 COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING (ALVARADO R) AN ACT relating to removing barriers to colorectal cancer screening.

Amend KRS 304.17A-257 to require that health benefit plans cover colorectal cancer screening regardless of the billing code or other procedure performed in the same clinical encounter and as part of ongoing prevention; effective January 1, 2016.

Current Status: 3/19/2015 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB62.htm>

SB66 CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS (EMBRY C) AN ACT relating to concealed deadly weapons.

Amend KRS 237.110 to allow current and retired federal, military, and Coast Guard peace officers who are under 21 years of age to apply for a permit to carry a concealed deadly weapon.

Current Status: 2/12/2015 - House Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Safety, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB66.htm>

SB69 ARREST-RELATED DEATHS (THOMAS R) AN ACT relating to arrest-related deaths.

Amend KRS 72.025 to add deaths which occur during arrest to cases which are investigated by coroner; create a new section of

Chapter 72 to require coroners to notify Medical Examiners Office of arrest-related deaths and require an annual public report.

Current Status: 2/3/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB69.htm>

SB71 VOLUNTARY STUDENT EXPRESSION (ROBINSON A) AN ACT relating to voluntary student expression of religious or political viewpoints in public schools.

Amend KRS 158.183 to permit students to voluntarily express religious or political viewpoints in school assignments free from discrimination and to require local boards of education to ensure that the selection of student speakers is made in a viewpoint neutral manner and that the student's prepared remarks are not reviewed, altered, or censored before delivery; that religious and political organizations are allowed equal access to public forums on the same basis as nonreligious and nonpolitical organizations; and that no recognized religious or political student organization is discriminated against in the ordering of its internal affairs; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require public postsecondary education institution governing boards to ensure that students are permitted to voluntarily express religious or political viewpoints in assignments free from discrimination, that the selection of student speakers is made in a viewpoint-neutral manner and that the student's prepared remarks are not reviewed, altered, or censored before delivery, that religious and political organizations are allowed equal access to public forums on the same basis as nonreligious and nonpolitical organizations, that no recognized religious or political student organization is discriminated against in the ordering of its internal affairs, and that there shall be no restrictions on speech that occurs outdoors on campus and is protected by the first amendment of the U.S. Constitution except for restrictions that are reasonable, justified without reference to speech content, narrowly tailored to serve governmental interest, and limited to provide alternative options for the communication of the information.

Current Status: 3/10/2015 - (H) discharge petition filed

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB71.htm>

SB72 CHILD-CARE FACILITY REGULATIONS (GIVENS D) AN ACT relating to child-care facility administrative regulations.

Amend KRS 199.896 to require licensed child-care centers that provide instructional and educational programs for preschool-aged children and that operate for a maximum of 20 hours per week and which a child attends for no more than 16 hours per week be exempted from the licensure requirements of KAR 2:110 and 922 KAR 2:120.

Current Status: 3/10/2015 - (H) posted in committee House Health and Welfare

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB72.htm>

SB73 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (CARROLL J) AN ACT proposing an amendment to section 71 of the constitution of Kentucky relating to property exempt from taxation.

Propose an amendment to Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky allowing the property tax homestead exemption to transfer to the surviving spouse of a qualifying owner; submit to voters.

Current Status: 2/3/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB73.htm>

SB76 STUDENT PHYSICAL PRIVACY (EMBRY C) AN ACT relating to the physical privacy of students and declaring an emergency.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 158 to ensure that student privacy exists in school restrooms, locker rooms, and showers; require students born male to use only those facilities designated to be used by males and students born female to use only those facilities designated to be used by females; identify consequences for using facilities designated for the opposite biological sex; identify the Act as the Kentucky Student Privacy Act; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/9/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB76.htm>

SB93 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (MCDANIEL C) AN ACT proposing to amend section 95 of the constitution of Kentucky relating to the election of state officers.

Propose to amend Section 95 of the Constitution of Kentucky to hold the election of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, Attorney General, Secretary of State and Commissioner of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics in even-numbered years, every four years, beginning in 2024; provide transitional calendar; submit to the voters for ratification or rejection.

