

**JCPS**  
**Weekly Legislative Report from McCarthy Strategic Solutions**  
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- HB1 KENTUCKY TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM** (STUMBO, G) Amend KRS 56.8605 to redefine "financing agreement" and "funding notes" to include financing or refinancing of pension obligations owed to Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System under KRS 161.550(1)(b); amend KRS 56.868 to authorize the Kentucky Asset/Liability Commission to issue funding notes to finance or refinance pension fund obligations owed to Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System under KRS 161.550(1)(b); authorize the Kentucky Asset/Liability Commission to issue funding notes in an amount not to exceed \$3,300,000,000 in fiscal year 2016-2017; amend KRS 161.550 to provide that the state shall pay the additional amount needed to fund the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System pension fund on an actuarially sound basis beginning on July 1, 2015, and continuing for each year thereafter; provide that any funds used to finance statutory benefit improvements under KRS 161.553 that are repurposed and utilized to fund debt service on funding notes authorized under Sections 1 to 3 of this Act shall be included in the additional state appropriation required and to adjust the cost schedules of providing statutory benefit improvements for annuitants; establish intent of General Assembly to phase-into the full actuarially required contribution rate for the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System pension fund with direct state appropriations on a pro-rata basis from fiscal year 2016-2017 to fiscal year 2024-2025 and to utilize proceeds from funding notes authorized by Sections 1 to 3 of this Act to provide the additional funding needed to pay the full actuarially required contribution to the pension fund during the phase-in schedule and to pay the actuarially required contribution rate in fiscal year 2015-2016; establish non-codified language to state it is the intent of the General Assembly for biennial budgets occurring on or after July 1, 2016, to use both reductions in debt service due to previously issued bonds for the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System and funding for past statutory benefit improvements under subsections (1) and (2) of Section 5 of this Act as the debt service for funding notes issued on or after July 1, 2016, as authorized by Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this Act.
- Current Status:** 2/29/2016 - (H) posted in committee House Appropriations and Revenue
- State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB1.htm>
- HB32 STUDENT ASSISTANTS** (CLARK, L) Create a new section of KRS Chapter 117 to allow minors 16 years of age or older to be appointed as student election assistants; amend KRS 117.045 to conform.
- Current Status:** 3/4/2016 - received in Senate
- State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB32.htm>
- HB87 MILITARY SERVICE** (BRATCHER, K) Amend KRS 159.035 to allow for any high school student participating in basic training required by a branch of the United States Armed Forces to be considered present for all purposes for up to ten days.
- Current Status:** 3/4/2016 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day
- State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB87.htm>
- HB99 HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS** (DENHAM, M) Amend KRS 158.194 to require a principal to determine the most efficient manner to produce classroom copies of the Bill of Rights; allow each teacher to choose the placement of the document within the classroom and to remove during assessments; amend KRS 158.195 to require the postings of the preambles

to the United States Constitution and the Kentucky Constitution in all public school classrooms; require a principal to determine the most efficient manner to produce classroom copies of the documents; allow each classroom teacher to choose placement of the documents within the classroom and to remove during assessments.

**Current Status:** 3/4/2016 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/HCS 1, HFA 1

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB99.htm>

**HB122 CAREER READINESS** (BELCHER, L) Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require the Kentucky Board of Education to identify a student who obtains a minimum score of 36 on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery as career-ready.

**Current Status:** 3/2/2016 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB122.htm>

**HB217 STUDENT ATHLETE SAFETY** (DENHAM, M) Amend KRS 160.445 to require contest officials to remove a student athlete from play if the student was previously removed because of a possible concussion and the official suspects the required medical evaluation was not performed.

**Current Status:** 3/7/2016 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/HFA 1,2

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB217.htm>

**HB268 EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD** (GRAHAM, D) Amend KRS 161.155 to allow the transfer of sick leave for a school district employee who changes employment to the Education Professional Standards Board.

