

KASA Bill Tracking

Education related bills introduced Jan. 7-Feb 14

Bill Information

HB1 INCOME TAX RATE *(PETRIE, JASON)*

AN ACT relating to the individual income tax rate.

Half percent reduction in the state income tax rate

- Reduce the individual income tax rate from 4% to 3.5% for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

CURRENT STATUS

2/6/2025 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

HB8 EDUCATION *(PETRIE, JASON)*

AN ACT relating to education.

This bill makes KBE responsible for modifying K-5 curriculum to meet specified core capacities, changes the State Textbook Commission to the State Instructional Materials Council and gives KBE responsibility for adopting instructional materials that ensure alignment of academic standards across the state.

- Modifies language on core capacities, specifies the intent of K-5 education, and defines terms
- Gives the state board the responsibility for adopting or rejecting the state academic standards, adopting or rejecting instructional materials collections, setting a timeline for adoption updates, and ensuring alignment of academics across the state
- Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to require the Kentucky Department of Education to deconstruct the approved academic standards and provide free guides to districts with sample curricula
- Defines instructional materials collections and changes the State Textbook Commission into the State Instructional Materials Council
- Requires the State Instructional Materials Council to recommend instructional materials collections to the state board for adoption

- Require school districts to utilize instructional materials collections from list approved by the state board
- Require the State Instructional Materials Council and Kentucky Department of Education to publish the approved instructional materials collections list on its website
- Modifies membership of the School Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability Council, and requires biennial report on membership and meetings by commissioner
- Require the School Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability Council to recommend academic standards to the state board for adoption and specify adoption update timeline
- Require Education Professional Standards Board to require alignment with academic standards as condition of educator preparation program approval
- Removes school-based decision making council ability to waive class size maximums in kindergarten through grade one



CURRENT STATUS

2/19/2025 - Introduced

HB11 EDUCATION *(MILES, SUZANNE)*

AN ACT relating to education.

Shell Bill

- Insert gender-neutral language.



CURRENT STATUS

2/19/2025 - Introduced

HB14 SCHOOL SAFETY *(JACKSON, KEVIN)*

AN ACT relating to school safety.

This bill would allow school districts to implement a policy for school personnel to wear wristbands, pendants, clip-ons and other devices that can send a non-audible alert to 911 emergency services.

- Allow school districts to implement a wearable panic alert system
- Establish system criteria and require the Department of Education to provide a list of approved wearable panic alert systems vendors
- Require the Center for School Safety to establish the Wearable Panic Alert Grant Program
- Allow the Center for School Safety to distribute wearable panic alert grants using funds appropriated in the biennial budget to support school safety.



CURRENT STATUS

2/7/2025 – Introduced

HB25 MOMENTS OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION *(FISTER, DANIEL)*

AN ACT relating to moments of silence and reflection.

Moments of silence in schools, this bill has been filed in previous sessions

- Require moments of silence or reflection at the start of each school day and establish guidelines.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB36 MISCONDUCT IN SCHOOLS *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to misconduct in schools and school-sponsored activities.

- **HB 36 represents the third attempt over the last three sessions to enact legislation regarding school employee misconduct in interactions with students. This bill attempts to thread the needle with provisions that effectively limit school employee misconduct and increase transparency relating to an employee's previous misconduct issues without violating employee due process rights.**
- Prohibits a public school district or public charter school from entering into a nondisclosure agreement relating to misconduct involving a minor or student

- Defines "abusive conduct" and requires school district applicants to disclose being the subject of any investigations or disciplinary actions in the previous 12 months relating to abusive conduct and consent to a reference check
- Requires school districts to conduct reference checks and requires nonpublic schools and public school districts to disclose any investigations or disciplinary actions related to abusive conduct of applicants
- Provides immunity for disclosures made about school employee conduct
- Requires school districts to request all related information from public and nonpublic schools and the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB)
- Requires schools and EPSB to provide the records and requires requests for information to be satisfied in 10 working days
- Requires EPSB to create and implement procedures for information requests
- Requires all school district applicants to list all schools of previous and current employment on the application
- Requires a school district to internally report and investigate to completion all allegations of abusive conduct
- Requires all records relating to an allegation of abusive conduct to be retained in an employee's personnel file unless the allegation is proven false
- Provides that that certain requirements apply to public charter schools
- Directs the Kentucky Board of Education to include employment standards in the voluntary certification standards for private schools
- Defines "certified nonpublic school" and requires employees of certified nonpublic schools to submit to a national and state criminal background check and a CA/N check
- Requires certified nonpublic school personnel to have a state criminal background check every five years
- Prohibits a certified nonpublic school from hiring a violent or felony sex crime offender
- Requires a certified nonpublic school to conduct reference checks on all applicants
- Prohibits a certified nonpublic school from entering into a nondisclosure agreement related to misconduct involving a minor or student
- Requires the Kentucky Department of Education to develop a training related to sexual misconduct and inappropriate relationships for employees to undergo every five years
- Require that an allegation of abusive conduct be reported pursuant to KRS 620.030

CURRENT STATUS

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

HB44 CHOKING PREVENTION IN SCHOOLS *(MASSARONI, CANDY)*

AN ACT relating to choking prevention in schools.

Permissive legislation for Anti Choking protection and instruction in schools

- Defines "anti-choking suction device"
- Requires schools that acquire such a device to ensure that cafeteria personnel and other expected users of the device are trained in its proper use,
- Provides immunity from civil liability for rendering emergency care or treatment with an anti-choking device or the Heimlich maneuver at a public or private school
- Provide that the Act may be cited as Landon's Law.



CURRENT STATUS

2/11/2025 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

HB48 EDUCATION *(BAKER, SHANE)*

AN ACT relating to education.

Legislation to reduce 'red tape' in schools

- Increases the time-period between mandatory summative evaluations for tenured certified school staff from once every three years to once every five years
- Provides that additional summative evaluations may be performed at the discretion of the individual's immediate supervisor but shall not be imposed as a uniform requirement across the system
- Provides teacher access to their employment contract upon request
- Requires the Department of Education to create and local school districts to implement a four-year recurring professional development training schedule that includes all required professional development training
- Provides that all certified school employees shall complete designated training within 12 months of initial hire and at least once every four years thereafter
- Consolidates state-required certified school personnel training related to the display of designated hotline information and the publication of and school lessons on evidence-based suicide prevention awareness information

- Removes language regarding professional development trainings consolidated elsewhere
- Prohibits the Department of Education from requiring comprehensive school improvement plans and comprehensive district improvement plans not expressly required by federal law
- Removes the mandate for an induction program for new teachers
- Requires a report identifying school districts that do not implement an induction program for new teachers
- Requires the Department of Education to conduct a review of the reporting requirements imposed upon public schools and public-school districts
- Eliminates all reporting requirements not expressly required by state statute or federal law
- Requires submission of a report on the remaining reporting requirements; provide that the Act may be cited as the Red Tape Reduction Act.



CURRENT STATUS

2/13/2025 - Recommitted to House K-12 Education Committee

HB55 CIVIL LIABILITY OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN *(BANTA, KIM)*

AN ACT relating to civil liability of a parent or guardian.

This bill would allow for parents or guardians to be liable for the acts of children causing death or injury with guns and other devices, except in the case of emancipated minors or children assigned to a guardian via court order.

- Establishes civil liability against a parent, guardian, or other person legally responsible for a minor if the minor causes the injury or death of another by the use of a destructive device, explosive, firearm, or other deadly weapon
- Provides for limited exemptions



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB60 AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR MOTOR VEHICLES *(MADDOX, SAVANNAH)*

AN ACT relating to an ad valorem tax exemption for motor vehicles.

Property tax exemption, Impact on school district revenues?

- Exempt motor vehicles assessed under KRS 132.485 from state property taxes.



CURRENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

HB65 SCHOOLS *(CALLOWAY, JOSH)*

AN ACT relating to the display of the ten commandments in schools.

An effort to re-litigate the constitutionality of posting the Ten Commandments in schools

- Repeals and re-enacts KRS 158.178, relating to the display of the Ten Commandments in public schools



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB73 EMPLOYERS OF THE TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM *(JOHNSON, DJ)*

AN ACT relating to employers of the Teachers Retirement System.

Eligibility to participate in TRS

- Adds WeLeadCS, a virtual computer science career academy for Kentucky high school students, to the list of participating employers of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB91 EDUCATION *(RABOURN, FELICIA)*

AN ACT relating to education.

Repeals any ESPB authority over non-public schools and other non-public entities

- Specifies authority of the Education Professional Standards Board over educators hired by public schools only
- Defines "learning pod" 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

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

HB94 NEW SECTION OF KENTUCKY CONSTITUTION RELATING TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION *(WILLIAMS, WADE)*

AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to property exempt from taxation.

Property tax exemption, Impact on school revenue?

- Creates a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky to exempt for homeowners who are 65 years of age or older any increase in the valuation of their permanent residence that is assessed after the later of the year the homeowner turned 65 or the year the homeowner purchased the property
- Require the exemption to be in addition to the exemption provided in Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky and notwithstanding Sections 171, 172, and 174 of the Constitution of Kentucky
- Applies the exemption to increases in valuation that occur after the date the amendment is ratified by the voters
- Provides ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB108 AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION FOR MOTOR VEHICLES *(CLINES, MIKE)*

AN ACT relating to an ad valorem tax exemption for motor vehicles.

