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Senate Bills

Senate Bill 9

Sen. S. Humphries

AN ACT relating to TVA in-lieu-of-tax payments, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 96.895 to require that a portion of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in-lieu-of-tax revenue deposited in the general fund be distributed to agencies designated by counties that have TVA property located in that county or purchase power from TVA, increasing from 0% currently to 50% or a maximum of \$6,000,000; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

Dec 05, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in Senate

Jan 03, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

Senate Bill 12

Sen. J. Schickel

AN ACT relating to Kentucky school bus drivers.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 2 to designate and observe May 1 of every year as "School Bus Driver Day."

May 15, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in Senate

Jan 03, 2018 - to Transportation (S)

Jan 24, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar

Jan 25, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules

Jan 26, 2018 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Monday, January 29, 2018

Jan 29, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 34-2

Jan 30, 2018 - received in House

Feb 01, 2018 - to Transportation (H)

Senate Bill 32

Sen. D. Parrett

AN ACT relating to educational programs.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require the Department of Education to develop academic standards for a financial literacy program to be implemented by each public high school; require the financial literacy program to be completed for high school graduation; direct the department to determine the implementation date.

Sep 29, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in Senate

Jan 03, 2018 - to Education (S)

Senate Bill 36

Sen. R. Alvarado

AN ACT relating to opportunities in education and making an appropriation therefor.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to establish a separate income tax credit for tuition assistance based on contributions made to a qualified scholarship-granting organization; create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to provide goals and reporting of metrics related to those goals; amend KRS 141.0205 to establish the order in which the credits may be taken; create a new section of KRS 136.500 to 136.575 to allow financial institutions to take the tax credit against the tax imposed by KRS 136.505; create a new section of KRS 136.500 to 136.575 to

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order all tax credits; create a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to require the Kentucky Department of Education to publish a list of certified nonpublic schools and nonpublic schools seeking certification; require the Department of Revenue to report information to the Legislative Research Commission; amend KRS 131.190, 131.135, 131.618, 131.650, 131.990, 141.389, and 131.020 to conform.

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in Senate
Jan 03, 2018 - to Education (S)

Senate Bill 39

Sen. A. Kerr

AN ACT relating to child abuse awareness and prevention.

Amend KRS 156.070 to permit the Kentucky Board of Education to establish age-appropriate education programs pertaining to the recognition of child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect and how to report suspected abuse; create a short title, "Erin's Law," for the amendments to KRS 156.070 contained in this Act and for KRS 156.095(7).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in Senate
Jan 03, 2018 - to Education (S)

Senate Bill 41

Sen. G. Neal

AN ACT relating to operator's license testing.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require that a driver's education program include instruction for a driver's conduct during interactions with law enforcement officers; amend KRS 186.480 to require the Kentucky State Police to make a Driver Manual available in printed or electronic format that contains the information needed for an operator's license examination; require that the manual have a section regarding a driver's conduct during interactions with law enforcement officers; require that the operator's license examination include the driver's knowledge regarding conduct during interactions with law enforcement officers; create a new section of KRS Chapter 332 to require driver training schools include in the course of instruction for new drivers how a driver should act during interactions with law enforcement officers.

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in Senate
Jan 03, 2018 - to Transportation (S)

Senate Bill 51

Sen. R. Alvarado

AN ACT prohibiting tobacco use on school property.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 438 to define terms; prohibit use of tobacco products by students, school personnel, and visitors in schools, school vehicles, properties, and activities; require policies to be in place by the 2019-2020 school year; require that smoke-free policies and signage be adopted; provide that existing bans are not impacted; repeal KRS 438.050.

Jan 03, 2018 - introduced in Senate
Jan 04, 2018 - to Education (S)

Senate Bill 55

Sen. J. Schickel

AN ACT relating to school councils.

