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Pending Legislation – Elementary and Secondary Education
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HOUSE BILLS

HB 24 – B. McCool, D. Bentley, P. Flannery, D. Hale, D. Lewis, S. Santoro

AN ACT relating to welding safety.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 198B to establish requirements for projects requiring structural steel welding such as certification of welders and certified inspectors; provide definitions; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2022.

08/20/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

01/13/21 - to Licensing, Occupations, & Admin Regs (H); posted in committee

HB 25 – K. Timoney, K. Moser, K. Banta, T. Bojanowski, A. Bowling, D. Lewis, J. Miller, J. Nemes, J. Tipton

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship.

Amend KRS 164.7874 to delete the requirement that an eligible high school student and eligible postsecondary student not be a convicted felon for KEES eligibility purposes.

08/25/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 28 – J. Donohue, J. Jenkins, C. Miller

AN ACT relating to bus operation safety.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require the Department of Education to develop, in cooperation with the Transportation Cabinet, a risk reduction program for school bus operators; outline requirements of the program; outline school district implementation requirements; require reporting of assaults; specify that the provisions also apply to public charter schools; require the Department of Education to promulgate administrative regulations; create a new section of KRS Chapter 281 to require the Transportation Cabinet to develop a risk reduction program for commercial bus operators; outline requirements; outline implementation requirements; require reporting of assaults; amend KRS 281.990 to establish an initial penalty of \$5,000 for failure to implement the program required; if program is not implemented 14 days after the initial penalty is assessed, an additional fee of \$250 per day shall be assessed until implementation.

08/27/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

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HB 36 – S. Maddox, M. Hart, S. Baker, L. Bechler, K. Bratcher, J. Fischer, R. Goforth, T. Huff, M. Lockett, B. McCool, J. Nemes, F. Rabourn, S. Sheldon, N. Tate, W. Thomas, R. White

AN ACT relating to ensuring basic liberties regarding immunizations and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 214.036 to prohibit required immunization of any person by any state agency or instrumentality; create the short title "Ensuring Bodily Autonomy and Informed Consent Act"; EMERGENCY.

09/09/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 43 – A. Scott, T. Bojanowski, K. Flood, J. Jenkins, J. Raymond

AN ACT relating to ensuring basic liberties regarding immunizations and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 344.010 to provide definitions of "protective hairstyle" and "race" that include traits historically associated with race; amend KRS 158.148 to provide that school disciplinary codes shall prohibit discrimination on the basis of race; establish the short title of "C.R.O.W.N. Act".

09/16/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 55 – A. Gentry, K. Flood, A. Hatton, J. Jenkins, C. Miller, J. Raymond, R. Roberts, C. Stevenson, S. Westrom, B. Wheatley, L. Willner

AN ACT relating to prevailing wage.

Establish new sections of KRS Chapter 337 to create a prevailing wage law for all public works projects; amend KRS 12.020, 99.480, 227.487, 336.015, 337.010, and 337.990 to conform.

09/22/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

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HB 64 – J. Raymond, K. Flood, J. Jenkins, A. Scott, S. Westrom, B. Wheatley

AN ACT related to preschool education programs.

Amend KRS 157.320 to define "at-risk"; amend KRS 157.3175 to expand eligibility for preschool education programs to children who reside in households with an income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

10/06/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 65 – J. Raymond

AN ACT related to teacher professional development.

Amend KRS 156.095 to require all certified public school employees to complete high quality behavioral and mood disorder training annually.

10/06/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 76 – K. Timoney, J. Miller

AN ACT relating to local school boards.

Amend KRS 160.210 to require county school board election divisions be compact and contiguous and respect existing neighborhood, community, and city boundaries if possible; require division lines be redrawn upon merger, annexation, or compliance with KRS 117.055; require a county school board to initiate reapportionment proceedings within 90 days of the General Assembly's redistricting plan becoming law; establish deadline to change election divisions to June 1 of an election year; delete antiquated language; amend KRS 116.200 to conform.

10/21/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

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HB 90 – M. Koch, J. Tipton

AN ACT relating to postsecondary readiness.

Amend KRS 158.6455 to require inclusion of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test as a measurement of postsecondary readiness for the state accountability system.

11/17/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 113 – J. Miller

AN ACT relating to the Teachers' Retirement System.