**Current Status:** 3/7/2016 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/HFA 1P,2T

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB268.htm>

**HB303 EXECUTIVE BRANCH BUDGET** (RAND, R) The State/Executive Branch Budget: appropriate from the General Fund (Tobacco), General Fund, Restricted Funds, Federal Funds, Road Fund, Bond Funds, Agency Bonds, Capital Construction Surplus, Investment Income, Statewide Deferred Maintenance Fund, and other funds, \$182,013,700 in fiscal year 2015-2016, \$33,287,508,100 in fiscal year 2016-2017, and \$32,051,036,100 in fiscal year 2017-2018 as follows: General Government 2015-2016 \$22,370,700 2016-2017 \$1,504,467,800 2017-2018 \$1,538,644,000 Economic Development Cabinet 2015-2016 \$975,000 2016-2017 \$21,082,900 2017-2018 \$22,017,500 Department of Education 2016-2017 \$5,015,844,100 2017-2018 \$5,006,558,900 Education and Workforce Development Cabinet 2015-2016 \$900,000 2016-2017 \$833,470,500 2017-2018 \$847,236,600 Energy and Environment Cabinet 2016-2017 \$244,344,100 2017-2018 \$240,848,700 Finance and Administration Cabinet 2016-2017 \$874,431,800 2017-2018 \$919,630,900 Health and Family Services Cabinet 2015-2016 \$111,126,200 2016-2017 \$12,952,760,300 2017-2018 \$13,442,186,100 Justice and Public Safety Cabinet 2015-2016 \$21,157,300 2016-2017 \$1,038,865,300 2017-2018 \$1,041,148,500 Labor Cabinet 2016-2017 \$233,085,300 2017-2018 \$237,495,100 Personnel Cabinet 2016-2017 \$65,055,000 2017-2018 \$66,863,300

Postsecondary Education 2015-2016 \$3,054,500 2016-2017 \$7,630,081,700 2017-2018 \$8,052,714,200 Public Protection Cabinet 2016-2017 \$107,373,900 2017-2018 \$108,306,900 Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet 2015-2016 \$15,880,000 2016-2017 \$234,406,800 2017-2018 \$238,146,000 Budget Reserve Trust Fund 2016-2017 \$153,436,000 2017-2018 \$160,960,900 Not included in the above appropriation amounts are capital project amounts as follows: Capital Projects 2015-2016 \$6,550,000 2016-2017 \$2,378,802,600 2017-2018 \$128,278,500.

Full summary can be found in miscellaneous documents.

**Current Status:** 2/26/2016 - (H) posted in committee House Appropriations and Revenue

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB303.htm>

#### **HB456**

**DRUG EDUCATION** (JENKINS, J) Amend KRS 160.345 to require the council or, if no council exists, the principal in each school containing any grades five through 12, to adopt a policy to administer a drug abuse prevention program, that includes opioid abuse prevention; require the program to be designed to ensure delivery to students, at a minimum once during grades five through eight and once during grades nine through 12; and amend KRS 158.442 to require the Center for School Safety to provide program development and implementation expertise and technical support to schools for drug abuse prevention programming.

**Current Status:** 3/4/2016 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 87-2

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB456.htm>

#### **HB470**

**KENTUCKY TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM** (GRAHAM, D) Create a new section of KRS 161.220 to 161.716 to permit the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System (KTRS) to use and accept electronic signatures as deemed appropriate; amend KRS 161.220 to clarify that annual compensation does not include benefit or salary adjustments that are not available to all members of an agency; amend KRS 161.290 to require all public employers to provide paid leave to teacher trustees serving on the KTRS board; amend KRS 161.310 to clarify the types of remuneration included in retirement incentives; amend KRS 161.340 to require KTRS to contract for insurance; amend KRS 161.430 to require the KTRS board to contract with money managers and allow it to contract with one or more general investment consultants; remove references to the book value of assets in regard to limitations on funds managed internally by the system's investment staff; remove the requirement that the board investment committee consist of the executive secretary of the system and two trustees; require the system's staff to be subject to fiduciary requirements applicable to board members and investment consultants and managers; make technical amendments; amend KRS 161.470 to make technical corrections; amend KRS 161.480 to automatically designate a KTRS member's spouse as beneficiary for an active member's account balance upon employment until changed by the member; declare the member's spouse as beneficiary of the active member's account balance in the event all named beneficiaries predecease the active member or the member fails to designate a beneficiary; amend KRS 161.500 to provide allow a full year of service credit for contracts of at least 185 and 180 days if no more than five unpaid leave days are taken during a year; amend KRS 161.515 to clarify the retirement factor for service purchases; amend KRS 161.520 to delete the requirement of physicians' statements corroborating the mental competency of an adult child waiving survivorship benefits; amend KRS 161.540 to add eligibility requirements for including annual leave credit in the retirement calculation for year-round contracts; amend KRS 161.545 to provide that

