

Bills to be considered at February 2 EPC meeting

HB1 APPROPRIATIONS FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES *(PETRIE, JASON)*

HFA 1 and 2 would appropriate money for a one-time bonus (13th check) to state government retirees in each year of the budget.

HFA 3 would require the Kentucky Department of Education to reimburse eligible school districts thirty-three cents for each meal meeting the eligibility requirements for reimbursement by the United States Department of Agriculture

AN ACT relating to government agencies, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

We are review this bill and will provide detailed information on education appropriations in the coming days.

- Appropriate General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account in fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 to the following: Kentucky Infrastructure Authority for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure grants; Department for Local Government to provide matching funds under the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation Program; Kentucky Public Pensions Authority to be applied to the unfunded liability of the State Police Retirement Systems and the Kentucky Employees Retirement System Nonhazardous pension funds; Teachers' Retirement System to be applied to the unfunded actuarially accrued liability; Cabinet for Economic Development to support the KEDFA loan pool and development projects; Department of Kentucky State Police for lab equipment; Transportation Cabinet to improve public riverports, to implement the Short Line Infrastructure Preservation and Industrial Access and Safety Improvement pilot projects, and support grants to each General Aviation airport; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.
- HFA 1, Gentry, Provide sufficient General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account in each fiscal year of the 2024-2026 fiscal biennium to support an additional one-time payment for state government retirees in each fiscal year
- APPROPRIATION.

- HFA 2, Aull, Provide sufficient General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account in each fiscal year of the 2024-2026 fiscal biennium to support two supplemental payments that total the amount of one thirteenth check for state government retirees in each fiscal year
- APPROPRIATION.
- HFA 3 Aull, Provide sufficient General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account in fiscal year 2024-2025 to support the Kentucky Proud School Match Pilot Program
- APPROPRIATION.



CURRENT STATUS

1/31/2024 – Favorable expression to House

HB2 PROPOSING NEW SECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY RELATING EDUCATION FUNDING *(MILES, SUZANNE)*

AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to education funding.

- Propose a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky to authorize the General Assembly to provide for a financial support for the education of students outside of the public school system; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection.



CURRENT STATUS

1/26/2024 - Introduced

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

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

This bill would create a student loan forgiveness program and student teacher stipend program in an effort to attract college students to the teaching profession.

- Establish the Teacher Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Pilot Program
- Direct the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to administer the program
- Provide monetary awards for student loan repayment for eligible students who complete qualified teaching service;
- Establish the Teacher Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Pilot Program fund;
- Establish the Student Teacher Stipend Program;
- Direct the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to administer the program
- Provide an award of up to \$5,000 to an eligible student teacher
- APPROPRIATION
- EMERGENCY.



CURRENT STATUS

1/25/2024 - Introduced



HB381 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT

REPRESENTATIVES *(WILLNER, LISA)*

AN ACT relating to local school board student representatives.

This bill requires at least one student representative on local school boards.

- Require each local school board to include at least one student representative.
- Require each local school board to adopt a school board student representative policy.
- Set minimum requirements for the school board student representative policy.



CURRENT STATUS

1/25/2024 - Introduced

HB383 TECHNOLOGY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS *(BRAY, JOSH)*

AN ACT relating to technology in public schools.

This bill requires school boards to adopt policies designed to prohibit student use of cell phones during instructional time.

- Require local boards of education to adopt a policy to, at a minimum, prohibit student use of a personal telecommunications device during instructional time with specific exceptions.



CURRENT STATUS

1/25/2024 - Introduced

HB387 SUBSTITUTE TEACHER CERTIFICATION *(TRUETT, TIMMY)*

AN ACT relating to substitute teacher certification.

This bill would create a 1 year substitute certificate for individuals with a high school diploma, 3 year certificates for individuals who hold a bachelor degree and a 5 year certificate for individuals who hold a valid teaching certificate.

- Require the Education Professional Standards Board to issue substitute teacher certificates based on education attained.
- Specify the type of employment each certificate allows.



CURRENT STATUS

1/25/2024 - Introduced

HB399 DUAL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to dual credit scholarships.

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



CURRENT STATUS

1/29/2024 – Introduced

HB419 EDUCATION *(RABOURN, FELICIA)*

AN ACT relating to education.

This bill exempts non-public education entities, childcare centers, and youth camps from EPSB regulations and other state regulations. Odd, it seems, for someone who would amend the constitution to allow public funds to be spent on non-public education, childcare, and youth camp entities to exempt them from the regulations designed to protect public education entities.

- Specify authority of Education Professional Standards Board over educators hired by public schools only;
- Define "learning pods" and exclude them from the definition of "child-care center" and "family child-care home";
- Exclude learning pods from certain youth camp requirements.



CURRENT STATUS

1/30/2024 - Introduced



HB424 PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION *(RAYMOND, JOSIE)*

AN ACT relating to preschool and kindergarten education.

This bill would require universal pre-school for 3 year-olds through a grant process and 4 year-olds as part of the SEEK program.

- Require school districts provide a full-day preschool education program for eligible three and four-year-olds.
- Establish eligibility for the program and require that preschool for three-year-old children continue to be funded through a grant process and preschool programs for four-year-old children be funded under KRS 157.310 to 157.440.
- Require preschool programs to operate on the school district calendar.
- Require transportation be provided.
- Include preschool education programs for four-year-old children in the primary school program.
- Remove the definition of "kindergarten full-time equivalent pupil in average daily attendance".
- Remove a reference to the kindergarten full-time equivalent.
- Include a preschool education program for four-year-old children in the definition of "common school".
- Remove language allowing kindergarten to operate for less than six hours on a school day.



CURRENT STATUS

1/30/2024 - Introduced



HB425 CHILDREN'S EARLY LEARNING SERVICES TAXING DISTRICTS *(RAYMOND, JOSIE)*

AN ACT relating to children's early learning services taxing districts.

This bill allows for the creation of children's early learning services taxing districts, ostensibly to help pay for the universal pre-K programs proposed in HB 424.

- Authorize the establishment of children's early learning services taxing districts.
- Define terms; provide a method and alternative method for the creation of each district and the funding of the district to be set at a maximum of 10 cents per 100 dollars of assessed property valuation.

- Specify the board membership and require compliance with special purpose governmental entity reporting requirements.
- Establish oath and expenses for directors.
- Allow the employment of an attorney for the board.
- Establish the authorities of the district and specify dissolution of the district and withdrawal of membership of cities and counties that are a part of the district.



CURRENT STATUS

1/30/2024 – Introduced

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

AN ACT relating to Kentucky educational excellence scholarships.

This bill would allow KEES scholarships for dual credit courses.

- Allow the use of K educational excellence scholarship funds for dual credit courses.
- Require Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to promulgate administrative regulations to administer the section.



CURRENT STATUS

1/31/2024 - Introduced

HCR60 ESTABLISH SEEK TASK FORCE *(TRUETT, TIMMY)*

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) Task Force.

- Direct the Legislative Research Commission to establish the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) Task Force to study the various components of the SEEK formula, evaluate whether changes are necessary to the base, tiers, or add-ons to maintain the original goal of SEEK

- Outline task force membership and require the task force to submit any findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2024



CURRENT STATUS

1/29/2024 - Introduced

SR109 PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK *(DENEEN, MATTHEW)*

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 26 to March 1, 2024, as Public Schools Week in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

- Recognize February 26 to March 1, 2024, as Public Schools Week.



CURRENT STATUS

1/29/2024 – Introduced