Create a new section of KRS 161.220 to 161.716 to permit the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) to use and accept electronic signatures as deemed appropriate; amend KRS 161.220 to add anti-salary spiking measures to the definition of "final average salary" and provide noncodified language detailing that change shall not increase benefits or increase liability to the system; amend KRS 161.290 to require all public employers to grant paid leave to teacher trustees serving on the TRS board; amend KRS 161.310 to specify the types of remuneration included in retirement incentives, require that costs billed to employers for retirement incentives not be an obligation of the state, and specify that retirement incentives shall not increase final average salary or annual compensation; amend KRS 161.340 to add insurance to the items for which TRS may contract, delete the requirement for the procurement of fiduciary bonds for board trustees and the executive secretary, and authorize the board to expend funds as necessary for indemnification and self-insurance; amend 161.470 to specify when a member who leaves service prior to retirement is eligible for a refund and to make technical amendments; amend KRS 161.480 to automatically designate a TRS member's spouse as beneficiary for an active member's account balance upon employment until changed by the member and declare the member's spouse as beneficiary of the active member's account balance if all named beneficiaries predecease the active member or the member fails to designate a beneficiary; amend KRS 161.500 to specifically address service credit for contracts exceeding 185 days; amend KRS 161.515 to reference new retirement factors for out-of-state service purchases; amend KRS 161.540 to specify eligibility requirements for including annual leave credit in the retirement calculation for calendar-year contracts; amend KRS 161.545 to provide that full-time sabbatical leave by university staff participating in the TRS shall be deemed full-time employment for retirement purposes and 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 adjust the methods by which participating employers file contribution data and set penalties for noncompliance; amend KRS 161.597 to require a refund of prior installment payments

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and a reduction in service credit for a member in default on installment payments; amend KRS 161.605 to provide that breaks in service are required before returning to work for the employer even if in a position not covered by TRS, begin running of breaks in service from date of retirement, prohibit prearranged agreements between a retiring member and employer for a member to return to work after retirement and require certification thereof, and require retired members returning to work for state-supported universities and community colleges to comply with the separation-from-service requirements; amend KRS 161.612 to reduce the \$500 minimum monthly disability benefit dollar-for-dollar by benefit payments from all state-administered retirement systems for part-time employees and substitute teachers participating in TRS who apply for disability benefits on or after July 1, 2021, and specify that part-time employees and substitute teachers are not eligible to apply for a disability retirement allowance if they are eligible for an unreduced retirement benefit; amend KRS 161.614 to include mediation awards as a method that may be binding for the adjustment of a member's account; amend KRS 161.620 to specify that partial years qualify a member for 3% retirement factor in excess of 30 years as authorized by the TRS board; amend KRS 161.643 to authorize TRS to require more frequent submission of reports and other data by participating employers who employ retired members of the system; amend KRS 161.630 to distinguish that a member may cancel "indefinitely" continuing spousal benefits upon divorce, annulment or marriage by exercising the pop-up option; amend KRS 161.650 to automatically designate a TRS member's spouse as beneficiary for a retired member's remaining account balance at the time of death unless changed by the member and declare the member's spouse as beneficiary of the retired member's remaining account balance if 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 TRS member's spouse as beneficiary for the life insurance benefit available to active and retired members unless changed by the member, and to 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, 2021, 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 dollar-for-dollar by benefit payments from all state-administered retirement systems; and amend KRS 161.680 to detail the system's authority to collect overpayments.

12/09/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

01/13/21 - to State Government (H)

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HB 133 – K. Bratcher, J. Miller

AN ACT relating to recall petitions.

Amend KRS 132.017 to reduce the number of signatures required for a recall petition of a tax levy by a district board of education.

12/11/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

01/13/21 - to Elections, Cont. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H)

HB 134 – S. Riley, K. Banta, T. Bojanowski, J. Raymond, S. Westrom

AN ACT relating to corporal punishment in schools.

Create a new section of KRS 158.440 to 158.449 to define "corporal punishment"; prohibit a person employed by a school district from using corporal physical discipline; amend KRS 158.444 to remove corporal punishment as a form of discipline in a school; amend KRS 503.110 to remove the exception that permitted the use of physical force by a teacher against a minor.