Current Status: 2/25/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and Intergovernmental Affairs

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB93.htm>

SB94 DEBT (BOWEN J) AN ACT relating to debt and making an appropriation therefor.

Amend KRS 48.010 to define terms; create a new section of KRS Chapter 48 to establish limitations on the issuance of general fund-supported debt, calculate the debt limitation savings, and transfer the savings to the nonhazardous employee unfunded liability trust fund; create a new section of KRS Chapter 61 to establish the nonhazardous employee unfunded liability trust fund,

to offset the supplemental contribution required by certain employers; amend KRS 61.565 to require a supplemental contribution for each employer participating in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System; amend KRS 56.063 to conform.

Current Status: 3/2/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB94.htm>

SB95 WORKER'S COMPENSATION (BUFORD T) AN ACT relating to workers compensation.

Amend several provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act in KRS Chapter 342 to define and recognize temporary partial disability benefits and amend other statutes to comply; define medical provider; limit medical benefits to age 70 or five years after date of injury, whichever is later except for permanent total awards or awards involving prosthetic devices which continue for as long as the employee is disabled; allow attorney's fees or increased payments for medical fee disputes that are decided in favor of the claimant; amend the reopening statutes to allow for reopening for additional temporary total or partial benefits; permit claimants who have awards of \$60 or less per week to elect a lump sum and receive a one point higher discount rate than that set by the commissioner; require settlements for future medicals to be approved by the federal Medicare Secondary Payer Act; increase attorneys' fees to a total of \$24,000; specify that administrative law judges do not approve attorney's fees; enumerate changes to the manner that income benefits are determined; increase the maximum for temporary total or partial income benefits from 100% of the state average weekly wage to 120% of the state average weekly wage; increase the maximum of permanent partial income benefits from 75% to 85% of the state average weekly wage; increase and clarify multiplier language factors; provide that the time limit for permanent partial income benefits is determined by the impairment ratings; make other amendments to conform.

Current Status: 2/5/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Economic Development, Tourism, and Labor

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB95.htm>

SB110 KEES (WISE G) AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Education Excellence Scholarship and making an appropriation therefor.

Amend KRS 164.7881 to permit high school seniors, beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, and high school juniors and seniors, beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, to use their KEES awards to pay for dual credit courses; require that the funds they would have received as eligible postsecondary students be reduced proportionally over a four, or in some cases, five year period by an amount equal to the amount used for dual credit; amend KRS 164.7885 to conform; designate the expenditures as necessary governmental expenses if KEES funds appropriated for fiscal years 2016 and 2017 are not adequate; APPROPRIATION.

Current Status: 2/27/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB110.htm>

SB118 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS (WESTERFIELD W) AN ACT relating to government contracts.

Create a new section of KRS 45A.690 to 45A.725 that establishes standards and rules for contingency fee personal service contracts for legal services; require the Attorney General to make written findings of the need for a contingency fee contract; set limits on the amount of the contingency fee, require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to post information regarding the contract on its Web site; require the contractor to maintain certain records; require the Finance and Administration Cabinet and the Attorney General to submit a report on all contingency fee contracts to the Government Contract Review Committee by September 1 of each year; amend KRS 45A.695 to require the Attorney General to participate in discussions with contingency fee offerors to determine their qualifications; require the Attorney General to approve of contingency fee personal service contract for legal services before the contract may be awarded.