full-time sabbatical leave by university staff participating in the KTRS shall be deemed full-time employment for retirement purposes; require employee and employer contributions to be paid during the period of sabbatical leave; amend KRS 161.553 to adjust the cost schedules of providing statutory benefit improvements for annuitants; amend KRS 161.560 to require participating employers to file contribution data with KTRS 15 days after each payroll period and set penalties for noncompliance; amend KRS 161.597 to require a refund of prior installment payments and a reduction in service credit for a member in default on installment payments; amend KRS 161.605 to make technical changes; require a refund of retirement contributions made on compensation that exceeds salary limitations; provide that breaks in service are required before returning to work for the employer even if in a position not covered by KTRS if the member is under age 60; begin running of breaks in service from date of retirement; prohibit prearranged agreements between a retiring member and employer for member to return to work after retirement and require certification thereof; allow KTRS to provide medical insurance to retired members who return to work when medical insurance is not available from the employer; allow the commissioner of education to pay reemployed retirees in excess of statutory maximums if the commissioner deems that the employees have the necessary experience to provide services and support to persistently low-achieving schools as provided by KRS 160.346; require retired members under age 60 returning to work for certain state universities and state community colleges to comply with the separation-from-service requirements, effective July 1, 2017; amend KRS 160.612 to reduce the \$500 minimum monthly disability benefit by benefit payments from all state-administered retirement systems for part-time employees and substitute teachers participating in the KTRS who apply for disability benefits on or after July 1, 2016; provide that part-time employees and substitute teachers are not eligible to apply for a disability retirement allowance if they are eligible for a nondiscounted service retirement allowance; amend KRS 161.614 to include mediation awards; amend KRS 161.620 to clarify the option for seeking inflation adjustments; amend KRS 161.630 to make technical change; amend KRS 161.643 to authorize KTRS to require more frequent submission of annual reports on reemployed employees by participating employers; amend KRS 161.650 to automatically designate a KTRS member's spouse as beneficiary for a retired member's remaining account balance at the time of death unless changed by the member; declare the member's spouse as beneficiary of the retired member's remaining account balance in the event all named beneficiaries predecease the retired member or the member fails to name a beneficiary for the account balance; amend KRS 161.655 to automatically designate a KTRS member's spouse as beneficiary for the life insurance benefit available to active and retired members unless changed by the member; declare the member's spouse as beneficiary of the life insurance benefit available to active and retired members if, upon the death of the member, all named beneficiaries predecease the member or the member fails to name a beneficiary; amend KRS 161.661 to provide that members who begin participating on or after July 1, 2016, shall not be eligible for a disability benefit if they are eligible for any unreduced benefit and that they shall have their \$500 minimum monthly disability benefit reduced by benefit payments from all state-administered retirement systems; amend KRS 161.680 to clarify the system's authority to collect overpayments; amend KRS 161.550 to conform; EMERGENCY.

