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The Governor has signed the following bills into law:

Senate:

SB 39 (Sen. Wilson) – requires local schools to prepare emergency plans and identify the best available severe weather safe zones in consultation with local and state safety officials and by utilizing relevant information provided by the national Weather Service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

SB 62 (Sen. Schickel) – provides that for any individual hired or elected to office before January 1, 2015, and paid through the Kentucky Human Resources Information System (KHRIS), the Personnel Cabinet must not require payroll payments to be made by direct deposit or require the individual to use a Web-based program to access his or her salary statement.

SB 119 (Sen. Adams) – contains two provisions, the first of which requires the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to develop and maintain a list of approved, comprehensive, evidence-informed trainings on child abuse and neglect prevention, recognition, and reporting. The second includes the same language regarding missed days due to inclement weather that was enacted during the [2014 Regular Session in HB 211](#) to apply only to the 2014-15 academic year.

SB 192 (Sen. Hornback) – provides numerous changes to statutes related to heroin treatment including provisions for school employees to administer naloxone.

SB 193 (Sen. Stivers) – allows the executive director of the Office of Financial Management to recommend to the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet (as a managing underwriter) the Kentucky underwriter which received the highest score for specific bond transactions. The same requirements, review, and recommendation of the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight committee will still apply.

SB 201 (Sen. Higdon) – requires each local school board to address that tuition charged to a student who is allowed to enroll in a primary school program before meeting the age requirement is the same as the tuition charged to a student who meets the age requirement. Also, it clarifies that students enrolled before meeting the age requirement are required to be included in the school's average daily attendance (ADA) for purposes of SEEK funding.

SJR 78 (Sen. Bowen) – designates honorary names for various roads and bridges to remain in place for at least one year from the date of placement.

- Pulaski County Maroons, the 2014 KHSAA Class 5A state football champions, by erecting signs entering Pulaski County, at the Pulaski County/Laurel County line on Kentucky Route 80 and at the Pulaski County/Lincoln County line on United States Highway 27, that read "Home of the Pulaski County Maroons 2014 KHSAA Class 5A State Football Champions."
- Southwestern High School Cheerleading Team, by erecting signs entering Pulaski County, at the Pulaski County/Russell County Line on the Cumberland Parkway and at the Pulaski County/McCreary County line on United States Highway 27, that read "Home of Southwestern High School 2013 & 2015 UCA National High School Cheerleading

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- Gatton Academy by erecting signs on Interstate 65 in both directions at the Warren County line that read, "Home of the Carol Martin Gatton Academy, Newsweek Magazine's #1 Public School in America, 2012-2014."
- Connor Patterson by erecting signs on United States Route 150 entering Lincoln County, at the Boyle County line and the Rockcastle County line that read, "Home of Connor Patterson 2014 National Archery Champion."
- Zetta Morgan by erecting signs on Kentucky Route 192 Bypass in Laurel County that read, "Zetta Morgan, 4-H Foods Demonstration, KY State Champion, 2014-15."

[SR 163](#) (Sen. Seum) – Board of Education, confirmation, William L. Twyman.

[SR 164](#) (Sen. Seum) – Board of Education, confirmation, Jonathan V. Parrent.

[SR 165](#) (Sen. Seum) – Board of Education, confirmation, Debra L. Cook.

[SR 166](#) (Sen. Seum) – Board of Education, confirmation, Grayson R. Boyd.

[SR 167](#) (Sen. Seum) – Board of Education, confirmation, Roger Lee Marcum.

[SR 168](#) (Sen. Seum) – Board of Education, confirmation, Mary Gwen Wheeler.

[SR 169](#) (Sen. Seum) – Board of Education, confirmation, Nawanna B. Privett.

[SR 194](#) (Sen. Seum) – Board of Education, confirmation, Samuel D. Hinkle IV.

House Bills:

[HB 47](#) (Rep. Yonts) – adds the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System (KTRS) to the Public Pension Oversight Board's review responsibilities.

[HB 117](#) (Rep. Riggs) – allows each local board of education to set aside funds to provide for basic reparation benefits and purchase such limits as the local board directs. Local boards of education will only be required to purchase basic reparation benefits. (This provision was **removed** by [HB 525](#), signed into law at a later date by the Governor).

