



# Report on the 2016 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly

Jefferson County Board of Education

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# JCPS Legislative Agenda

- **Provide the JCPS Superintendent Greater Authority to Select Principals**
- **Develop and Implement Sustainable Solution to KTRS & CERS Unfunded Liability**
- **Develop and Implement Innovative Assessment & Accountability Models**
- **Provide Increased Funding for Elementary & Secondary Education**

# Provide JCPS Superintendent Greater Authority to Select Principals

## **HB184, AN ACT relating to schools, passed**

Sponsored by Rep. Jeff Donohue, support in Senate led by Senator Dan Seum

- Provides an alternative principal selection process for JCPS when a vacancy occurs:
  - Permits the Superintendent to recommend a candidate to an SBDM Council in closed session
  - Requires SBDM to keep the candidate's name and discussion confidential
  - Allows council to have the option to interview the recommended candidate
  - If the recommendation is not accepted, the standard principal selection process is used
- Makes a discretionary action taken by an SBDM Council subject to the provisions of employer-employee bargained contracts between a district and employees
- Allow a superintendent's spouse previously employed to be an employee of a school district

# Develop and Implement Solution to Unfunded Pension Liability

## **HB 303 provides significant new funding to Kentucky's pension system**

- Total of \$1.284 Billion in new funding was provided across all systems
- \$125 Million to Permanent Pension Fund to begin to address unfunded pension liability
- KTRS received

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Base Budget</u>	<u>ARC Contribution</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016-17	\$280.7 million	\$498.5 million	\$779.2 million
2017-18	\$270.1 million	\$474.7 million	\$744.8 million

- Bonding was not used to fund support for retirement systems
- Budget surplus: In 2016-17, 50% to Permanent Pension Fund; in 2017-18, 25% to KTRS  
Unfunded pension liability

# Innovative Assessment & Accountability Models

## **HB 92, AN ACT relating to districts of innovation.**

Sponsored by Rep. Larry Clark

- Allow a waiver or modification of the statewide assessment system for schools participating in a district of innovation plan
- Allow a district of innovation to use student assessments other than those required by the state board, under specific conditions

HB 92 passed House 91-0. No action taken in Senate.

# Key Education Legislation Passed

**HB 626, AN ACT relating to the development of a highly trained workforce in the Commonwealth and making an appropriation therefor.**

Sponsor: Rep. Greg Stumbo, Speaker of the House

- **Creates Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program**
  - New scholarship program for students in dual-credit programs, and for those students to continue their education at a postsecondary institution.
  - Provides funding to make up the gap between other grants and awards and the cost of the tuition.
  - Students must maintain a grade point average of 2.5.

Note: The bill also addresses the new performance-based funding for public postsecondary institutions.

# Key Education Legislation Considered, Not Passed

**SB 1, AN ACT relating to public education and declaring an emergency.**

Sponsor: Sen. Mike Wilson Chair of the Senate Education Committee

Significant legislation that would have:

- Restructured state accountability system
- Created a new, comprehensive review of the Kentucky Core Academic Standards
- Altered the teacher evaluation system
- Reduced of state intervention in priority schools and teacher evaluations

SB 1 passed the Senate 25-12. No action taken in the House.

# Key Education Legislation Considered, Not Passed

## **SB 253, AN ACT relating to charter schools and making an appropriation therefor.**

Would have created a public charter school pilot program (2017-18 to 2021-22):

- In Jefferson and Fayette County Schools only
- Two authorizers: Local board and state commission
- Same funding as traditional public schools
- School governed by local board with same powers of a local board of education except taxing authority
- Schools required to participate in state assessment and accountability system

SB 253 passed Senate 28-9. No action taken in House.



# 2016-18 Executive Branch Budget for Education

- Maintains SEEK at current year levels
  - If appropriation is insufficient, up to \$10 million annually is provided as a Necessary Government Expense, reducing likelihood of mid-year cuts
- Most grant programs kept at current levels:
  - FRYSCs
  - Extended School Services
  - Professional Growth
  - Preschools
  - Textbooks, Gifted & Talented

# 2016-18 Executive Branch Budget for Education

- **Pre-K:** Pilot program establishes preschool enrollment eligibility for families up to 200% of federal poverty level, dependent on availability of funding and enrollment growth.
- **Pre-K:** Provides \$7.5 Million each year to create a grant program to incentivize public-private cooperation in the development of full-day preschool programs for income eligible families.
- **Education & Workforce Bonds:** Provides \$100 million bond pool for workforce development projects administered by Education & Workforce Development Cabinet.
- **Facilities Evaluation:** Provides \$2 million in each year for a statewide evaluation and classification of school facilities by condition.

# 2016-18 Executive Branch Budget for Education

## Provisions pertaining to Jefferson County-Specific Grants

- **Georgia Chaffee TAPP Program:** Funding maintained at current level of \$227,000 per year.
- **Every1Reads Program:** Funding reduced 50% from \$451,400 to \$227,900 per year.
- **Reporting on local grant funds:** Adds language to require KDE to report annually on the performance outcomes of the *Every1 Reads Program*, *Georgia Chaffee Teenage Parent Program*, *Lexington Hearing and Speech Center*, *Heuser Hearing and Language Academy*, *Visually Impaired Preschool Services Program*, and *Teach for America*.

# 2016-18 Executive Branch Budget for Education

**Governor has until Wednesday April 27, 2016, to issue  
line item vetoes to the Executive Branch Budget**