Amend KRS 160.345 to allow a local board to require an annual report of activities from a school council; specify the alignment of council policy with local board policy; specify that local board members may attend

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council meetings; permit a superintendent to forward qualified applicants to the principal instead of the council; alter principal hiring process to be selected by the superintendent or the superintendent's designee after consultation with school council; specify that school council policies adopted under statute shall be consistent with local board policy; require a local board to adopt a policy for reviewing actions of the school council based on inconsistencies with local board policy or hindrances to the efficient operation of the district as a whole; require school council authority to be transferred to the superintendent if a school is identified for comprehensive support and improvement; allow school council authority to be transferred to the principal or superintendent upon request of the local board and approval of the Kentucky Board of Education; establish requirements of such a request; allow a local board to restore school council authority after four years; make technical corrections; amend to conform.

Jan 03, 2018 - introduced in Senate

Jan 04, 2018 - to Education (S)

Senate Bill 69

Sen. S. West

AN ACT relating to educators.

Amend KRS 161.770 to specify 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; amend KRS 161.790 to clarify the causes for which a contract of a teacher may be terminated; require an attorney to serve as hearing officer and chairman of the tribunal; remove the lay person from the tribunal; establish selection and training requirements for hearing officers; establish a prehearing conference for motions and mediation; establish tribunal's decision as a recommended order and allow parties to file exceptions to recommended order; allow hearing officer to respond to exceptions by entering original recommended order or an amended order as a final order; limit decisions to upholding or overturning the decision of the superintendent.

Jan 05, 2018 - introduced in Senate

Jan 08, 2018 - to Education (S)

Feb 01, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar

Feb 02, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules

Senate Bill 71

Sen. S. Meredith

AN ACT relating to health education.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require inclusion of abstinence education in any human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases curriculum.

Senate Bill 71 - Amendments

SFA1(A. Kerr) - Require inclusion in sex education of information regarding the recognition of child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and how to report.

SFA2(D. Harper Angel) - Replace content listed with content based on the National Health Education Standards.

SFA3(G. Neal) - Make abstinence content optional.

Jan 08, 2018 - introduced in Senate

Jan 09, 2018 - taken from Committee on Committees (S); 1st reading; returned to Committee on Committees (S); to Education (S)

Jan 10, 2018 - taken from Education (S); 2nd reading; returned to Education (S)

Jan 11, 2018 - reported favorably, to Rules

Jan 16, 2018 - floor amendment (1) filed

Jan 18, 2018 - floor amendment (2) filed

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Jan 22, 2018 - floor amendment (1) withdrawn
Jan 24, 2018 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Wednesday, January 24, 2018; 3rd reading; floor amendment (2) defeated; passed 32-5; floor amendment (3) filed
Jan 25, 2018 - received in House
Jan 29, 2018 - to Education (H)

Senate Bill 73

Sen. D. Givens

AN ACT relating to school districts.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to establish a pilot program for performance-based professional development projects; require the local board of education to determine the parameters for the pilot program; require the Kentucky Department of Education to study the completed pilot projects and report its findings by August 1, 2022; amend KRS 158.070 to sunset the granting of nontraditional instruction days after the 2020-2021 year.

Senate Bill 73 - Amendments

SFA1(J. Turner) - Amend the requirements for the school district calendar committee to allow for additional members.

Jan 09, 2018 - introduced in Senate
Jan 10, 2018 - to Education (S)
Jan 18, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar; floor amendment (1) filed
Jan 19, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules
Jan 22, 2018 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Monday, January 22, 2018; floor amendment (1) withdrawn; 3rd reading, passed 36-0
Jan 23, 2018 - received in House
Jan 25, 2018 - to Education (H)

Senate Bill 74

Sen. D. Carroll

AN ACT relating to the maintenance of teacher certification.

Amend KRS 161.095 to prohibit the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) from imposing conditions for a teacher to maintain his or her certification; amend KRS 161.1211 to prohibit the EPSB from requiring a Rank III teacher to obtain a Rank II or Rank I to maintain his or her certificate; amend KRS 161.020 and 156.553 to conform.