Current Status: 4/2/2015 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB118.htm>

SB157 RETIREMENT BENEFITS SPIKING (MCDANIEL C) AN ACT relating to retirement benefits spiking.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 6 to provide that members of the Legislators' Retirement Plan who retire on or after January 1, 2016, shall be limited to a 10% growth in the creditable compensation earned during their last three years of service to the General Assembly if that compensation is used to calculate their retirement benefits; provide that only creditable compensation earned on or after July 1, 2015, shall be subject to the creditable compensation growth limitations; exempt bona fide promotions or salary advancements from the compensation growth limitation; define "bona fide promotion or salary advancements" as a professional advancement in substantially the same line of work held by the member in the 4 years immediately prior to the 3-year period or a change in employment position based upon training, education, or expertise; provide that the Judicial Form Retirement System shall refund contributions and interest on contributions, for any reductions in creditable compensation; provide that the Judicial Form Retirement System shall determine what constitutes a bona fide promotion or salary advancement; create a new section of KRS Chapter 21 to provide that members of the Judicial Retirement Plan who retire on or after January 1, 2016, shall be limited to a 10% annual growth in the creditable compensation earned during their last 60 months of service if that compensation is used to calculate their retirement benefits; provide that only creditable compensation earned on or after July 1, 2015, shall be subject to the creditable compensation growth limitations; exempt bona fide promotions or salary advancements from the compensation growth limitation; define "bona fide promotion or salary advancements" as a professional advancement in substantially the same line of work held by the member in the 4 years immediately prior to the 60 month period or a change in employment position based upon training, education, or expertise; require the Judicial Form Retirement System to refund contributions and interest on contributions, for any reductions in creditable compensation; provide

that the Judicial Form Retirement System shall determine what constitutes a bona fide promotion or salary advancement; amend KRS 61.598 to provide that members of the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, the County Employees Retirement System, and the State Police Retirement System, who retire on or after January 1, 2016, shall be limited to a 10% growth in the creditable compensation earned during their last five years of employment if that compensation is used to calculate their retirement benefits; provide that only creditable compensation earned on or after July 1, 2015, shall be subject to the creditable compensation growth limitations; exempt bona fide promotions or salary advancements, alternative sick leave payments, and lump-sum payments for compensatory time from the compensation growth limitation; exempt from the compensation growth limitation those years of compensation where in the immediately preceding fiscal year the member was paid worker's compensation benefits or was on unpaid maternity, FMLA, or approved sick leave for a period of 5 weeks or for a period of at least 10% of the employee's contract days if the employee is hired to work a specific number of days during the year; provide that the Kentucky Retirement Systems shall refund employee contributions and interest on contributions, for any reductions in creditable compensation provided by this section; provide that the Kentucky Retirement Systems shall determine what constitutes a bona fide promotion or salary advancement and allow the member to appeal a decision of the system to the board; remove provisions charging employers for creditable compensation growth greater than 10% during the employee's last five years of employment; amend KRS 16.645, 61.645, and 78.545 to conform.

Current Status: 3/23/2015 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB157.htm>

SB160 DEADLY WEAPONS TRAINING (JONES R) AN ACT relating to concealed deadly weapons training.

Amend KRS 237.110 to prohibit administrative regulations which would require concealed deadly weapon license applicants to clean guns in class; replace hands-on classroom gun cleaning requirements with instructor demonstrations; amend KRS 237.120 to require instructor trainers to have three (3) years of prior experience as applicant instructors; amend KRS 237.122 to allow firearms instructor trainers or certified firearms instructors to charge any amount for courses, rather than capping the applicant course at \$75 and the instructor course at \$150; amend KRS 237.128 and 237.132 to conform.

Current Status: 2/19/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB160.htm>

SB168 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (ROBINSON A) AN ACT relating to economic development.

Amend KRS 154.33-501 to replace reference to the East Kentucky Corporation with reference to Shaping Our Appalachian Region, Inc; amend KRS 154.33-550 to create the Kentucky Appalachian Regional Development Fund, to be administered by the Department for Local Government; create new sections of KRS 154.33 to identify the purposes for which money from the fund

may be used and to provide an application process; repeal KRS 154.33-501, 154.33-515, 154.33-520, 154.33-525, 154.33-527, 154.33-533, 154.33-535, 154.33-540, 154.33-545, 154.33-555, 154.33-560, 154.33-565, 154.33-570, 154.33-575, 154.33-580, 154.33-585 to conform.