Motor vehicle property tax reduction, impact of school revenues?

- Establish a state property tax rate reduction and exemption for motor vehicles assessed under KRS 132.485.



CURRENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

HB113 MOTOR VEHICLE USAGE TAX *(GRIFFEE, PEYTON)*

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle usage tax.

Motor vehicle property tax reduction, impact on school revenue?

- Exempt from motor vehicle usage tax any vehicle purchase outside the state by a veteran or member of the United States Armed Forces while that person was on active duty.



CURRENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

HB116 TEN COMMANDMENTS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS *(WHITE, RICHARD)*

AN ACT relating to the Ten Commandments in public schools.

Would allow the reading of the Ten Commandments in public schools

- Allow the reading or posting of the Ten Commandments in a public school building, classroom, or event.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB132 HOME AND HOSPITAL INSTRUCTION (WILSON, NICK)

AN ACT relating to home and hospital instruction.

Home and hospital instruction

- Allow a student admitted to an inpatient facility to receive home and hospital services effective on the day of admittance.



CURRENT STATUS

2/12/2025 – Passed House

HB134 PROPOSE NEW SECTION OF KY CONSTITUTION RELATING TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION (BAUMAN, JARED)

AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to property exempt from taxation.

Property tax exemption, impact on school revenue?

- Propose to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky to exempt for homeowners who are 65 years of age or older any increase in the valuation of their permanent residence that is assessed after the later of the year the homeowner turned 65 or the year the homeowner purchased the property
- Require the exemption to be in addition to the exemption provided in Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky and notwithstanding Sections 171, 172, and 174 of the Constitution of Kentucky

- Apply the exemption to increases in valuation that occur after the date the amendment is ratified by the voters; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB146 TAXATION OF RETIREMENT DISTRIBUTIONS *(TACKETT LAFERTY, ASHLEY)*

AN ACT relating to the taxation of retirement distributions.

Increases by \$10,000 the amount of pension income exempt from state income tax

Increase the retirement distribution exclusion from \$31,110 to \$41,110 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.



CURRENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

HB156 PUBLIC SCHOOL CURRICULUM *(TRUETT, TIMMY)*

AN ACT relating to public school curriculum.

Repurpose the State Textbook Commission as the State Instructional Materials Commission to help ensure the curriculum materials used in public schools align with academic standards

- Require the Kentucky Department of Education to develop a guide for instructional materials collections adopted by the State Instructional Materials Commission that details the academic standards addressed by the materials, how the instructional materials are connected to specific learning targets aligned to the standards, sample questions, skills, and products students should be able to answer or demonstrate to meet the academic standards, and a curriculum guide for using the educational materials
- Reestablish the State Textbook Commission as the State Instructional Materials Commission and establish the scope of the commission's duties and membership

CURRENT STATUS

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

HB162 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to independent school districts.

Process to establish a new independent school district, ostensibly relating to the deconsolidation of JCPS

- Establish a process for the creation of new independent school districts
- Establish a petition process for voters of a qualifying city to place the question of creating a new independent district and local board of education on the ballot
- Specify the requirements for the question and the board of education provisional election and establish the initial terms of office for the interim board of education
- Establish the transition of authorities from the originating district board of education to the boards of both the altered originating district and the new independent district
- Require the Kentucky Department of Education to calculate assets and liabilities of the originating district for division to the altered originating district and the new independent district
- Authorize the altered originating district to maintain control and use of assets until the scheduled transfer to the new independent district and authorize the continued payments of debts
- Establish a negotiation process between the altered originating district and the new independent district to resolve the division of the originating district's assets and liabilities
- Establish a deadline for the negotiation to conclude and provide a process for resolution of disagreements
- Establish a deadline for the transfer of all assets and debts; authorize the altered originating district to continue to assess and collect taxes for both districts until the close of the tax year in which the new independent district is fully operational
- Provide for the distribution of collected taxes during the transition period; require the mayor of the city to call the newly elected interim board of new independent district to meet
- Allow the interim board to request assistance from the Kentucky Department of Education and establish the transition process for the new independent district to become fully functional

- Allow the interim board to submit a waiver request for a statute or administrative regulation to the Kentucky Board of Education; authorize the interim board to enter into service contracts with another school district during the transition
- Establish a process for the interim board to vote to terminate the establishment of the new independent district due to financial nonviability during the transition
- Establish the transition from an interim board to a fully functional board of the new independent district; require the continued collection of taxes restricted to the payment of debt or interest; waive the requirement for school-based decision making for the first year of operations of the new independent district; require the interim board of the new independent district to develop a transition plan and establish the requirements of the plan
- Create a new section of KRS Chapter 157, relating to state formula funding calculations, to establish a projection model for the first year of full operations of the new independent district and the altered originating district.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB163 PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES *(LOCKETT, MATT)*

AN ACT relating to public school facilities.

Require at least 95% of school bathrooms to be sex specific

- Require at least 95% of restroom facilities in a specified school building be designated for a specific biological sex.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB167 SCHOOL LUNCHES *(TACKETT LAFERTY, ASHLEY)*

AN ACT relating to school lunches.

Thirty minute minimum school lunch period

- Requires a school council to adopt a policy requiring students to be assigned a lunch period of at least 30 minutes in length.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB168 TEACHERS *(BOJANOWSKI, TINA)*

AN ACT relating to teachers.

Requires teachers to be compensated for noninstructional time and expand work ready scholarships for certification to teach in critical shortage areas

- Require teachers to be compensated for non-instructional planning time within their school day during which they are required to supervise or instruct students
- Expand the program eligibility of the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program to include a program that leads to a bachelor's degree in education in a critical shortage area.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB169 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS *(ROBERTS, T.J.)*

AN ACT relating to school board elections.

Require school board elections to be partisan

- Require the offices of boards of education to have a partisan primary or partisan election
- Require school board candidates to have emblems of political party affiliation presented on the ballot



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB170 OPTION 9 ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION PROGRAMS *(THOMAS, WALKER)*

AN ACT relating to Option 9 alternative teacher certification programs.

Allow time as a substitute teacher to meet residency requirement under the Option 9 alternative teacher program

- Allow employment in substitute teaching to qualify as part of the required residency or paraprofessional component of an Option 9 alternative teacher certification program.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB174 UNDESIGNATED GLUCAGON *(TATE, NANCY)*

AN ACT relating to undesignated glucagon.

The use of glucagon in schools and other settings to treat diabetic medical emergencies

- Permit health care practitioners to prescribe and dispense undesignated glucagon in the name of a school or to a trained individual
- Permit trained individuals to receive, possess, and administer undesignated glucagon during diabetic medical emergencies
- Permit schools to stock undesignated glucagon and provide for immunity from civil liability for any personal injury resulting from good faith actions to use undesignated glucagon to treat diabetic medical emergencies.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB181 TEACHER SCHOLARSHIPS *(MASSARONI, CANDY)*

AN ACT relating to teacher scholarships.

Removes family income for teacher scholarship selection criteria

- Remove expected family income from the selection criteria for the teacher scholarship



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB190 ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES *(DUVALL, ROBERT)*

AN ACT relating to advanced educational opportunities.

Requires advanced course work opportunities for students with identified strengths

- Defines "advanced coursework" and requires each local board of education develop an accelerated learning plan for students with identified strengths
- Direct local board of education to adopt policies for advanced coursework in designated subject areas for grades 3-12. Math and English language Arts no later than August 1, 2026. Science and reading no later than August 1, 2028.
- Requires that any student who meets or exceeds the state standard score on the statewide assessment administered under Section 1 of HB 190 for the corresponding subject area be automatically enrolled in the advanced coursework for that subject the following school year
- Establish a reporting requirement for the Kentucky Department of Education related to the number of accelerated learning courses offered, the demographics of eligible students, the number of students placed in those courses, and the number of students not placed in those courses
- Direct school-based decision-making councils to adopt designated policies relating to advanced courses
- Provide that students who meet certain criteria shall be granted automatic enrollment in advanced coursework
- Provide that a student shall not be withdrawn or excluded from advanced coursework without written parental consent.



CURRENT STATUS

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

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

AN ACT relating to dual credit scholarships.

Expansion and criteria for approving dual credit courses and scholarships

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



CURRENT STATUS

2/12/2025 – Passed House

HB208 TECHNOLOGY IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS *(BRAY, JOSH)*

AN ACT relating to technology in public schools.

Cellphone ban

- Requires local boards of education to adopt a policy to, at a minimum, prohibit student use of a personal telecommunications device during the school day with specific exceptions
- Requires districts to make prohibited material on social media to be made inaccessible through school technology and provide the scope of social media to be prohibited.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB230 TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT *(WILLNER, LISA)*

AN ACT relating to teacher professional development.

This bill appears to be consistent with bills from previous sessions that would require KDE to develop a comprehensive professional development training

schedule that would be consistent across all districts and reduce duplication for educators who transfer between districts.

- Require the Kentucky Department of Education to create a professional development training schedule for certified personnel
- Require each local district to implement the schedule and require an additional day to be added to the school calendar if required training cannot be completed in a single calendar day
- Require school districts to submit a report to the department on the status of professional development training.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB239 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS *(WHITE, RICHARD)*

AN ACT relating to high school graduation requirements.