Jan 09, 2018 - introduced in Senate
Jan 10, 2018 - to Education (S)

Senate Bill 101

Sen. M. Wise

AN ACT relating to school district vacancies.

Amend KRS 160.380 to reduce the vacancy notice required from a superintendent to the chief state school officer from 30 days to 15 days.

Senate Bill 101 - Amendments

SCS1 - Retain original provisions; amend KRS 156.240 to require electronic publication of the complete school laws of the state; amend KRS 160.180 to require school board candidates to file a transcript evidencing completion of the twelfth grade or certified results of a twelfth grade equivalency examination; amend KRS 160.210 to require a chief state school officer to require and receive the affidavit and transcript required by KRS 160.180 prior to making an appointment to a school board vacancy.

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SCA1(M. Wise) - Make title amendment.

SFA1(D. Givens) - Amend the definition of "relative" in KRS 160.380; amend KRS 160.180 to amend the political and civil office prohibitions on local school board members. Amend KRS 160.180 to change member eligibility requirements to exclude persons holding any elective federal, state, county, or city office.

Jan 22, 2018 - introduced in Senate

Jan 23, 2018 - to Education (S)

Feb 01, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute (1) and committee amendment (1-title)

Feb 02, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules; floor amendment (1) filed to Committee Substitute

Senate Bill 102

Sen. E. Harris

AN ACT relating to the evaluation of children for special education services.

Amend KRS 157.196 to require the initial evaluation and determination of a four-year-old child's eligibility for special education services to occur within 60 calendar days of parental consent.

Jan 23, 2018 - introduced in Senate

Jan 24, 2018 - to Education (S)

Senate Bill 103

Sen. S. West

AN ACT relating to school safety.

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.

Jan 23, 2018 - introduced in Senate

Jan 24, 2018 - to Education (S)

Senate Bill 105

Sen. R. Thomas

AN ACT relating to student loans.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to forbid a licensing agency from considering the nonpayment of student loans when issuing, renewing, revoking, or suspending any license; amend KRS 164.769 and 164A.240 to conform; repeal KRS 164.772.

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Jan 23, 2018 - introduced in Senate
Jan 24, 2018 - to Education (S)

Senate Resolutions

Senate Joint Resolution 52

Sen. D. Carroll

Direct the Kentucky Department of Education to collaborate with the University of Kentucky to implement and bolster the Kentucky Peer Support Network Project in public schools across the Commonwealth.

Jan 05, 2018 - introduced in Senate
Jan 08, 2018 - to Transportation (S)
Jan 09, 2018 - reassigned to Education (S)

Senate Resolution 143

Sen. D. Carroll

Honor the victims of the Marshall County High School shooting and offer encouragement and support to the entire Marshall County community.

Feb 02, 2018 - introduced in Senate; to Senate Floor; adopted by voice vote

House Bills

House Bill 3

Rep. J. Shell

AN ACT relating to school curriculum.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, each school to provide an essential skills curriculum to students; amend KRS 158.645 to conform; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to create the Council on Essential Skills; amend KRS 158.6453 to require the Council on Essential Skills to serve as a review committee for career studies; require the department to include the essential skills program on the school profile report; amend KRS 158.6457 to include work ethics certification in the definition of nonacademic factors; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 requiring the Kentucky Department of Education to develop an age-appropriate drug awareness and prevention program; require local school boards to ensure that students receive annual instruction in drug awareness and prevention.

Jan 31, 2018 - introduced in House
Feb 02, 2018 - to Education (H); posted in committee

House Bill 21

Rep. S. Santoro

AN ACT relating to Kentucky school bus drivers.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 2 to designate and observe May 1 of every year as "School Bus Driver Day."

House Bill 21 - Amendments

HFA1(J. Kay) - Add language to the Whereas clauses emphasizing the importance of fulfilling pension promises to school bus drivers.

May 16, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House; to Transportation (H)

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Jan 23, 2018 - posted in committee

Jan 30, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar; floor amendment (1) filed

Jan 31, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules

Feb 01, 2018 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Friday, February 2, 2018

House Bill 30

Rep. R. Huff

AN ACT relating to suicide prevention training.