***Current Status:*** 3/3/2016 – House State Government, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

- HB480 SCHOOL BUS SAFETY** (RICHARDS, J) Amend KRS 158.110 to require local boards of education to establish a program allowing an adult or secondary school student to volunteer to ride a school bus and accompany a child safely to his or her boarding and drop-off location; require adult volunteers to undergo criminal background check to be paid for by the local board; and identify the Act as Jayden's Law.  
*Current Status:* 2/24/2016 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education  
*State Bill Page:* <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB480.htm>
- HB506 PUBLIC RETIREMENT INFORMATION** (BENVENUTI, R) Amend KRS 61.661, 161.585, and 21.540 to require the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, the County Employees Retirement System, the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, and the Judicial Form Retirement System to disclose upon request the names, status, projected or actual benefit payments, and other retirement information of each member or recipient of a retirement allowance of the systems; require the systems to also make the information available on a searchable database on the systems' Web site or on a Web site established by the executive or judicial branch to provide government expenditure and salary data to the public.  
*Current Status:* 2/29/2016 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government  
*State Bill Page:* <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB506.htm>
- HB512 DISREGARDED ENTITIES** (WATKINS, G) Amend KRS 139.495 to exempt from sales and use tax, purchases by any resident, single member limited liability company that is wholly owned by a resident, nonprofit educational, charitable, or religious institution which has qualified for exemption from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and that is disregarded as an entity separate from that institution; EFFECTIVE August 1, 2016.  
*Current Status:* 2/29/2016 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue  
*State Bill Page:* <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB512.htm>
- HB533 SCHOOL CALENDARS** (STONE, W) Amend KRS 158.070 to require schools to be closed on primary and regular election days if any school in the district is used as a polling place; clarify that districts with no schools that are used as a polling place may choose to be closed on an election day.  
*Current Status:* 3/1/2016 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education  
*State Bill Page:* <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB533.htm>
- HB534 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** (COURSEY, W) Amend KRS 158.175 to require local boards of education to develop procedures for the daily recitation of the United States Pledge of Allegiance at the start of each school day; provide for students choosing not to participate to sit or stand quietly; prohibit the recitation entirely should the words "under God" be removed by court order.  
*Current Status:* 3/1/2016 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education  
*State Bill Page:* <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB534.htm>

**HB539**      **STUDENT INSTRUCTION** (MILLER, J) Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require that if a public school student receives an assignment requiring home access to the Internet, and the student has inadequate access, the public school shall provide an alternate assignment, allow completion during school hours, allow completion in an afterschool program, or allow completion by any other method agreed upon by the student's family and teacher.

**Current Status:** 3/4/2016 - (H) posted in committee House Education

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB539.htm>

**HB541**      **PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING** (GRAHAM, D) Amend KRS 157.360 to exempt a school district's local effort from the SEEK calculation if more than 60% of the real property located in the district is exempt from taxation.

**Current Status:** 3/1/2016 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB541.htm>

**HB543**      **SCHOOL FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION COMMISSION** (FLOOD, K) Amend KRS 157.617 to revise the membership of the School Facilities Construction Commission; attach the commission to the Department of Education for administrative purposes; create a new section of KRS 157.611 to 157.665 to include the Kentucky School for the Blind and the Kentucky School for the Deaf in the school construction funding program, education technology funding program, and the emergency and targeted investment fund; amend various sections to conform; amend KRS 157.420 to include the Kentucky School for the Blind and the Kentucky School for the Deaf in the facilities evaluation process; EMERGENCY.

**Current Status:** 3/1/2016 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB543.htm>

**HB550**      **AT RISK STUDENTS** (COURSEY, W) Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to recognize the importance of the National Guard Youth ChalleNGe academies in providing training and mentorship for at-risk students; identify the requirements of the Division of Military Affairs, resident school districts, and nonresident school districts relating to the ChalleNGe academy and academy students; amend KRS 159.030 to exempt from compulsory attendance requirements a student enrolled in a nonresident district and attending a ChalleNGe academy; create a new section of KRS Chapter 157 to include students enrolled in a nonresident district and attending ChalleNGe academies in the student count used for determining SEEK funding and allow funding generated by the students to be transmitted to the academy; require a local district to accept secondary credits earned by a student at a nonresident district while attending a ChalleNGe academy and apply them towards graduation requirements, as appropriate; amend KRS 157.350 to allow ChalleNGe academies to receive SEEK funding for nonresident students.