Would require organ donor information in health classes required for graduation

- Require any course meeting the health requirement for high school graduation to include information on the organ donation program.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB240 PRIMARY SCHOOL *(TRUETT, TIMMY)*

AN ACT relating to primary school.

This bill would require kindergarten students who do not make adequate progress to remain in kindergarten for at least one year.

- Require kindergarten students to be given a universal screener within the final 10 instructional days of the school year

- Require beginning with the 2025-2026 school year require that a student remain in kindergarten for an additional year if they did not make adequate progress in kindergarten
- Prohibit a school from requiring a student who turns seven by August 1 to remain in kindergarten
- Require the school to reevaluate the reading improvement plan of any student remaining in kindergarten
- Allows a student to be given an additional year in kindergarten to advance through the primary program when it is determined to be in the student's best interest.



CURRENT STATUS

2/12/2025 – Passed House

HB241 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDARS *(TRUETT, TIMMY)*

AN ACT relating to school district calendars and declaring an emergency.

This bill would give districts more options to make up lost instructional days including adding time to an instructional day and waivers if days cannot be made up by June 4.

- Allow local school districts to make up days missed by adding instructional time to student attendance days
- Notwithstanding the requirement for the student instructional year to have 170 student attendance days
- Allow waiver of up to five student attendance days if a school district is unable to provide the required 1,062 hours of instruction by June 4, 2025
- Require local boards of education seeking to revise its calendar to submit a plan for approval to the Department of Education and allow instructional time made up and days waived to count as employee contracted days
- EMERGENCY.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB249 KEES SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING NONCERTIFIED SCHOOLS *(BAKER, SHANE)*

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

Allows noncertified school students to receive KEES awards.

- Establish the use of a specified equivalent grade point average for eligible graduates of certain private, parochial, or church schools based on the Advanced Placement exam score, dual credit courses grade point average, or a combination of both for participation in the KEES program.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB251 EVALUATION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS *(CALLAWAY, EMILY)*

AN ACT relating to the evaluation of educator preparation programs.

This bill would require EPSB rather than CPE to ensure teacher prep programs are producing highly skilled educators.

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



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB258 SCHOOL BUS STOPS *(GROSSBERG, DANIEL)*

AN ACT relating to school bus stops.

This bill would require the unit of government that maintains the street where a school bus stop is located to install security cameras to increase the safety and security of the bus stop.

- Define "bus stop camera system," "school bus stop," and "qualifying school district"
- Require the installation of video cameras at each school bus stop in a qualifying school district
- Require the unit of government responsible for maintaining the road where the bus stop is located to install the cameras and retain the video images
- Specify the allowable uses of the video images and provides for retention timeframes
- Require school districts to notify the Transportation Cabinet and all local governments that maintain roads in the district of the location of school bus stops.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB259 MATERNITY LEAVE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES *(GROSSBERG, DANIEL)*

AN ACT providing maternity leave for public school employees.

Would provide for 20 days of maternity for district employee who gives birth.

- Provide 20 maternity days to district employees who give birth
- Establish the terms and conditions for use of maternity days.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB263 STUDENT TEACHER STIPEND PROGRAM *(BANTA, KIM)*

AN ACT relating to the student teacher stipend program.

This bill would limit the student teacher stipend program to student teachers who are Kentucky residents.

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



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB268 SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM *(CAMUEL, ADRIELLE)*

AN ACT relating to social studies curriculum.

The bill would require the roles of people and races who are often underrepresented to be included in history and social studies curriculums.

- Require social studies instruction, materials, and academic standards to include the roles and contributions of indigenous peoples, people of color, and people from other marginalized or non-European groups, as well as lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people in the history of the United States and the Commonwealth.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB270 PUBLIC SCHOOL RESTROOM FACILITIES *(CAMUEL, ADRIELLE)*

AN ACT relating to public school restroom facilities.

This bill would require all new school construction to have at least one 'single-user' restroom facility.

- Define "single-user toilet facility" and require the chief state school officer not approve plans for specific new school buildings or alterations to school buildings unless the plans provide sufficient single-user toilet facilities, with a minimum requirement of one
- Require the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations regarding the required number of single-user toilet facilities in school buildings
- Require a school where more that 25 percent of the school's restroom facilities are single-user restroom facilities to develop a plan to assist students needing additional privacy due to urgent medical or biological needs to use facilities that provide additional privacy and provide possible aspects of the plan.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB271 SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES *(CAMUEL, ADRIELLE)*

AN ACT relating to school district employees and making an appropriation therefor.

Would require funds be appropriated for all school employees to receive a 5% pay increase in FY 2025-26.

- Appropriate necessary funds for local school districts to provide a five percent salary increase to eligible employees in fiscal year 2025-2026
- APPROPRIATION.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB272 READING AND WRITING IN SCHOOLS *(HEAVRIN, SAMARA)*

AN ACT relating to reading and writing in schools.

This bill would require dyslexia toolkits maintained by school districts to include guidance on dealing with the learning disability known as 'dysgraphia' that affects a student's handwriting and other fine motor skills.

- Define "dysgraphia" and require the Department of Education to annually review and update the dyslexia toolkits

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



CURRENT STATUS

2/12/2025 – Passed House

HB292 INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS *(WILSON, NICK)*

AN ACT relating to interscholastic athletics.

This bill would allow a high school student participating in interscholastic athletics to be immediately eligible to participate in any sport upon the student’s first transfer to another school, but would be subject to transfer eligibility rules for all subsequent school transfers.

- Establishes an interscholastic varsity athletics eligibility rule for transfers between member schools.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB294 SCHOOL CURRICULUM *(BAKER, SHANE)*

AN ACT relating to school curriculum.

This bill would require all students in grades 7 and 10 to receive instruction using the success sequences method that requires students to have developed a strong

foundation in concepts and the ability to use this knowledge before moving on to more complex concepts in any given course of instruction.

- Define "Success Sequence" and require all students to receive instruction on the Success Sequence during grades 7 and 10 beginning with the 2026-2027 school year
- Require the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations to establish academic standards for instruction on the Success Sequence
- Require the Department of Education to develop guidelines for implementing Success Sequence instruction
- Permit superintendents to partner with Kentucky-based nonprofits to develop required curriculum.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB297 SCHOOL DISTRICTS *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to school districts.

This bill provides a merger process for any contiguous districts and requires KBE to determine the terms of merger for an insolvent district that cannot reach an agreement to merge with a contiguous district.

- Provide a merger process for any contiguous school districts
- Require the Kentucky Board of Education to determine the terms of merger for an insolvent district if no agreement between the school districts can be reached, and to promulgate administrative regulations regarding mergers due to insolvency.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB298 SCHOOLS IDENTIFIED FOR COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT AND IMPROVEMENT *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement in schools.

This bill establishes new requirements for CSI districts and revises an existing requirement.

- Require the Kentucky Department of Education to annually identify schools for comprehensive support and improvement (CSI)
- Require the audit of a CSI school to include an assessment and recommendation regarding the principal's capacity to lead the turnaround effort
- Remove the required use of a turnaround vendor by a CSI school
- Require the department to establish professional learning for teachers in a CSI school
- Require the superintendent of the district in which the CSI school is located to adopt evidence-based curriculum and select high-quality instructional materials for the school.



CURRENT STATUS

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

**HB300 PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN
EDUCATION** (CHESTER-BURTON, BEVERLY)

AN ACT relating to preschool and kindergarten education.

This bill would require full-day preschool programs for eligible 3 and 4 year-olds.

- 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
- Requires 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

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

HB301 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

REQUIREMENTS *(BRATCHER, STEVE)*

AN ACT relating to high school graduation requirements.

This bill would allow participation in a physically demanding interscholastic athletic activity to satisfy a physical education graduation requirement.

- Allow participation in physically demanding interscholastic athletics, or similar activities, as determined by a local board of education to satisfy physical education course graduation requirements.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB324 EDUCATION *(BANTA, KIM)*

AN ACT relating to educators.

This bill addresses the issue of school districts losing otherwise qualified candidates because they are unable to pass all sections of the PRAXIS or other educator competency exam.

- Authorize a local board of education to establish minimum score requirements for certified positions within the district on specific assessments related to content knowledge, competency in educational practices, or both
- Require the district include minimum score information in any posts or notices for a related certified vacancy
- Removes successful completion of assessments prior to receiving a teacher certification



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB342 FINANCIAL LITERACY (MEREDITH, MICHAEL)

AN ACT relating to financial literacy.

Financial literacy course requirement.

- Requires one credit in financial literacy during the eleventh or twelfth grade for students entering grade nine during or after the 2026-2027 school year
- Directs minimum topics to be covered in the course and directs that the financial literacy course be accepted as a math, social studies, or elective course graduation requirement
- Require the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Kentucky Financial Empowerment Commission, to determine which courses meet the financial literacy course requirement.



CURRENT STATUS

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

HB379 SCHOOL DISTRICT USE OF AUTONOMOUS VEHICLES (CAMUEL, ADRIELLE)

AN ACT relating to school district use of autonomous vehicles.