12/11/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 149 – C. McCoy, S. Baker, K. Banta, K. Bratcher, J. Decker, J. Fischer, D. Fister, K. Fleming, M. Hart, A. Koenig, W. Lawrence, S. Maddox, J. Miller, K. Moser, D. Osborne, P. Pratt, M. Prunty, F. Rabourn, S. Santoro, S. Sharp, W. Thomas, J. Tipton, B. Wesley

AN ACT relating to opportunities in education.

Create new sections in KRS Chapter 141 to establish the Education Opportunity Account Program; define terms and eligibility for the program; establish the requirements of the account-granting organizations and the Department of Revenue; allow auditing of account-granting organizations by the Department of Revenue; create a tax credit for taxes imposed by KRS 141.020, 141.040, and 141.0401; require reporting to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue; create short title; amend KRS 141.0205 to order the tax credit; amend KRS 131.190 to allow reporting by the Department of Revenue.

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

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HB 153 – J. Tipton, T. Bojanowski, A. Bowling, J. Dixon, S. Lewis, J. Miller

AN ACT relating to dual credit scholarships.

Amend KRS 164.786 to add two career and technical education courses per year to the Dual Credit Scholarship; amend KRS 164.787 to delete the dual credit provisions from the Work Ready Scholarship.

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 154 – N. Tate, W. Thomas

AN ACT relating to prevention-oriented child abuse awareness instruction.

Require school councils or principals to adopt child abuse awareness and prevention instruction that is taught by a trained, certified teacher; establish short title of "Erin's Law."

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 160 – M. Hart

AN ACT relating to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Create a new section of KRS 210.005 to 210.366 to establish the rights of individuals with intellectual disabilities; cite as the Frank Huffman Act.

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 163 – R. Huff, K. Banta, D. Lewis, K. Timoney

AN ACT relating to teacher certification.

Amend KRS 161.030 to require the Education Professional Standards Board to reissue certification for a lapsed certificate to an applicant who holds a master's degree and is not subject to denial of a certificate under KRS 161.120.

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 165 – M. Dossett, B. Reed, R. Goforth, N. Kirk-McCormick

AN ACT relating to school building projects.

Amend KRS 162.070 to increase the minimum amount for advertising and bidding school building projects from \$7,500 to \$30,000.

01/05/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

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HB 178 – S. Sheldon

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Board of Education.

Amend KRS 156.029 to require appointments to the Kentucky Board of Education to reflect equal gender representation and proportionally reflect the Commonwealth's political affiliation and minority racial composition; provide that members can be removed if composition requirements are not met; add a student and a teacher to the board as non-voting members; prohibit the Governor from reorganizing the board; amend KRS 156.040 and KRS 63.080 to conform.

01/06/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 184 – C. Freeland, K. King

AN ACT relating to Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships.

Amend KRS 164.7879 to allow a student who attends an out of state high school or Department of Defense school due to a parent's military transfer to earn a KEES award if the student earned a base amount in a previous year at a Kentucky high school.

01/06/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 186 – A. Scott, K. Flood

AN ACT relating to curriculum.

Amend KRS 156.160 to require public middle and high school curriculum to include instruction on the history of racism.

01/06/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 187 – A. Scott

AN ACT relating to student journalist freedom.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to make legislative findings; establish definitions; provide additional free speech protections for student journalists; place limitations on additional protections; provide protection for student media advisors; require each district to adopt a written policy for time, place, and manner restrictions, and for an appeals procedure; provide that student speech not be considered school speech; provide that a student journalist or student media advisor may seek injunctive relief; establish the short title of "New Voices Act".

01/06/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

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HB 189 – D. Hale, B. Wesley, R. Goforth, DJ Johnson

AN ACT relating to school bus safety.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 67 to define "owner," "code enforcement board," "county," "camera monitoring system," "recorded images," and "stop arm camera violation"; permit the legislative body of a county to enact an ordinance to authorize the use of camera monitoring systems by a local school district and permit the enforcement of a civil penalty for a stop arm camera violation recorded by a camera monitoring system; permit the legislative body of a county to enter into an interlocal agreement to implement and enforce such ordinances; provide that a legislative body shall set the amount of the civil penalty; to provide that the revenue generated from a civil penalty shall be retained by the county; require specific notice for a stop arm camera violation; require the legislative body of a county to designate a form for a stop arm camera violation; establish defenses to a stop arm camera violation; define the procedures for a contest to a stop arm camera violation; require a recipient of a stop arm camera violation to pay or contest the violation within 60 days; allow for suspension of registration for failure to pay a fine; require a county to notify the Transportation Cabinet of the need to release a suspension within one business day of payment; amend KRS 189.370 to require traffic in the opposite direction of a school bus to stop for a school bus on highways that are not divided by a raised barrier or unpaved median.