**Current Status:** 3/2/2016 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB550.htm>



**HB553 PUBLIC SCHOOL STANDARDS** (BECHLER, L) Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to prohibit the Kentucky Board of Education and the Kentucky Department of Education from implementing the English language arts and mathematics academic content standards developed by the Common Core Standards Initiative and the science academic content standards developed by the Next Generation Science Standards Initiative; require the state board to recommend new content standards to school districts and schools after consultation with the Council on Postsecondary Education; require public involvement in standards development; clarify the authority of the local board of education to adopt standards which differ from or exceed the standards approved by the state board; prohibit the local board from adopting mathematics standards developed by the Common Core Standards Initiative; clarify that the school-based decision making councils shall develop policies based upon the standards adopted by the local boards of education; prohibit state officials from ceding control of education content standards and assessments; prohibit withholding of state funds from school districts for adopting different academic content standards; amend KRS 158.6453 to permit a local board of education to supplement the state board-approved academic content standards with higher and more rigorous standards and require school councils to use them to fulfill curriculum policy requirements; amend KRS 160.345 to clarify school council curriculum policy authority.

**Current Status:** 3/2/2016 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB553.htm>

**HB555 KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP** (DECESARE, J) Amend KRS 164.7879 to allow Kentucky residents attending out-of-state high schools in states bordering Kentucky to earn KEES awards.

**Current Status:** 3/2/2016 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB555.htm>

**HB567 EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS** (CARNEY, J) Amend KRS 12.020 to reorganize the Department of Education to include within the department the Education Professional Standards Board; reassign to the department the functions and duties of the EPSB and amend various statutes to conform; amend KRS 161.027 to require the Council on Postsecondary Education to establish the requirements for principal preparation programs; amend various statutes to reassign to the council various functions and duties of the EPSB; repeal KRS 161.1222 to conform.

**Current Status:** 3/2/2016 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB567.htm>

**HB589 CHARTER SCHOOLS** (MONTELL, B) Create new sections of KRS Chapter 160 to describe the intent of the General Assembly and the purposes of authorizing public charter schools; establish a charter school pilot project and identify charter school authorizers; define terms; describe the characteristics and the requirements of a charter school; establish the Kentucky Public Charter School Commission and identify membership selection and responsibilities of members; identify the requirements and the components of a charter school application; describe the responsibilities of authorizers; describe charter school renewal and revocation processes; identify the components of a charter school annual report; identify the requirements for student enrollment; establish the Kentucky Public Charter School Commission trust fund and identify uses of the fund; create a new section of KRS Chapter 159 to identify student enrollment and withdrawal requirements to be

followed by a charter school; create a new section of KRS Chapter 161 to identify employment conditions for charter school staff; create a new section of KRS Chapter 157 to specify the charter school funding process; amend KRS 161.220 to include a qualified teacher employed by the of board of directors of public charter schools in the state-sponsored retirement system; amend KRS 78.510 to include charter schools in the definition of "county" so as to include noncertified employees of public charter schools in the state-sponsored retirement system; APPROPRIATION.

**Current Status:** 3/2/2016 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB589.htm>

**HB618 LEAVE OF ABSENCE** (KAY II, J) Amend KRS 161.770 to clarify that a board of education must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and any other applicable federal law in placing a teacher or superintendent on leave due to a physical or mental disability; prohibit a board from requesting unnecessary medical information or disclosing any medical information.

**Current Status:** 3/4/2016 - (H) posted in committee House Education

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB618.htm>

**HB620 INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION ACCOUNTS** (WUCHNER, A) Create new sections of KRS Chapter 157 to establish the Individualized Education Accounts Program and the Individualized Education Accounts trust fund; define eligibility of students, schools, providers, and qualified expenses for the program; direct the State Treasury to administer the program; direct the Kentucky Department of Education to transfer the state portion of SEEK funds on behalf of each eligible student to the State Treasury on the student's behalf; require each parent to enter into an agreement with the State Treasury to participate in the program; describe the responsibilities of the State Treasury, resident school district, Kentucky Department of Education, participating schools, and parents; APPROPRIATION.

**Current Status:** 3/2/2016 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB620.htm>

**SB50 SCHOOL CALENDAR** (GIRDLER, C) Amend KRS 158.070 to require schools to schedule the first student attendance day no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26, unless a school has adopted a year-round calendar; allow a waiver when a school has missed at least seven days each year for five previous years due to inclement weather.