Would prohibit the use of self-driving cars to transport students.

- Prohibits school districts from operating fully autonomous vehicles for transporting students.



CURRENT STATUS

2/6/2025 – Introduced

HB404 EDUCATION (TIPTON, JAMES)

AN ACT relating to education.

This is a 'shell bill' that enables sponsor to amend with new language, ostensibly after the deadline for introducing new bills has passed.

- Amend KRS 156.690 to insert gender-neutral language.



CURRENT STATUS

2/7/2025 - Introduced

HB430 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TRAINING *(CLINES, MIKE)*

AN ACT relating to school bus safety training.

This bill would require KBE to promulgate regulations for a school bus safety program that may include regular instruction of pupils in school bus safety.

- Authorizes the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations for a school safety program that may require regular instruction of pupils in school bus safety
- Allows a school district to obtain an exemption from any school bus safety instruction requirement if the district transports forty-eight or fewer pupils in the district's gross average daily attendance of transported pupils
- Requires exempted districts to develop and implement a school bus safety instruction policy.



CURRENT STATUS

2/11/2025 - Introduced

HB433 SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION *(FRAZIER GORDON, DEANNA)*

AN ACT relating to school construction.

Requirement to consult with Center for School Safety when constructing or renovating buildings.

- Require local school boards to consult with the Center for School Safety when constructing or renovating school buildings.



CURRENT STATUS

2/12/2025 - Introduced

HB435 TEACHERS *(BOJANOWSKI, TINA)*

AN ACT relating to teachers.

Would require teachers to be compensated for non-instructional time spent supervising or instructing students.

- Require teachers to be compensated for non-instructional planning time within their school day during which they are required to supervise or instruct students.



CURRENT STATUS

2/12/2025 - Introduced

HB439 SCHOOL NUTRITION *(DOAN, STEVEN)*

AN ACT relating to school nutrition.

Would ban schools from selling or providing ultra-processed foods during the schools day.

Bans schools from selling or providing ultra-processed foods during the school day.



CURRENT STATUS

2/12/2025 - Introduced

HB440 STUDENTS *(DOAN, STEVEN)*

AN ACT relating to students.

This bill, similar to a bill introduced in 2024 in the Senate, that would allow part-time enrollment, ostensibly for home school students to take advanced course work. The bill also has several provisions to protect the rights on non-resident students under the open borders law when transferring to an out of district school.

- Allow the enrollment of a child on a part-time basis in a school district and establish conditions for the part-time enrollment
- Prohibit a district's nonresident pupil policy from discriminating against any pupil on the basis of residential address, abilities, disability, race, ethnicity, sex, or socioeconomic status
- Require the policy be posted on the district website and prohibit charging tuition to any child
- Require a board of education to establish policies for a calculation to determine enrollment capacity
- Establish requirements for a district's nonresident pupil policy and require districts to report to the Kentucky Department of Education numbers related to nonresident pupils and require the department to publish the reports on the department's website
- Authorize the department to promulgate administrative regulations for nonresident enrollment appeals processes and forms



CURRENT STATUS

2/12/2025 - Introduced

HB441 REEMPLOYMENT AFTER RETIREMENT IN THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to reemployment after retirement in the Teachers' Retirement System.

This bill makes it easier for districts to re-employ retired teachers and changes pension rules to encourage retired teachers to return to work.

- Remove language requiring superintendents to make every reasonable effort to hire qualified applicants for teaching and nonteaching positions and increase the percentage of retired members that an employer can employ full-time from three percent to 10 percent
- Increase the number of retired members that a local school district may employ under the critical shortage provision from one percent of total active members employed by the school district or two members to 10 percent or four members
- Removes Kentucky Virtual High School from the list of schools the Department of Education operates
- Remove the pension waiver program

- Remove language requiring superintendents to make every reasonable effort to hire qualified applicants for critical shortage areas
- Allow current participants in the pension waiver program to continue to participate.



CURRENT STATUS

2/12/2025 - Introduced

HB448 TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT *(AULL, CHAD)*

AN ACT relating to teacher professional development.

Would require teachers to be paid for professional development activities outside of the days scheduled in the school calendar or scheduled in the school-work day.

- Provide that certified school personnel shall be compensated for professional development activities required outside of the days scheduled in the school calendar or regularly scheduled hours in the school-work day.



CURRENT STATUS

2/12/2025 - Introduced

HB451 TEACHERS *(GROSSBERG, DANIEL)*

AN ACT relating to teachers.

Would create a teacher scholarship program to encourage perspective teachers to enter the profession.

- Establish the prospective educator scholarship and define eligibility for the program

- Direct the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to administer the program
- Provide monetary awards for student loan repayment for eligible students who complete qualified teaching service
- Establish the prospective educator scholarship fund.



CURRENT STATUS

2/12/2025 - Introduced

HB454 CHAPLAINS IN SCHOOLS *(WESLEY, BILL)*

AN ACT relating to chaplains in schools.

This bill would require districts to either employ a school chaplain or have a volunteer chaplain with all the required background checks for employed or volunteer adults in a school.

- Require school districts and public charter schools to employ a chaplain or accept a chaplain as a volunteer and set eligibility for employed and volunteer chaplains
- Require that employed and volunteer chaplains submit background checks and include a volunteer chaplain as an adult who is required to have a background check
- Provides that the Act may be cited as the Teachers and School Chaplains Act.



CURRENT STATUS

2/12/2025 - Introduced

HB460 PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION *(DONWORTH, ANNE)*

AN ACT relating to preschool and kindergarten education.

This bill would require districts to provide a full-day preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds.

- 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 and 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

2/12/2025 - Introduced

HB494 SUPPORT SYSTEMS FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS *(RILEY, STEVE)*

AN ACT relating to support systems for English language learners in common schools.

This bill establishes a program to help school districts bring ESL students to English language proficiency within three years.

- Establish the English learner enhanced support program under the Department of Education to help bring English learners with little or no formal education to grade-level proficiency within three years
- Require the department to set standards for program, contract with a provider meeting certain standards and with record of success with qualified English learners, identify eligible districts or schools, offer the program to as many students as funds permit, and report to the Legislative Research Commission regarding progress of program
- Permit KDE to promulgate administrative regulations to administer the program.



CURRENT STATUS

2/13/2025 - Introduced

HB509 EDUCATION *(OSBORNE, DAVID W.)*

AN ACT relating to education.

Shell Bill.

- Insert gender-neutral language.



CURRENT STATUS

2/13/2025 - Introduced

HB509 EDUCATION *(OSBORNE, DAVID W.)*

AN ACT relating to education.

- Insert gender-neutral language.



CURRENT STATUS

2/13/2025 - Introduced

HB526 EDUCATION *(FLEMING, KEN)*

AN ACT relating to education.

Shell Bill.

- Insert gender-neutral language.



CURRENT STATUS

2/13/2025 - Introduced

HB528 READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS INSTRUCTION *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to reading and language arts instruction.

This bill would prohibit the use of three-cueing curriculum in reading instruction. Similar legislation was strongly opposed in the 2024 session by districts that had already invested considerable funds in three-cueing systems and indicated the curriculum produced positive results.

- Require the Kentucky Department of Education to establish an approved list of reading curriculum that does not use a three-cueing system
Prohibit school districts from using any curriculum that employs a three-cueing system
- Prohibit the use of a three-cueing system in teacher professional development
- Require the Educational Professional Standards Board to promulgate administrative regulations establishing curriculum for each approved educator preparation program
- Specify that educator preparation programs shall use evidence-based reading instruction and intervention programs and shall not provide instruction on a three-cueing system
- Require the board to include in the standards set for teacher preparation programs that the programs shall use evidence-based reading instruction and intervention programs and shall not provide instruction on a three-cueing system.



CURRENT STATUS

2/13/2025 - Introduced

HB530 FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN *(GROSSL, VANESSA)*

AN ACT relating to full-day kindergarten.

This bill seeks to require full day kindergarten funding.

- Removes language that allows for half-day kindergarten programs
- Remove references to kindergarten full-time equivalent pupils in average daily attendance for program base funding purposes



CURRENT STATUS

2/13/2025 - Introduced

HB541 PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS *(CAMUEL, ADRIELLE)*

AN ACT relating to public charter schools.

This bill would repeal the KY Charter School Act by removing all statutory references.

- Removes all statutory references to public charter schools



CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2025 - Introduced

HB554 EDUCATION FUNDING INTEGRITY *(DOAN, STEVEN)*

AN ACT relating to education funding integrity.

This bill prohibits public elementary, secondary or postsecondary schools from receiving funds from the Chinese government, Chinese Communist Party, or agents thereof, and requires reporting of any foreign source funding.

- Defines "foreign source" and precludes common schools from receiving funds from the Chinese government, Chinese Communist Party, or agents thereof
- Requires reporting of foreign source funding in common schools
- Define "foreign source" and precludes public postsecondary education institutions schools from receiving funds from the Chinese government, Chinese Communist Party, or agents thereof
- Requires reporting of foreign source funding in public postsecondary education institutions.



CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2025 - Introduced

HB557 ELEMENTARY LITERACY *(STEVENSON, PAMELA)*

AN ACT relating to elementary literacy and making an appropriation therefore.

This bill would create a home library program for students in grades K through 5.