Amend KRS 156.095 to require two hours of in-person suicide prevention professional development training every other school year for middle and high school principals, guidance counselors, and teachers; require a newly hired staff member to receive a packet of information on suicide prevention when the person is hired in a year training is not provided; amend KRS 158.070 to delete requirement for two hours of self-study review for suicide prevention training.

House Bill 30 - Amendments

HFA1(S. Overly) - Require the provisions to apply to public charter schools.

Jul 25, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House; to Education (H)

Jan 18, 2018 - posted in committee

Jan 23, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar

Jan 24, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules; floor amendment (1) filed

Jan 26, 2018 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Monday, January 29, 2018

Feb 01, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 88-0 with floor amendment (1)

Feb 02, 2018 - received in Senate

House Bill 37

Rep. R. Huff

AN ACT relating to speech-language pathologists or audiologists, and making an appropriation therefor.

Amend KRS 157.397 to require local boards of education to provide an annual salary supplement to qualified speech-language pathologists or audiologists; APPROPRIATION.

Dec 08, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House; to Education (H)

House Bill 40

Rep. R. Huff

AN ACT relating to a day of prayer for students.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 2 designating the last Wednesday in September of each year as A Day of Prayer for Kentucky's Students.

Sep 15, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House; to Education (H)

House Bill 55

Rep. J. Tipton

AN ACT relating to drug education.

Amend KRS 156.160 to require the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations to require physical and health education instruction in drug abuse prevention and the connection between abuse and addiction to other drugs; require the Office of Drug Control Policy to develop recommendations for the

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instruction in drug abuse prevention to be published on the Web site of the Department of Education.

House Bill 55 - Amendments

HFA1(R. Nelson) - Require public charter schools to provide drug abuse prevention instruction.

HFA2(S. Overly) - Require public charter schools to provide drug abuse prevention instruction.

HFA3(J. Tipton) - Require public charter schools to provide drug abuse prevention instruction; make technical correction.

Oct 26, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House; to Education (H)

Jan 18, 2018 - posted in committee

Jan 23, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar; floor amendment (1) filed

Jan 24, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules; floor amendment (2) filed

Jan 26, 2018 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Monday, January 29, 2018

Jan 30, 2018 - floor amendment (3) filed

Jan 31, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 91-0 with floor amendment (3)

Feb 01, 2018 - received in Senate

Feb 02, 2018 - to Education (S)

House Bill 56

Rep. J. Tipton

AN ACT relating to educational programs.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require the Department of Education to develop academic standards for a financial literacy program to be implemented by each public high school; require the financial literacy program to be completed for high school graduation; direct the department to determine the implementation date.

Oct 31, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House; to Education (H)

House Bill 80

Rep. T. Burch

AN ACT relating to instruction in the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases and related matters.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 requiring the State Board of Education to promulgate regulations regarding human sexuality education; require implementation of a Department of Education-Approved plan during the 2019-2020 school year; set the minimum instructional requirements for grades four through twelve; require instruction by a certified teacher.

Dec 08, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House; to Health and Family Services (H)

House Bill 99

Rep. S. Lee

AN ACT relating to interscholastic extracurricular activities.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to authorize participation in a public school interscholastic extracurricular activity by a home-schooled student; establish criteria for participation; require a parent, guardian, or teacher of a home-schooled student participating in a public school interscholastic activity to verify the student's academic progress; declare a public school student who does not make academic progress at a public school and withdraws and enters a home school program ineligible for participation in an interscholastic activity for the remainder of the school year.

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Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 04, 2018 - to Education (H)

House Bill 104
Rep. R. Meeks

AN ACT relating to operator's license testing.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require that a driver's education program to include instruction regarding a driver's conduct during interactions with law enforcement officers; amend KRS 186.480 to require the Kentucky State Police to make a Driver Manual available in printed or electronic format that contains the information needed for an operator's license examination; require that the manual have a section regarding a driver's conduct during interactions with law enforcement officers; require that the operator's license examination includes the driver's knowledge regarding conduct during interactions with law enforcement officers; create a new section of KRS Chapter 332 to require driver training schools to include in the course of instruction for new drivers information on how a driver should act during interactions with law enforcement officers.