**Current Status:** 3/4/2016 - (S) SECOND READING, to Rules

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB50.htm>

**SB106 RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION** (SMITH, B) Amend KRS 158.183 to permit public schools to sponsor artistic or theatrical programs that advance students' knowledge of society's cultural and religious heritage and traditions.

**Current Status:** 3/4/2016 - received in House

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB106.htm>



**SB192**      **CIVICS EDUCATION** (CARPENTER, J) Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require all public high school students to pass a civics test in order to receive a regular diploma; direct the Kentucky Department of Education to prepare or approve the test with 100 questions drawn from the test administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to persons seeking to become naturalized citizens, and to disseminate the test to all public school districts; allow students the opportunity to retake the test as often as needed in order to pass; set the passing score at 60% of the total questions answered correctly; make these requirements subject to the accommodations for special needs students with individualized education programs as defined in KRS 158.281 or Section 504 Plans as defined in KRS 156.027.

*Current Status:* 3/4/2016 - (S) SECOND READING, to Rules

*State Bill Page:* <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB192.htm>

**SB194**      **BACKGROUND CHECKS** (ADAMS, J) Amend KRS 160.380 to require that school superintendents conduct a name- based background check of child abuse and neglect records maintained by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services when considering employment decisions.

*Current Status:* 2/26/2016 - (S) SECOND READING, to Rules

*State Bill Page:* <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB194.htm>

**SB196**      **PRESCHOOL BOOKS** (HUMPHRIES, S) Create new sections of KRS Chapter 171 to establish the Books for Brains Program to promote the development of a comprehensive statewide program for encouraging preschool children to develop an appreciation of books; attach the program to the Department for Libraries and Archives for administrative purposes; establish a governing board of seven members appointed by the Governor for staggered four-year terms; require governing board members to be reimbursed for expenses as funds become available; establish the Books for Brains Program trust fund to consist of funds collected through state appropriations, gifts, grants, and any other funds from the public and private sectors; direct the department to promulgate administrative regulations to establish the procedures for working with local partners to provide books for registered children; APPROPRIATION.

*Current Status:* 3/4/2016 - (S) FIRST READING To Consent Calendar

*State Bill Page:* <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB196.htm>

**SB210**      **PUBLIC SCHOOL STANDARDS** (SCHICKEL, J) Create a new section to KRS Chapter 158 to prohibit the Kentucky Board of Education and the Kentucky Department of Education from implementing the English language arts and mathematics academic content standards developed by the Common Core Standards Initiative and the science academic content standards developed by the Next Generation Science Standards Initiative; require the state board to recommend new content standards to school districts and schools after consultation with the Council on Postsecondary Education; require public involvement in standards development; clarify the authority of the local board of education to adopt standards which differ from or exceed the standards approved by the state board; clarify that the school-based decision making councils shall develop policies based upon the standards adopted by the local boards of education; prohibit state officials from ceding control of education content standards and assessments; prohibit withholding of state funds from school districts for adopting different academic content standards; amend KRS 156.070 to limit disclosure of personally identifiable information; direct the Kentucky Board of Education to require that the Department of Education and all school

districts adhere to transparency and privacy standards when outsourcing data and Web-based tasks to vendors; clarify vendor contract requirements; amend KRS 158.6453 to permit a local board of education to supplement the state board-approved academic content standards with higher and more rigorous standards and require school councils to use them to fulfill curriculum policy requirements; amend KRS 160.345 to clarify school council curriculum policy authority.