- Establishes the Kids Love to Read Program and specifies the program is for children in kindergarten through grade five
- Requires books to be sent to children's homes and requires the Department for Libraries and Archives to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to administer the program
- Appropriate \$500,000 in fiscal year 2025-2026 to support the program
- APPROPRIATION.



CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2025 - Introduced

HB558 KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS *(STEVENSON, PAMELA)*

AN ACT relating to Kentucky educational excellence scholarships.

This bill extends KEES eligibility to 8 years after high school graduation.

- Extend the expiration of KEES eligibility from five to eight years from high school graduation.



CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2025 - Introduced

HB584 EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVES *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to educational cooperatives.

This bill subject education co-ops to the same oversight and requirement the KY Board of Education maintains over school districts, a similar bill, HB 372 was introduced in 2024 but did not move.

- Provide that an interlocal cooperative board is an extension school district and all statutes and administrative regulations that apply to school districts extend to interlocal cooperative boards
- Provide that the Kentucky Board of Education has the management and control of interlocal cooperative boards and that the board shall manage interlocal cooperative boards in the same manner and method as the board manages school districts

- Provide that the commissioner of education is responsible for monitoring the management of interlocal cooperative boards and provides that the commissioner of education shall receive and examine all KBE reports of interlocal cooperative boards and see that all financial and educational accounts are accurately and neatly kept
- Include inefficiencies in the governance and administration of interlocal cooperative boards in the commissioner's report on recommendations on the designation of school districts as "state assisted" or "state managed"
- Extend school district audit requirements to include interlocal cooperative boards and authorize the accountant to access the financial records of interlocal cooperative boards
- Apply the misdemeanor penalty to preventing or obstructing an audit of an interlocal cooperative board to any interlocal cooperative school board officer or employee.



CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2025 - Introduced

HB589 STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY *(MOSER, KIMBERLY POORE)*

AN ACT relating to student health and safety.

This bill requires the state school security marshal to investigate serious physical injury or death incidents that occur on school property, or at school events, and requires the coroner to conduct an autopsy.

- Define "critical incident," and require investigations in emergency plans for critical incidents, and state the goals of the investigations
- Tasks the state school security marshal with investigating serious physical injury or death incidents that occur on school property, at school-sanctioned events, or during interscholastic athletic events
- Outlines the parameters of the investigation, require referral of potential criminal charges, and require necessary administrative regulations
- Require the coroner conduct an autopsy in deaths occurring on public or nonpublic school property or during a school-sanctioned event.



CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2025 - Introduced

HB600 SUPPORT EDUCATION EXCELLENCE IN KENTUCKY PROGRAM *(CAMUEL, ADRIELLE)*

AN ACT relating to the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky Program, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Would make a supplemental \$26M appropriation to SEEK to cover the remaining amount of the shortfall after \$14.1M budget adjustment to cover the amount required to be paid to districts was made on Feb. 14.

- Appropriate \$26,000,000 in General Fund in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) budget unit from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account
- APPROPRIATION
- EMERGENCY.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 – Introduced

HB603 SCHOOL COOPERATION WITH PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATIONS *(HART, MARK)*

AN ACT relating to school cooperation with patriotic organizations.

Would require districts to allow organizations meeting the definition of a federally recognized patriotic civic service organization that consists of or serves youths to be allowed to provide students information during a school day.

- Defines "organization" as a federally recognized patriotic civic service organization that consists of or serves youths
- Permits an organization to request and require superintendents to provide an opportunity to provide information to students on school property during a school day.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

HB607 MORAL INSTRUCTION *(PETRIE, JASON)*

AN ACT relating to moral instruction.

Provides a process school districts can use to allow students to attend moral instruction programs

- Details process by which local boards of education may permit pupils to attend moral instruction
- Permits individuals or groups offering moral instruction to submit a request to a board and set requirements to be included in request
- Requires superintendents to submit individuals providing transportation or moral instruction for criminal history and CA/N background checks
- Provide that students attending moral instruction are counted in average daily attendance for SEEK funding



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

HB619 EDUCATION *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to education.

Shell Bill

- Insert gender-neutral language.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

HB626 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES *(DONWORTH, ANNE)*

AN ACT relating to local school board student representatives.

Would require at least one student representative on school boards

- Requires 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

2/18/2025 - Introduced

HB636 EDUCATION (LEWIS, SCOTT)

AN ACT relating to education.

Shell Bill

- Insert gender-neutral language.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

HB637 EDUCATION (LEWIS, SCOTT)

AN ACT relating to education.

Amend KRS 156.690 to insert gender-neutral language.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

HB638 TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM (THOMAS, WALKER)

AN ACT relating to the Teachers' Retirement System.

TRS Cleanup Bill

- Add certain employees of WeLeadCS to the definition of "member"
- Allow Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) to promulgate administrative regulations to facilitate payment and collection for purchased service credit, and make technical changes
- Allow TRS to establish a title holding company for certain investments
- Specify the deadline for a written appeal of a TRS decision is not subject to the jurisdiction of any court or appeal process

- Allow agreements for commingled investments or real property to be made in or governed by laws outside of the Commonwealth
- Cease interest accrual on the retirement account of members convicted of a felony related to employment after the date of conviction
- Allow a member appealing denial of disability and the member's legal counsel to have access to all written material submitted by the medical review committee to TRS and make technical changes
- Specify the deadline for changes to a member's retirement application is not subject to the jurisdiction of any court or appeal process
- Add filing and other deadlines for information the member or beneficiary is responsible for obtaining
- Specify the deadline for electing a new optional plan of payment or for a change of beneficiary shall not be subject to the jurisdiction of any court or appeal process
- Clarify the deadline for filing an application for disability benefits is not subject to the jurisdiction of any court or appeal process, that failure to provide income and employment verification documentation or submission of false or fraudulent documentation will result in suspension or disqualification from disability benefits, to allow a member and the member's counsel to be entitled to all written recommendations and reports submitted by the medical review committee, and make technical changes
- Allow determination of errors resulting in over or underpayment to be determined by the TRS board or staff



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

HB653 EDUCATION (CALLOWAY, JOSH)

AN ACT relating to education and declaring an emergency.

Would require principals to remove any material, performances, events, or programs that are meeting the definition of obscene and harmful to minors

- Change the definition of "harmful to minors" and define terms and deem material, performances, events, or programs that are obscene, harmful to minors, or contain obscene imagery representing minors as educationally unsuitable and not age appropriate

- Require principals to remove student access to materials, programs, or events deemed educationally unsuitable or not age appropriate
- Require that principal or local board of education report that a material, program, or event was educationally unsuitable and age appropriate to the educational materials review committee
- Provide that willful violation be a basis for employee disciplinary action
- Require local boards of education to adopt policies to prevent educationally unsuitable and not age appropriate material from being introduced into the school library or made accessible on school property
- Require the Kentucky Department of Education to provide a model policy for excluding matter that is educationally unsuitable and not age appropriate from school libraries
- Require the Kentucky Board of Education to establish an educational materials review committee to evaluate decisions made locally and provide recommendations to the Kentucky Board of Education on the usage of reported materials, programs, and events
- EMERGENCY.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

HB655 **TEACHERS** *(CHESTER-BURTON, BEVERLY)*

AN ACT relating to teachers.

Would establish a future teacher scholarship program

- Establish the future Kentucky teacher scholarship and define eligibility for the program;
- Direct the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to administer the program
- Provide monetary awards for student loan repayment for eligible students who complete qualified teaching service; establish the future Kentucky teacher scholarship fund.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

HB661 TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS *(CALLAWAY, EMILY)*

AN ACT relating to the transportation of students and declaring an emergency.

Would allow KBE to promulgate regulations for passenger vehicles used to transport students.

- Authorize the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations to govern the operation of passenger vehicles used to transport students that are owned, leased, or privately contracted by school districts
- Provide that operators of a passenger vehicle that is owned, leased, or privately contracted by the district to transport students shall possess a valid Class D operator's license
- EMERGENCY.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

HB669 STUDENT ATTENDANCE DAYS *(SMITH, TOM)*

AN ACT relating to student attendance days and declaring an emergency.

This bill would grant school districts credit for student attendance days missed during the September 2024 incident when a sniper fired at vehicles on interstate 75 in Laurel County

- Establish a waiver process and eligibility requirements for school districts to be granted credit for student attendance days missed during September 2024 due to dangers posed by criminal activity
- EMERGENCY.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 – Introduced

HB694 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BENEFIT FUNDING *(PETRIE, JASON)*

AN ACT relating to Teachers' Retirement System benefit funding.

Would require the employee funding for the TRS health insurance program to be used to pay down the unfunded liability of the TRS pension fund once the health insurance program is 100% funded.

- Relating to the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), to require that once the TRS retiree health fund has an actuarial funding level of at least 100%, then the employer funding for retiree health shall be used to pay down the unfunded liability of the TRS pension fund
- Require that if the actuarial funding level of the TRS retiree health fund falls below 95%, then the employer funding shall be restored to the retiree health fund until the retiree health fund is 100% funded
- Provide that the TRS board of trustees shall not recommend changes to the General Assembly to reduce employee or employer funding for retiree health or reduce board adopted charges under the shared responsibility provisions for health benefits for retirees under the age of 65 until the pension and retiree health funds are each 100% funded.