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 04, 2018 - to Judiciary (H)

House Bill 107
Rep. B. Reed

AN ACT relating to health services in schools.

Amend KRS 156.502 to include a definition of "medication" and "sunscreen"; require local boards of education to adopt policy allowing students to carry and self-administer sunscreen and permit teachers to voluntarily assist with application; include voluntarily assisting with the application of sunscreen in liability protection for teachers.

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 04, 2018 - to Education (H)

House Bill 108
Rep. B. Reed

AN ACT relating to school employees and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 160.380 to remove aunt, uncle, son-in-law, and daughter-in-law from the definition of "relative" for purposes of employment; remove obsolete language regarding the employment of board member relatives; EMERGENCY.

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 04, 2018 - to Education (H)

House Bill 109
Rep. B. Reed

AN ACT relating to local board of education eligibility.

Amend KRS 160.180 to change member eligibility requirements to exclude persons holding any elective federal, state, county, or city office.

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 04, 2018 - to Education (H)

House Bill 117
Rep. L. Bechler

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AN ACT relating to a district board of education's levy of an equivalent tax rate.

Amend KRS 132.017 to require a district board of education, when an equivalent tax rate of at least five cents fails to pass pursuant to an election, to levy a rate that produces no more revenue than the compensating tax rate and to wait three years before levying another equivalent tax rate of at least five cents; amend KRS 160.470 to provide an exception to conform.

Jan 03, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 05, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

House Bill 118

Rep. C. McCoy

AN ACT relating to compulsory attendance.

Amend KRS 159.010 to clarify that compulsory school attendance age is from six to eighteen; remove obsolete language regarding compulsory attendance age; amend KRS 159.051 to remove reference to students who have dropped out of school; amend KRS 159.180 to state that notice can be sent by standard mail via the United States Postal Service.

Jan 03, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 05, 2018 - to Education (H)

House Bill 128

Rep. J. Carney

AN ACT relating to instruction on the Holocaust and other acts of genocide.

Amend KRS 156.160 to require every public school to provide instruction on the Holocaust and other acts of genocide.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 08, 2018 - to Education (H)

Feb 02, 2018 - posted in committee

House Bill 132

Rep. J. DuPlessis

AN ACT relating to financial literacy.

Create a new Chapter of KRS 158 to require a financial literacy course as a high school graduation requirement; direct the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations establishing academic standards for the financial literacy course; direct the Department of Education to develop curricula, materials, and guidelines which may be used by schools for the financial literacy course.

House Bill 132 - Amendments

HFA1(R. Nelson) - Require financial literacy course to be a graduation requirement for public charter schools.

HFA2(S. Overly) - Require financial literacy course to be a graduation requirement for public charter schools.

HFA3(J. DuPlessis) - Provide that financial literacy graduation requirement shall apply to students entering the ninth grade for the 2020-2021 school year; require completion of course or program that meets financial literacy standards; direct KBE to develop financial literacy standards.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 08, 2018 - to Education (H)

Jan 18, 2018 - posted in committee

Jan 23, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar; floor amendment (1) filed

Jan 24, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules; floor amendment (2) filed

Jan 26, 2018 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Monday, January 29, 2018

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Jan 30, 2018 - floor amendment (3) filed
Jan 31, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 68-24 with floor amendment (3)
Feb 01, 2018 - received in Senate
Feb 02, 2018 - to Education (S)

