

KASA Bill Tracking

New education related bills introduced the week of Feb. 4 - 6

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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

2/4/2025 – Introduced

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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**

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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**

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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

2/4/2025 – Introduced

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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

2/4/2025 – Introduced

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

2/5/2025 - Introduced

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

2/5/2025 – Introduced

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

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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

2/4/2025 - Introduced

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)

Education Bill Tracking

Education related bills introduced Jan. 7-10



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

1/10/2025 - Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

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

1/7/2025 - Introduced



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

1/7/2025 - Introduced

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

1/7/2025 - Introduced



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

1/7/2025 - Introduced



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

1/7/2025 - Introduced



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

1/7/2025 - Introduced



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

1/7/2025 - Introduced



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

1/7/2025 - Introduced

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

1/8/2025 - Introduced



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

1/8/2025 - Introduced



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

1/8/2025 - Introduced



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

1/8/2025 - Introduced



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

1/8/2025 - Introduced



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

1/8/2025 – Introduced

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**

1/9/2025 - Introduced



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**

1/9/2025 - Introduced



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**

1/9/2025 - Introduced



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

1/9/2025 - Introduced



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

1/9/2025 - Introduced



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

1/9/2025 - Introduced



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

1/9/2025 - Introduced



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

1/9/2025 - Introduced



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
- 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

1/9/2025 - Introduced



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

1/9/2025 - Introduced



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

1/9/2025 - Introduced



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

1/9/2025 - Introduced