[HB 232](#) (Rep. Adkins) – allows the Craft Academy for Excellence in Science and Mathematics to award a high school diploma and allows the local school district to award a joint diploma with the Craft Academy. Also, includes the Craft Academy in the definitions of dual credit and dual enrollment. Allows students enrolled in the Craft Academy to earn Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) monies and requires the Craft Academy to report data for KEES scholarship purposes.

[HB 234](#) (Rep. Graham) – expands participation to publicly-funded child care providers and establishes a schedule for implementing a quality-based early care program rating system for providers. The bill requires the Early Childhood Advisory Council to provide annual progress reports to the Interim Joint Committee (IJC) on Education and the IJC on Health and Welfare.

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[HB 234](#) also adds some of the provisions of [SB 72](#) to require child-care centers that provide programs for preschool-aged children operating for a maximum of 20 hours per week and where a child attends for no more than 15 hours per week to meet certain Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) requirements and exempts those operating for no more than 10 hours per week.

[HB 260](#) (Rep. Kay) – repurposes the Kentucky Educational Savings Plan endowment trust to allow the endowment trust to provide college access programs.

[HB 330](#) (Rep. Pullin) – clarifies the process of appointing a member from the Senate and House of Representatives to the Kentucky State Council for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

[HB 380](#) (Rep. Schamore) – prohibits the abuse of a classified school employee when the employee is functioning in his or her capacity as a board of education employee.

[HB 429](#) (Rep. Tilley) – establishes the Kentucky Child Care Advisory Council to be composed of eighteen (18) members. For administrative purposes, the council will be attached to CHFS and the council must advise CHFS on matters affecting the operations, funding, and licensing of child-care centers and family child-care homes. The council must provide input and recommendations for ways to improve quality, access, and outcomes.

[HCR 89](#) (Rep. Wuchner) – requests that the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) create the Government Nonprofit Contracting Task Force to study methods to increase accountability and efficiency in the government contracting process.

[HCR 168](#) (Rep. Gooch) – directs the LRC to create the Federal Environmental Regulation Impact Assessment Task Force to study the potential effect of federal environmental regulations on the affordability and reliability of electricity generation in the Commonwealth. Establishes the membership of the task force to include the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA).

[HJR 100](#) (Rep. Adkins) – honors the aerospace/aviation products manufacturing industry upon becoming the top exporting industry in the Commonwealth. Directs the Transportation Cabinet, Cabinet for Economic Development, and Commission on Military Affairs to study the economic impact of the overall aerospace/aviation industry in the Commonwealth. The number of Kentucky high schools offering aerospace and aviation programs is at 28.

The following bills await the Governor's signature:

House Bills:

[HB 8](#) (Rep. Tilley) – allows persons to petition for interpersonal protective orders when the person has been the victim of domestic violence and abuse, dating violence and abuse, sexual assault, or stalking.

[HB 163](#) (Rep. Belcher) – provides that effective July 1, 2015, local school districts will not be required to reimburse the Kentucky Retirement Systems for retiree health care premiums for reemployed retirees who work less than 80 days a year.

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[**HB 164**](#) (Rep. Pullin) – creates the Voluntary Veterans' Preference Employment Policy Act encouraging private employers to hire veterans and permits the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet to create a registry of participating employers.

[**HB 248**](#) (Rep. Marzian) – provides definitions and protocols for administering emergency allergy medication and allows a health-care practitioner to prescribe epinephrine auto-injectors in the name of an authorized entity or to a certified individual for use.

[**HB 268**](#) (Rep. Donohue) – adds Cambridge Advanced International exams to the high school exams eligible for KEES supplemental awards and makes this retroactive beginning with the 2013-14 school year.

[**HB 510**](#) (Rep. Rand) – amends the 2014-16 executive branch biennial budget. It provides that if the General Fund appropriation is not sufficient to fully fund the Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) Program, including any adjustments for growth in fiscal year 2014-2015, KDE may request up to \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2014-15, which must be deemed a necessary government expense and must be paid from the General Fund Surplus Account or the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account.

[**HB 525**](#) (Rep. Butler) – deletes the provisions of 2015 Regular Session [**HB 117**](#) as enacted, which removes the authority for boards of education to set aside funds to provide for reparation benefits.