House Bill 134

Rep. J. Carney

AN ACT relating to opportunities in education and making an appropriation therefor.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to establish a separate income tax credit for tuition assistance based on contributions made to a qualified scholarship-granting organization; create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to provide goals and reporting of metrics related to those goals; amend KRS 141.0205 to establish the order in which the credits may be taken; create a new section of KRS 136.500 to 136.575 to allow financial institutions to take the tax credit against the tax imposed by KRS 136.505; create a new section of KRS 136.500 to 136.575 to order all tax credits; create a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to require the Kentucky Department of Education to publish a list of certified nonpublic schools and nonpublic schools seeking certification; require the Department of Revenue to report information to the Legislative Research Commission; amend KRS 131.190, 131.135, 131.618, 131.650, 131.990, 141.389, and 131.020 to conform.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 08, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

House Bill 139

Rep. J. Sims Jr.

AN ACT relating to vision examinations.

Amend KRS 156.160 to require a conclusive vision examination upon a child's initial enrollment in kindergarten and a vision examination upon a child's initial enrollment in grade six.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 08, 2018 - to Education (H)

House Bill 141

Rep. J. Carney

AN ACT relating to the emergency revolving school loan fund account, making an appropriation therefore, and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 160.599 to remove eligibility criteria for a loan from the emergency revolving school loan fund account; provide loan eligibility for a school district with a significant revenue shortfall due to circumstances beyond the district's control or other extraordinary financial circumstances; reduce the maximum loan term from 10 to 5 years; increase the maximum loan amount from \$250,000 to \$500,000; authorize the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations regarding the loan process; direct the Kentucky Department of Education to monitor loans made from the emergency revolving school loan fund account and provide the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue a financial report by October 1 each year; amend KRS 157.330 to specify that any unexpended SEEK funds shall not lapse and shall be transferred to the emergency revolving school loan fund account; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 08, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (H)
Feb 01, 2018 - posted in committee

House Bill 142

Rep. J. Carney

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AN ACT relating to the distribution of school funds.

Amend KRS 157.410 to require the chief state school officer to prepare estimates for school district fund allotment and establish an incremental schedule for fund disbursement, allotment revisions, and equalization.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 08, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Feb 01, 2018 - posted in committee

House Bill 143

Rep. D. Bentley

AN ACT relating to a school safety and crisis line.

Amend KRS 158.444 to require the Kentucky Department of Education to establish a School Safety and Crisis Line; establish the operations of the School Safety and Crisis Line.

House Bill 143 - Amendments

HCS1 - Retain original provisions; establish new language to require the School Safety and Crisis Line to operate via a dedicated telephone line and a mobile application.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 08, 2018 - to Education (H)

Jan 18, 2018 - posted in committee

Jan 23, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute

Jan 24, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules

Jan 25, 2018 - recommitted to Education (H)

House Bill 147

Rep. M. Hart

AN ACT relating to seizure disorders in schools.

Amend KRS 159.832 to apply defined terms through KRS 158.838 and define "seizure action plan"; amend KRS 158.838 to include any medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms; require seizure disorder trainings to comply with Epilepsy Foundation of America guidelines; require parent or guardian of student diagnosed with a seizure disorder to collaborate with school personnel to create a seizure action plan; require the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations regarding contents and development of seizure action plans; create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require every public school to provide a seizure education program; require Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations for development and implementation of the seizure education program; amend KRS 158.070 to require a minimum of one hour of self-study review of seizure disorder materials annually for all principals, guidance counselors, and teachers; provide that the Act may be cited as the Lindsey Crunk Act.

House Bill 147 - Amendments

HFA1(R. Nelson) - Require public charter schools to provide seizure education program.

HFA2(S. Overly) - Require public charter schools to provide seizure education program.

Jan 05, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 09, 2018 - to Education (H)

Jan 18, 2018 - posted in committee

Jan 23, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar; floor amendment (1) filed

Jan 24, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules

Jan 25, 2018 - recommitted to Education (H); floor amendment (2) filed

House Bill 152

Rep. A. Wuchner

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AN ACT relating to the training of commercial driver's license holders in identifying and reporting human trafficking.