**Current Status:** 2/24/2016 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB210.htm>

**SB223 SCHOOL SAFETY** (WEST, S) Amend KRS 520.070 to include school marshals as persons exempt from the prohibition against possession of a firearm on school property if authorized by a local school board or governing body of a private or parochial school; create a new section of KRS Chapter 527 to allow for the appointment of a school marshal by a local school board or governing body of a private or parochial school; specify that a person authorized and appointed under this section is designated as a school marshal and enumerate restrictions on school marshal's powers; provide that persons certified to act as peace officers under KRS 15.380 are exempt from restrictions; establish requirements of eligibility for a school marshal's appointment; enumerate board's or governing bodies' responsibilities; require that schools designated as school marshal sites collaborate with the Kentucky State Police and local law enforcement on safety procedures prior to appointment of a school marshal; provide limits on liability for school boards or governing bodies that appoint school marshals; establish limits on the possession, transport, deposit, or carrying of firearms by a school marshal while on school property; limit liability for school marshals for acts or omissions undertaken pursuant to this section; provide that the school marshal is responsible for expenditures related to the purchase of a firearm, ammunition, or any other associated costs; allow that a local school board or governing body may pay compensation for expenses incurred undertaking school marshal's duties or appointment requirements; specify that otherwise lawful possession of a firearm as provided under KRS 527.070 or any other state or federal law is not restricted; exclude postsecondary or higher education institutions from coverage; require that any board of a local public school district or governing body of a private or parochial school that appoints a school marshal adopt guidelines to carry out school marshal's requirements.

**Current Status:** 2/25/2016 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB223.htm>

**SB243 INTERSCHOLASTIC EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES** (WESTERFIELD, W) Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to authorize participation in a public school interscholastic extracurricular activity by a private school student when the private school does not offer the interscholastic extracurricular activity; establish criteria for participation in the activity.

**Current Status:** 3/2/2016 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB243.htm>

**SB253 CHARTER SCHOOLS** (WILSON, M) Create new sections of KRS Chapter 160 to describe the intent of the General Assembly and the purposes of authorizing public charter schools; establish a charter school pilot project and identify charter school authorizers; define terms; describe the characteristics and the requirements of a

charter school; establish the Kentucky Public Charter School Commission and identify membership selection and responsibilities of members; identify the requirements and the components of a charter school application; describe the responsibilities of authorizers; describe charter school renewal and revocation processes; identify the components of a charter school annual report; identify the requirements for student enrollment; establish the Kentucky Public Charter School Commission trust fund and identify uses of the fund; create a new section of KRS Chapter 159 to identify student enrollment and withdrawal requirements to be followed by a charter school; create a new section of KRS Chapter 161 to identify employment conditions for charter school staff; create a new section of KRS Chapter 157 to specify the charter school funding process; amend KRS 161.220 to include a qualified teacher employed by the of board of directors of public charter schools in the state-sponsored retirement system; amend KRS 78.510 to include charter schools in the definition of "county" so as to include noncertified employees of public charter schools in the state-sponsored retirement system; APPROPRIATION.

**Current Status:** 3/3/2016 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education

**State Bill Page:** <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB253.htm>

**SB256**     **MILITARY SERVICES** (MCGARVEY, M) Amend KRS 159.035 to allow for any high school student participating in basic training required by a branch of the United States Armed Forces to be considered present for all purposes for up to ten days.

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**SB273**     **INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTS** (WILSON, M) Create new sections of KRS Chapter 157 to establish the Individualized Education Accounts Program and the Individualized Education Accounts trust fund; define eligibility of students, schools, providers, and qualified expenses for the program; direct the State Treasury to administer the program; direct the Kentucky Department of Education to transfer the state portion of SEEK funds on behalf of each eligible student to the State Treasury on the student's behalf; require each parent to enter into an agreement with the State Treasury to participate in the program; describe the responsibilities of the State Treasury, resident school district, Kentucky Department of Education, participating schools, and parents; APPROPRIATION.

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**SB278**     **BIBLE LITERACY COURSES** (WEBB, R) Create a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to require the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations to establish an elective social studies course on the Hebrew Scriptures, Old Testament of the Bible, the New Testament, or a combination of the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament of the Bible; require that the course provide students knowledge of biblical content, characters, poetry, and narratives that are prerequisites to understanding contemporary society and culture, including literature, art, music, mores, oratory, and public policy; permit students to use various translations of the Bible for the course; amend KRS 158.197 to permit a school council to offer an elective social studies course on the Hebrew Scriptures, Old Testament of the Bible, the New Testament, or a combination of the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament of the Bible.

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