CURRENT STATUS

2/19/2025 - Introduced

HB719 SCHOOL COUNSELORS *(STALKER, SARAH)*

AN ACT relating to school counselors and making an appropriation therefor.

Would require the necessary funds to be appropriated to SEEK for

- Appropriate necessary funds to the SEEK Program budget unit to provide financial assistance to local school districts for employment of school counselors
- APPROPRIATION.



CURRENT STATUS

2/19/2025 - Introduced

HB732 ESTABLISHING THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR KENTUCKY TEACHERS PROGRAM *(IMES, MARY BETH)*

AN ACT establishing the School Supplies for Kentucky Teachers program.

Would require KBE to create a school supplies program for teachers and enter into contracts with school supplies vendors

- Establish the School Supplies for Kentucky Teachers Program to provide eligible classroom teachers with financial and technical support in purchasing school supplies
- Authorize the Kentucky Board of Education to adopt policies and promulgate administrative regulations necessary to administer the program
- Require the Kentucky Department of Education to enter into contracts for an online commerce platform and to identify online school supplies vendors for the program
- Provide that the Act may be cited as the School Supplies for Kentucky Teachers Act.



CURRENT STATUS

2/19/2025 - Introduced

HB737 ELIMINATING NONTRADITIONAL INSTRUCTION *(RABOURN, FELICIA)*

AN ACT relating to eliminating nontraditional instruction.

Would prohibit authorization of NTI days

- Remove the authorization for nontraditional instruction.



CURRENT STATUS

2/19/2025 - Introduced

HB743 EDUCATION *(TRUETT, TIMMY)*

Shell Bill

AN ACT relating to education.

- Insert gender-neutral language.



CURRENT STATUS

2/19/2025 - Introduced

HB743 EDUCATION *(TRUETT, TIMMY)*

AN ACT relating to education.

Shell bill

- Insert gender-neutral language.



CURRENT STATUS

2/19/2025 - Introduced

HB752 SALARIES FOR SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS *(ROBERTS, T.J.)*

AN ACT relating to salaries for school administrators.

This bill would peg superintendent salaries to the number of students who are proficient and beginning with the 2026-27 school year apply similar criteria to other administrator positions. Cap administrative salaries at 10% of the district budget.

- Require, beginning July 1, 2025, any new or renewal contract of a superintendent shall include a provision to review and adjust the total salary paid and benefits provided at the end of every two contract years
- Limit the total salary and benefits of a school district superintendent to three times the median Rank I salary on the school district's salary schedule if no less than 50 percent of students in the district are proficient or above, and to two times the median if less than 50 percent are proficient or above
- Provide that no limit to the superintendent salary applies if 75 percent or more students are proficient or above
- Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 160 to require, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, the limitation of salary paid to administrator positions using criteria similar to that established for the superintendent
- Provide that in order to be eligible to receive support education excellence in Kentucky funds a school district must compensate all administrators in accordance with the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Act and ensure that the

annual aggregate administrator salaries for the district do not exceed ten percent of the total district budget.



CURRENT STATUS

2/19/2025 - Introduced



HB758 CAREER AND TECHINCAL EDUCATION *(KULKARNI, NIMA)*

AN ACT relating to career and technical education.

Would apportion supplemental funds for career and technical education to be 75 percent for enrollment-based funding and 25 percent for incentive-based funding

- Apportion supplemental funds for career and technical education to be 75 percent for enrollment-based funding and 25 percent for incentive-based funding
- Modify incentives to permit two incentives per student
- Require "concentrator" status as the first incentive before eligibility for a second incentive.



CURRENT STATUS

2/19/2025 - Introduced

HB777 SCHOOL MAPPING *(BRATCHER, STEVE)*

AN ACT relating to school mapping.

Would make Office of Homeland Security responsible for school mapping data instead of the Office for School Safety

- Require that administration of the School Mapping Data Program be the responsibility of the Office of Homeland Security instead of the Center for School Safety.



CURRENT STATUS

2/19/2025 - Introduced

HB779 SCHOOL PERSONNEL *(CHESTER-BURTON, BEVERLY)*

AN ACT relating to school personnel.

Would require districts to give school employees 60 days of leave and mental health services who are the victims a physical assault causing injury, and require expulsion of students engaging in serious assaults.

- Require school districts to provide a teacher or other employee leave with no loss of income or benefits for 60 school days following an assault against the teacher or employee that results in a physical injury
- Specify the terms of the leave and require the school district to pay for mental health services of the teacher or employee's choosing during the leave period
- Require a local board of education to adopt a policy requiring expulsion when a student physically assaults or batters school personnel
- Provide that the policy may permit case-by-case modifications with the consent of the victim
- Permit the safety of school personnel to be a factor in issuing suspensions and expulsions of primary school students
- Require school employees to report threats or plans of violence towards school personnel
- Include battery and abuse resulting in injury as acts to be reported
- Remove the requirement that a physical injury be serious to be reported



CURRENT STATUS

2/19/2025 - Introduced

HB807 SCHOOL BUILDINGS *(BANTA, KIM)*

AN ACT relating to school buildings.

Would allow school property to be utilized for affordable housing for school employees.

- Allows school property to be utilized for teacher and employee housing

- Create a new section of KRS Chapter 162 to permit school boards or school district finance corporations to use land currently owned or newly leased to provide affordable housing options for teachers and school employees.



CURRENT STATUS

2/19/2025 - Introduced

HB809 STUDENT HEALTH *(MOSEK, KIMBERLY POORE)*

AN ACT relating to student health.

Allows schools to work with the local health department to implement a health curriculum

- Authorize a superintendent or principal to request assistance from a local health department to implement a health curriculum, comply with statutory program requirements, or provide additional health programming for students
- Provide example programs a local health department may offer and require instruction and programming provided in partnership with a local health department be subject to the curricular requirements of KRS 160.345.



CURRENT STATUS

2/19/2025 - Introduced

SB3 STUDENT-ATHLETES *(WISE, MAX)*

AN ACT relating to student-athletes and declaring an emergency.

This bill adds additional regulations to NIL agreements including a prohibition on using school property in the prohibition of a high school student-athlete's use of school property as part of a NIL agreement.

- Allow the limitation of earning compensation through a NIL agreement through an institutional agreement between the student-athlete and the institution or affiliated organization

- Permit an institution or association to require compensation be consistent with the prevailing range of compensation
- Conform and authorize a student-athlete to receive compensation from an institution or its affiliated corporation through a written institutional agreement; authorize an institution or affiliated corporation to designate a media rights holder or other third parties whom an institution's student-athletes may directly enter into NIL agreements with
- Conform and provide affiliated corporation's employees with the same liability protections as institution employees as it relates to damages resulting from decisions and actions routinely taken in the course of intercollegiate athletics; delete language providing that nothing in the section protects institutions from acts of gross negligence and certain misconduct; exempt a student-athlete's institutional agreements not from disclosure under the Kentucky Open Records Act
- Include the waiver for actions brought on institutional agreements under KRS 45A.245; amend KRS 164.6951 to conform and include prospective student athletes in provisions concerning the reaffirming of NIL agreements or agency contracts when no longer participating in intercollegiate athletics
- Includes school property in the prohibition of a high school student-athlete's use of member school property
- EMERGENCY.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

SB5 PUBLIC SCHOOLS *(WEST, STEPHEN)*

AN ACT relating to public schools.

This bill would establish procedures for the Commissioner of Education to take control of a CSI school that does not make annual improvement for two years or does not exit CSI after three years.

- Includes identification as a state intervention school when a school enters comprehensive support and improvement status and does not make annual improvement for two years or does not exit the status after three years
- Create a new section of KRS Chapter 160 to define "state intervention school" and require the identification of state intervention schools with the 2027-2028 school year

- Establish the procedures for identification and require the commissioner of education to take management of the state intervention school and develop an intervention plan to the Kentucky Board of Education for approval
- Establish the authorities of the commissioner of education over the state intervention school
- Establish the criteria for a school to exit status as an state intervention school
- Create a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to establish a procedure for a local board of education to submit a waiver request to the Kentucky Board of Education to waive a statute or administrative regulation
- Set the terms and limitations of waivers
- Authorize the identification of schools of innovation and establish parameters for the status
- Establish procedures for the renewal of approved waivers
- Provide the conditions and procedure for rescinding waivers by the state board
- Authorize the promulgation of administrative regulations to adopt necessary forms and procedures to process waiver requests
- Provide that the Act may be cited as the School Improvement and Innovation Act.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

SB6 SUPPORT EDUCATION EXCELLENCE IN KENTUCKY PROGRAM *(GIVENS, DAVID P.)*

AN ACT relating to the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky Program.

This bill would distribute the 'on behalf of' payments to districts through the SEEK formula rather than appropriating them to KDE for distribution to districts. These are funds that are currently distributed to districts via KDE for such things as TRS pension payments, school employee health insurance, and other 'on behalf of' payments. Distributing the payments through the SEEK formula might benefit lower property wealth districts compared to higher wealth districts. OEA report 471 in 2021 looked at the impact of distributing just TRS payments through SEEK and found that such a change would benefit lower wealth districts.