Amend KRS 281A.010 to define "human trafficking"; amend KRS 281A.120 to require a person applying for a commercial driver's license to complete training related to identifying and reporting human trafficking; amend KRS 281A.130 to conform; amend KRS 281A.170 to require commercial driver's licenses to be issued with a wallet card that outlines the signs of human trafficking and how to report it, and includes the National Human Trafficking Hotline number; amend KRS 281A.320 and 281.755 to conform.

Jan 05, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 09, 2018 - to Transportation (H)

House Bill 158

Rep. B. Rowland

AN ACT relating to life insurance for public employees.

Amend KRS 18A.205 to permit certain individuals participating in an optional retirement plan authorized by KRS 161.567, certain individuals employed by a public postsecondary educational institution or certain local governments, and any certified or classified employee or elected member of a local board of education to obtain life insurance under the state-sponsored group life insurance policy or policies if the individual's employer opts to participate in the state-sponsored group life insurance program; amend KRS 18A.210 and 18A.215 to conform.

Jan 08, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 10, 2018 - to Banking & Insurance (H)
Jan 18, 2018 - posted in committee
Jan 24, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar
Jan 25, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules
Jan 26, 2018 - posted for passage in the Consent Orders of the Day for Monday, January 29, 2018
Jan 29, 2018 - taken from the Consent Orders of the Day, placed in the Regular Orders of the Day
Jan 30, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 91-0
Jan 31, 2018 - received in Senate
Feb 01, 2018 - to Banking & Insurance (S)

House Bill 180

Rep. A. Scott

AN ACT relating to charter schools.

Repeal KRS 160.1590, 160.1591, 160.1592, 160.1593, 160.1594, 160.1595, 160.1596, 160.1597, 160.1598, 160.1599, and 161.141.

Jan 11, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 17, 2018 - to Education (H)

House Bill 187

Rep. A. Wuchner

AN ACT relating to dyslexia and response-to-interventions that improve student learning.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to define "dyslexia" and "qualified dyslexia screening tool"; require the Department of Education to make available a dyslexia toolkit that includes guidance on the instruction of students displaying characteristics of dyslexia; require the Department of Education to collaborate with the Kentucky Collaborative Center for Literacy Development to update professional development for teachers related to dyslexia; require each local board of education to develop policies for identifying and assisting students in kindergarten through grade three with dyslexia and other learning disabilities; require school districts to report data to the Department of Education regarding dyslexia screening and results; require teacher preparation

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programs to include instruction on dyslexia; require the commissioner of education to select three school districts to serve as dynamic laboratories of learning. Amend KRS 158.305 to revise the definition of "dyslexia"; require local boards of education to develop policies related to the implementation of response-to-intervention; require the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics, to report to the Interim Joint Committees on Education and Health and Welfare by November 30 of each year regarding school districts' implementation of response-to-intervention.

Jan 11, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 17, 2018 - to Education (H)

House Bill 200

Rep. S. Rudy

AN ACT relating to appropriations and revenue measures providing financing and conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, cabinets, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, subdivisions, agencies, and other state-supported activities.

The State/Executive Branch Budget:

Jan 16, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 18, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

House Bill 205

Rep. R. Nelson

AN ACT relating to charter schools.

Repeal KRS 160.1590, 160.1591, 160.1592, 160.1593, 160.1594, 160.1595, 160.1596, 160.1597, 160.1598, 160.1599, and 161.141.

Jan 17, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 19, 2018 - to Education (H)

House Bill 210

Rep. T. Moore

AN ACT relating to public protection.

Amend KRS 237.115 to allow persons with valid concealed deadly weapons licenses or temporary permits to carry concealed weapons on public postsecondary property and in buildings controlled by state and local government, except courtrooms and detention facilities; amend KRS 237.110 to allow persons with valid concealed deadly weapons licenses or temporary permits to carry concealed weapons in meetings of the General Assembly; make technical and conforming amendments.