Current Status: 3/23/2015 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB168.htm>

SB189 PUBLIC SMOKING (ADAMS J) AN ACT prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 438 to define terms; prohibit indoor smoking in businesses, places of employment, and other listed public places; exempt private residences, unless used for child care or adult day care; permit smoking in designated nonenclosed areas; require posting of "no smoking" signs at specified locations; permit local governments to adopt stricter regulations by ordinance; provide for enforcement by all peace officers and designated health department and local government employees; provide for the issuance of uniform citations for violations; require that employers and others not discriminate against persons reporting violations; provide for fines for violation; provide that fines go to the agency whose employee issued the citation; provide that no court costs or other fees be charged for violations; exempt certain research and manufacturing laboratories and agricultural buildings; amend KRS 344.040, relating to unlawful practices by an employer, to add reference to state law, local ordinance, or local board of health regulation relating to smoking; amend KRS 431.450, relating to uniform citations, to provide for issuing citation forms to health departments; authorize the Department of Kentucky State Police to create and issue uniform smoking violation citations; repeal various statutes permitting smoking in public buildings; provide that Sections 1 to 6 may be referred to as the Smokefree Kentucky Act.

Current Status: 2/19/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB189.htm>

SB194 RETIREMENT BENEFIT FORFEITURE (SCHRODER W) AN ACT relating to forfeiture of retirement benefits.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 21 to provide that any current or former judge or justice with an account in the Judicial Retirement Plan who is convicted of any felony relating to his or her duties as a judge or justice, or who is convicted of a Class A, B, or C felony not related to his or duties as a judge or justice, shall cease membership in the Judicial Retirement Plan and forfeit all rights and benefits earned in the Judicial Retirement Plan, except for a return of his or her individual contributions and interest; require the Administrative Office of the Courts to notify the Judicial Retirement Plan when a current or former judge or justice is convicted of a crime subject to the provisions of this section; amend KRS 6.696, 61.535, and 161.470 to provide that any member or retired member of the Legislators' Retirement Plan, the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, the County Employees Retirement System, the State Police Retirement System, or the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, who is

convicted of any felony relating to his or her duties as a public servant, or who is convicted of a Class A, B, or C felony not related to his or duties as a public servant, shall cease membership in their respective retirement system or plan and forfeit all rights and benefits earned in those systems and plans except for a return of his or her individual contributions and interest; require the employer to notify the respective retirement system or plan when a current or former public servant is convicted of a crime subject to one of the sections; amend KRS 6.505,16.652, 21.360, 21.470, 21.480, 61.690, 61.692, 78.852, 161.530, 161.700, and 161.714 to conform.

Current Status: 2/19/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB194.htm>

SB199 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT (MCGARVEY M) AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 226 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to gaming.

Propose to amend Section 226 of the Constitution of Kentucky to permit the General Assembly to authorize other forms of gaming by general law; submit to voters with question.

Current Status: 2/19/2015 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SB199.htm>

SJR106 POST SECONDARY PERFORMANCE BASED FUNDING (GIVENS D) A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education to develop a performance-based funding model for the public postsecondary education institutions; identify guiding principles and constraints; establish metrics that recognize difference of missions among research, comprehensive regional, and community and technical college institutions; require findings and recommendations to be reported by December 11, 2015.

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Current Status: 3/10/2015 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SJ106.htm>

SR32 BOWLING GREEN VETERANS CENTER (WILSON M) A RESOLUTION urging the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and Kentucky's United States Congressional delegation to take the appropriate steps to get the approval and funding necessary for the construction of a veterans center in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

A resolution urging the Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and Kentucky's United States Congressional delegation to take the appropriate steps to get the approval and funding necessary for the construction of a veterans center in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Current Status: 3/10/2015 - adopted 36-0

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SR32.htm>

SR46 WKU POPEYES BAHAMAS BOWL (WILSON M) Honor the Western Kentucky University football team upon its victory in the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

Honor the Western Kentucky University football team upon its victory in the Popeyes Bahamas Bowl.

Current Status: 3/9/2015 - adopted by voice vote

State Bill Page: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/15RS/SR46.htm>

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