- Include costs paid on behalf of districts in the definition of "Support Education Excellence in Kentucky"

- Define "distributable cost" and "on-behalf cost" and amend KRS 157.330 to include appropriations of on-behalf costs in the fund to support education excellence in Kentucky
- Provide for the calculation of total costs of the program to support education excellence in Kentucky to include on-behalf costs and distributable costs
- Provide for the calculation and provide for the determination of on-behalf costs
- EFFECTIVE July 1, 2026.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

SB9 TEACHER BENEFIT PROVISIONS *(HIGDON, JIMMY)*

AN ACT relating to teacher benefit provisions and declaring an emergency.

Would set a statewide uniform policy starting June 30, 2025 of 12 total sick/leave days annually for members of TRS that will be covered by the state for payout and retirement benefit purposes for days not used. Also provides a 30-day maternity day benefit for TRS members giving birth and allows districts to make a voluntary contribution to an employee's TRS account of \$1,000 for each of the first five years of the employee's service to help attract and retain employees.

- Require school districts to establish a policy by July 1, 2030, to provide up to 30 days maternity leave to each teacher and employer who gives birth
- Require school districts to pay the actuarial costs of sick leave to the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) for future sick leave accruals in excess of 12 days each year
- Provide that the state will pay the actuarial costs for sick leave accrued as of June 30, 2025, plus up to 12 days accrued each year after June 30, 2025
- Provide that actuarial costs for sick leave for associations and agencies listed under KRS 161.220(4)(d) and (f) will be paid by the employer rather than the state
- Require each school district to annually report sick leave balances to TRS beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, and specify contents of the report
- Require TRS to annually report in the annual actuarial valuation the total liabilities and costs of the sick leave program created by KRS 161.155 and the annual leave program created by KRS 161.540(1)(f)
- Include new sick leave reporting requirements in the annual statutory reporting requirements for TRS employers

- Provide that the Auditor of Public Accounts shall perform a special audit of the sick leave program to ensure sick leave balances and costs are being reported correctly for the TRS, to determine if any entities are being provided retirement coverage in the system through participating employers listed in statute, and to require the system to pay the costs of the audit
- EMERGENCY.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

SB19 MOMENTS OF SILENCE AND REFLECTION *(GIRDLER, RICK)*

AN ACT relating to moments of silence and reflection.

Moment of silence at start of school day

- Require moments of silence or reflection at the start of each school day and establish guidelines.

CURRENT STATUS

2/20/2025 – Favorable expression by Senate Education Committee

SB31 BUS SAFETY *(YATES, DAVID)*

AN ACT relating to bus safety.

Bus safety relating to cameras, danger zone sensors.

- Defines "danger zone"; and directs the Department of Education to consider requiring the installation of school bus sensors and interior cameras on new school buses purchased on or after July 1, 2026
- Directs the department to promulgate administrative regulations and requires the department to submit a report on the availability and effectiveness of school bus sensors to the Legislative Research Commission by June 30, 2026
- Encourages cities to install safety sensors in city buses; provide that part of the Act may be cited as Ally's Law.

CURRENT STATUS

1/9/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Transportation (S)

SB38 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY *(ELKINS, GREG)*

AN ACT relating to school bus safety

Bus safety, video monitoring cameras and fines for stop arm violations

- Allow the use of camera monitoring systems on school buses operated by a school district, and allow the enforcement of a civil penalty for stop arm camera violations recorded by a camera monitoring system
- Set the amount of the civil penalty; provide that the revenue generated from a civil penalty shall be retained by the school district
- Allow a law enforcement agency to charge a fee of \$25 from every civil penalty enforced by the law enforcement agency
- Require specific notice for a stop arm camera violation and establish defenses to a violation
- Establish procedures for a contest to a violation; allow for suspension of motor vehicle registration for failure to timely pay a penalty; require a school district or law enforcement agency to notify the Transportation Cabinet of the need to release a motor vehicle registration suspension within one business day of payment
- Increase the maximum fines for failing to stop for a school or church bus that is receiving or discharging passengers
- Require traffic in the opposite direction of a school or church bus to stop for the bus on a highway that is not divided by an elevated barrier or unpaved median

CURRENT STATUS

1/9/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Transportation (S)

SB40 STUDENT JOURNALIST FREEDOM *(NEAL, GERALD A.)*

AN ACT relating to student journalist freedom.

Student journalist freedoms, this bill has been introduced in previous sessions

- Establishes additional free speech protections for student journalists and places limitations on additional protections

- Establishes protections for student media advisors and requires each local school board to adopt a written policy for time, place, and manner restrictions and for an appeals procedure
- Provides that student speech not be considered school speech
- Allow that a student journalist or student media advisor to seek injunctive relief
- Provide that the Act may be cited as the New Voices Act..



CURRENT STATUS

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

SB45 KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS *(ARMSTRONG, CASSIE CHAMBERS)*

AN ACT relating to Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships.

Increase in KEES awards

- Increase the Kentucky educational excellence scholarship base amount for each eligible grade point average
- Increase the supplemental award amounts; require a supplemental award for eligible Cambridge Advanced International scores
- Increase the award amount for an eligible student enrolled in a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program



CURRENT STATUS

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

SB48 SCHOOL MEALS AT LOW INCOME SCHOOLS *(ARMSTRONG, CASSIE CHAMBERS)*

AN ACT relating to school meals at low-income schools.

Encourages KY Proud products in meals at low-income schools

- Establish the Kentucky Proud School Match Program fund and establish the Kentucky Proud School Match Program
- Direct the Department of Education to reimburse an eligible school district \$0.33 for every meal reimbursed by the community eligibility provision at the paid rate

- Require a school district that receives reimbursement to develop and implement a Kentucky Proud school plan to identify and purchase available Kentucky-grown agricultural products and to optimize food usage
- Direct the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to carry out this section; provide that the section shall be null and void if the community eligibility provision is terminated by the United States Department of Agriculture
- Provide that the Act may be cited as the Kentucky Proud School Match Act..



CURRENT STATUS

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

SB66 LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS *(ELKINS, GREG)*

AN ACT relating to local school boards.

Requires school board ethics and removes prohibition on relatives of board members being employed by the board

- Remove the definition of "relative" and remove prohibition for local school board eligibility for individuals directly or indirectly interested in sales for which school funds are expended
- Prohibit employees of the board from being eligible for local school board membership
- Remove prohibition that a local school board candidate have no relative employed by the district
- Provide that board members may be removed from office after election for becoming an employee of the board, failure to abstain from board votes in which they have an interest, or for violation of the board's code of ethics
- Require each local school board to create a board code of ethics
- Provide that a code of ethics cannot prohibit relatives of board members from being employed by the school district



CURRENT STATUS

1/9/2025 - Introduced

SB67 PROPOSING NEW SECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY RELATING TO PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM TAXATION *(NEMES, MICHAEL J.)*

AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to property exempt from taxation.

Property tax exemption, impact on school revenues?

- AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to property exempt from taxation.



CURRENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

SB68 EDUCATION *(RAWLINGS, STEVE)*

AN ACT relating to education.

Various changes to education requirements and financial reporting, a similar bill was introduced in 2024

- Change the required learning capacities of Kentucky public school students
- Provide that schools shall expect a high level of academic achievement and shall develop students' ability to think critically and independently
- Include career and technical education
- Remove the reporting requirement relating to physical activity of students
- Remove the reporting requirement relating to participation in breakfast programs
- Reflect that school boards are tax levying authorities and do not file budgets with the county clerk and require district budgets to be published in the same manner as school financial reports



CURRENT STATUS

2/4/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

SB77 EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD *(DENEEN, MATTHEW)*

AN ACT relating to the Education Professional Standards Board.

This bill addresses the fact that at the smaller private and not for profit institutions, the chief academic officer may wear several hats with diverse responsibilities, and this bill would make it easier for their interests to be represented on the EPSB.

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



CURRENT STATUS

2/6/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

SB83 KEES SCHOLARSHIPS *(WILSON, MIKE)*

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

This bill would enable graduates of noncertified schools to receive KEES awards based on criteria, similar to HB 249.

- Includes an equivalent score on the Classic Learning Test as a KEES supplemental amount
- Defines "eligible noncertified school graduate" and the definitions of "KEES award," "KEES award maximum," and "KEES base amount" for an eligible noncertified school graduate
- Establish an equivalent grade point average for eligible noncertified school graduates based on the graduate's ACT score.



CURRENT STATUS

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

SB90 CHILDREN *(BERG, KAREN)*

AN ACT relating to children.