Jan 18, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 22, 2018 - to Judiciary (H)

House Bill 211

Rep. K. Flood

AN ACT relating to school transportation funding and making an appropriation therefor.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 138 to establish a school transportation funding fee of \$0.03 which shall be paid by dealers on each gallon of gasoline and special fuels; provide for exemptions; require that funds received shall be deposited in the fund to support education excellence in Kentucky; amend KRS 157.330 to specify that funds received from the fee shall be calculated and distributed under the provisions of KRS 157.370; EFFECTIVE August 1, 2018.

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Jan 18, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 22, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

House Bill 239

Rep. R. Huff

AN ACT relating to prevention-oriented child sexual education.

Amend KRS 156.070 to permit the establishment of age-appropriate education programs pertaining to the recognition of child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect and how to report suspected abuse; create a short title, "Erin's Law," for Section 1 of this Act and KRS 156.095(7).

Jan 23, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 25, 2018 - to Education (H)

House Bill 242

Rep. T. Herald

AN ACT relating to school districts.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to merge all current county and independent school districts into 55 districts; abolish existing local boards of education and establish 55 boards of education; amend KRS 160.210 to establish election procedures for new boards of education; amend KRS 160.500, 45A.345, 56.467, 65.230, 65.350, 65.355, 65.360, 65.940, 134.010, 134.119, 156.250, 156.435, 156.440, 156.445, 156.472, 156.480, 157.320, 157.370, 157.615, 158.135, 158.200, 160.045, 160.1590, 160.260, 160.455, 160.460, 161.810, 162.020, 162.520, 160.160, 160.240, and 136.602 to conform; repeal KRS 160.010, 160.020, 160.040, 160.041, 160.042, and 160.200; Sections 2 to 32 effective June 30, 2020.

Jan 24, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 26, 2018 - to Education (H)

House Bill 247

Rep. J. Tipton

AN ACT relating to student scholarships and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS 164.7871 to 164.7885 to allow the use of KEES funds for dual credit courses; require KHEAA to promulgate administrative regulations to administer the section; amend KRS 164.7874 to require KEES recipients to complete the FAFSA; amend KRS 164.7879 to revise the criteria for and amount of KEES base awards; provide for an annual increase in KEES base awards based on the Consumer Price Index; amend KRS 164.7884 to allow KEES funds to be used for qualified workforce training programs; amend KRS 164.7885 to limit a student's KEES disbursement based on federal and state financial aid received and allow rollover of remaining KEES funds; amend KRS 164.786 to sunset the dual credit scholarship program on June 30, 2022; EMERGENCY.

Jan 24, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 26, 2018 - to Education (H)

House Bill 253

Rep. M. Dossett

AN ACT relating to a teacher scholarship pilot program, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 164.769 to establish a STEM teacher scholarship pilot program; establish eligibility and repayment criteria; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

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Jan 25, 2018 - introduced in House
Jan 29, 2018 - to Education (H)

House Bill 278

Rep. J. Blanton

AN ACT relating to automated external defibrillators in schools.

Amend KRS 158.162 to require, as funds are available, the school council or, if none exists, the principal to obtain a portable automated external defibrillator; require a minimum of three employees be trained on its usage; require the school council or, if none exists, the principal to adopt procedures for its usage and availability and policies on training and maintenance; amend KRS 158.302 to delete language stating that a school is not required to have an automated external defibrillator; this act shall be known as Cameron's Law.

Jan 30, 2018 - introduced in House
Feb 01, 2018 - to Education (H)

House Bill 290

Rep. J. Carney

AN ACT relating to interscholastic athletics.

Amend KRS 156.070 to require the state board or the agency designated by the state board to manage interscholastic athletics to allow a member school's team to play against students or a team from non-member, at-home private schools and establish the conditions under which this may occur.

Jan 31, 2018 - introduced in House
Feb 02, 2018 - to Education (H); posted in committee

House Resolutions

House Resolution 126

Rep. W. Coursey

Honor the victims of the Marshall County High School shooting and offer encouragement and support to the entire Marshall County community.

Feb 02, 2018 - introduced in House; adopted by voice vote