This bill would repeal the provisions of SB 150 relating to instruction on human sexuality, pronoun usage, and restrictions on non-surgical treatment of gender dysphoria

- Remove provisions related to parental rights and courses, curriculums, or programs on human sexuality
- Provide for a process for parents to opt out of their child receiving instruction on the subject of human sexuality
- Remove language limiting Kentucky Board of Education or Department of Education policies regarding student confidential information and the use of pronouns
- Require a local school district to use pronouns for students upon a request from a parent along with a note from a medical provider diagnosing the child with gender dysphoria
- Remove language concerning parental consent for well-being questionnaires or assessments or a health screening
- Make findings about children and young adults desiring individual privacy and require a school to provide an accommodation to any student who requests an area of individual privacy in restrooms, locker rooms, and shower rooms, regardless of biological sex or gender identity
- Require school officials to provide an accommodation for individual privacy for children whose gender is different from his or her biological sex and who have a note from a medical provider diagnosing the child with gender dysphoria
- Permit alternate accommodations upon the parent's request
- Prohibit surgical or medical treatment of a child under the age of 18 years for gender dysphoria, and any nonsurgical medical treatment without the consent of the child's parent or legal guardian
- Require that the provision of nonsurgical medical treatment to a child under the age of 18 years apply only to a child with a medical diagnosis from a mental health care provider and by a trained and experienced health care provider in collaboration with a clinical psychologist or psychiatrist using only appropriate nonsurgical medical treatments approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for adolescents and that meet evidence-based medical standards.



CURRENT STATUS

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

AN ACT relating to interscholastic athletics.

This bill would 108,

- Requires child dependency, neglect, and abuse information to be included in any interscholastic athletics participation consent form
- Requires any training for interscholastic athletics administrators and coaches to include information about mandatory reporting duties for child dependency, neglect, and abuse.



CURRENT STATUS

2/11/2025 – Introduced

SB131 SCHOOL GOVERNANCE (TICHENOR, LINDSEY)

AN ACT relating to school governance.

This bill, portions of which were introduced in the 2024 session, would make a number of changes to school boards including, basing the number of board members on the population of the district, changing from four-fifths to a majority the number of board members needed to remove a superintendent, delete the Commissioner of Education’s approval to remove a board member, limit the board chair to a term of one year, and remove the employee eligibility requirement for candidates for the local board of education.

- Require a majority vote instead of a four-fifths vote of board members to remove the superintendent
- Delete requirements for approval from the commissioner of education to remove a superintendent
- Remove the relative employee eligibility requirement for candidates for the local board of education
- Require a local board member obtain at least one hour of open records and open meetings training per term
- Establish a one-year term for chair and vice chair of the local board of education
- Require superintendents to submit reports on closed personnel investigations to the local board of education for the purposes of policy oversight and evaluation of the superintendent's performance

- Establish new numbers for membership of a local board of education based on district enrollment
- Require the Kentucky Board of Education to determine the required number of members every 10 years
- Provide for the election of additional members and for the reduction of membership
- Require local boards of education to report new electoral divisions to the Kentucky Board of Education and the Legislative Research Commission
- Require the Kentucky Board to make initial determinations of board size by December 31, 2025 and local boards to conduct required division changes
- Require superintendents to submit reports on previous investigations closed during the superintendent's contract to the local board of education within 30 days of the effective date of this Act.



CURRENT STATUS

2/11/2025 - Introduced

SB142 ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS *(WILSON, MIKE)*

AN ACT relating to English language learners.

This bill would increase the SEEK add-on for ESL students.

- Require that English language learners receive an additional factor of 0.24 in a school districts average daily attendance for the program to support education excellence in Kentucky, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.



CURRENT STATUS

2/12/2025 - Introduced

SB157 Education *(West, Steve)*

AN ACT relating to Education.

Shell Bill.

- Insets gender neutral language



CURRENT STATUS

2/13/2025 – Introduced

SB158 Education *(West, Steve)*

AN ACT relating to Education.

Shell Bill.

- Insets gender neutral language



CURRENT STATUS

2/13/2025 – Introduced

SB159 Education *(West, Steve)*

AN ACT relating to Education.

Shell Bill.

- Insets gender neutral language



CURRENT STATUS

2/13/2025 – Introduced

SB165 Education *Tichner, Lindsey)*

AN ACT relating to Education and declaring an emergency.

This bill would prohibit the Kentucky Department of Education, a school district, a public school, or a cooperative board from funding or engaging in any DEI program or activities.

- Prohibit a school district, public school, or cooperative board from providing differential treatment or benefits on the basis of an individual's religion, race, sex, color, or national origin

- Prohibit the Kentucky Department of Education, a school district, a public school, or a cooperative board from expending any resources on diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Prohibit the department, a school district, a public school, or a cooperative board from soliciting statements on an applicant's experience with or views on religion, race, sex, color, or national origin, from providing differential treatment or benefits to an individual based on the individual's participation in diversity, equity, and inclusion training, and from disseminating or profiting from any research, work product, or material that promotes or justifies discriminatory concepts of diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Authorize the Attorney General to bring an action for a writ of mandamus to compel the department, a school district, a public school or a cooperative board to comply
- Create a cause of action to permit a qualified individual to file a civil action against a the department, a school district, a cooperative board, or a public school for injunctive relief arising from a violation of this Act
- Permit recovery of monetary damages for a willful and intentional violation
- Waive sovereign, governmental, and qualified immunity and prohibit retaliation
- Require each public school district and cooperative board to provide the State Treasurer the name, job title, duty station, and compensation information of each employee of the school district or cooperative board each month for publication
- Require certain certification applicants to complete an approved professional development program on Kentucky education law
- Require school districts and cooperative boards to follow designated procedures when implementing this Act including termination or transfer of certain employees
- Require the Kentucky Department of Education to eliminate the Division of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging and follow designated procedures when implementing this Act including termination or transfer of certain employees
- EFFECTIVE, in part, February 1, 2026
- EMERGENCY.



CURRENT STATUS

2/13/2025 – Introduced

SB173 EDUCATION *(WILSON, MIKE)*

AN ACT relating to education.

Shell Bill.

- Insert gender-neutral language.



CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2025 - Introduced

SB181 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND VOLUNTEER MISCONDUCT *(TICHENOR, LINDSEY)*

AN ACT relating to school employee and volunteer misconduct.

This bill limits communications between school employees and volunteers with students to traceable communications programs, and requires EPSB investigations of inappropriate communications between school employees or volunteers with students.

- Directs each local board of education to designate one or more programs or applications as a traceable communication system that shall be the exclusive means for school district employees and volunteers to communicate electronically with students
- Provides that a parent may submit written consent for a designated school district employee or volunteer to communicate electronically with a student outside of the traceable communication system
- Exclude communications between a parent that is a school district employee or volunteer and his or her own children
- Establish a mandatory duty to report violations for school employees and volunteers
- Require principals, superintendents, and the commissioner of education to notify parents of allegations of unauthorized electronic communication involving their children
- Requires principals, superintendents, and the commissioner of education to report alleged violations to the Educational Professional Standards Board (EPSB)
- Require principals, superintendents, the commissioner of education, and EPSB to investigate designated allegations of unauthorized electronic communication
- Establishes the methods of disciplinary action for a violation
- Provide that the identity of complainants alleging unauthorized electronic communication, sexual contact, or other sexual misconduct that are dismissed and minors involved in the complaint to remain confidential
- Provides that EPSB will have 120 days to conduct the initial review of complaints alleging unauthorized electronic communication, sexual contact, or other sexual misconduct.



CURRENT STATUS

2/14/2025 – Introduced

SB207 PUBLIC SCHOOL INNOVATION *(WEST, STEPHEN)*

AN ACT relating to public school innovation.

Procedures for a school district to seek a waiver from a statute or regulation in order to pursue an innovative program

- Establish a procedure for a local board of education to submit a waiver request to the Kentucky Board of Education to waive a statute or administrative regulation
- Set the terms and limitations of a waivers and authorize the identification of schools of innovation and establish parameters for the status
- Establish procedures for the renewal of approved waivers
- Provide the conditions and procedure for rescinding waivers by the state board; authorize the promulgation of administrative regulations to adopt necessary forms and procedures to process waiver requests
- Provide that the Act may be cited as the School Innovation Act.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

SB213 COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE *(WILLIAMS, GEX)*

AN ACT relating to compulsory attendance.

Would exempt students 16 or older with a GED from compulsory attendance requirements

- Create an exemption for compulsory attendance in school for a child who is at least 16 years old and has obtained a High School Equivalency Diploma.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

SB224 INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS *(HERRON, KETURAH)*

AN ACT relating to interscholastic athletics.

Would require KBE or KHSAA to manage the psychological concerns of student athletes

- Require the Kentucky Board of Education or an agency designated to manage interscholastic athletics to include psychological concerns in the student athlete in sports safety courses for coaches.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

SB268 VIRTUAL EDUCATION (REED, AARON)

AN ACT relating to virtual education.

This bill appears to address the Cloverport Virtual Academy issue in that it would prohibit any caps on enrollment or withholding of SEEK funds through June 30, 2026.

- Prohibit the commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky Board of Education, and the Kentucky Department of Education from establishing or implementing, or requiring a school district to implement, any cap, limitation, or restriction on enrollment for a virtual program
- Prohibit the Kentucky Department of Education and the Kentucky Board of Education from reducing or withholding any funds due to a school district from the fund to Support Education Excellence in Kentucky based on the district's operation of a virtual program
- Sunset prohibitions on June 30, 2026.



CURRENT STATUS

2/18/2025 - Introduced

SR48 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH (GIRDLER, RICK)

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 2025 as Career and Technical Education Month in Kentucky and February 11, 2025, as Career and Technical Education Student Leadership Day.

- Recognize February 2025, as Career and Technical Education Month and February 11, 2025, as Career and Technical Education Student Leadership Day.



CURRENT STATUS

2/11/2025 - adopted by voice vote