01/06/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 200 – T. Bojanowski, C. Massey, K. Flood, A. Scott

AN ACT related to a tax credit for educator expense.

Amend KRS 141.019 to allow taxpayers to include the federal deduction for educator expenses in adjusted gross income; create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to establish a nonrefundable educator expense credit for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022; allow for a dollar-for-dollar credit with a maximum of \$250 per eligible educator for unreimbursed eligible educator expenses that are incurred during the taxable year; amend KRS 141.0205 to order the income tax credit; amend KRS 131.190 to allow for the reporting on the credit.

01/07/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 208 – R. Huff

AN ACT relating to education and declaring an emergency.

Provide that school districts may request approval for more than 10 student attendance days under a nontraditional instruction plan related to the COVID-19 emergency; require a school to submit a nontraditional instruction plan for the 2021-2022 school year within

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the Comprehensive District Improvement Plan by May 1, 2021; provide for how districts shall measure daily student participation while operating under an approved nontraditional instruction plan due to COVID-19; suspend any extended school calendar requirement for an educational program for state agency children; allow school districts to provide additional emergency leave days for staff due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; direct the Kentucky Department of Education to seek federal waivers regarding school meal service rules in relation to the COVID-19 public health emergency; provide that the Kentucky Board of Education may waive statewide assessment and accountability system requirements in accordance with federal waivers received; direct the Kentucky Department of Education to seek federal waivers from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act in relation to the COVID-19 public health emergency; allow a local board of education to revise its certified evaluation plan due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; allow a principal to award additional educational enhancement opportunity days to students to meet obligations that occur prior to the last day of school due to the COVID-19 public health emergency; allow school districts to email required notices to school district employees; allow school districts to use the school district attendance data selected by the district pursuant to 2020 Senate Bill 177 to calculate average daily attendance; allow a school to count up to 30 minutes as instructional time when used for COVID-19 related activities for in-person instruction; make the provisions of the Act retroactive to the 2020-2021 school year and effective for the 2021-2022 school year, if applicable; EMERGENCY.

01/07/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 253 – R. Huff

AN ACT relating to high school graduation requirements.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form as a high school graduation requirement; provide waiver options for meeting the requirement; require local boards of education to develop policies and procedures to assist students in completing the requirement; require the Kentucky Department of Education to develop a process for local districts to report student data.

01/11/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 255 – S. Riley

AN ACT relating to college readiness examinations.

Amend KRS 158.6453 to allow a student to retake the college admissions exam in the fall of grade 12; require the Kentucky Department of Education to pay for the cost of the optional college admissions exam in grade 12.

01/11/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

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HB 258 – C. Massey, J. Miller, J. Tipton

AN ACT relating to the Teachers' Retirement System.

Create new sections of KRS 161.220 to 161.716 to specify that new members of the Teachers' Retirement System on or after January 1, 2022, shall receive a foundational benefit component, which shall be a traditional defined benefit plan with risk adjustments, and a supplemental benefit component which shall be a plan based upon the member's account balance; provide that the cost of the foundational benefit for these new members shall be accessed annually in the actuarial valuation; provide that if the funding level of the foundational benefit component for new nonuniversity or university members falls below 90%, the TRS board shall make one or more of the following changes to keep foundational benefit component employer costs within 8% of pay for nonuniversity members and 5.755% of pay for university members: utilize moneys in the stabilization reserve account from any excess contributions above costs of the new plan components for new members only, utilize prospective mandatory employee and employer contributions from the supplemental benefit component, or adjust the regular interest rate, benefit factor, age and service requirements to retire, or COLAs for new members only; establish the supplemental benefit component for new members who enter TRS on or after January 1, 2022, that pays benefits based upon mandatory employee and employer contributions of two percent of pay, voluntary employee and employer contributions, and interest on the accounts equal to the five-year rolling yield on a 30-year Treasury bond; provide for vesting of employer contributions after five years; provide that a new member may take a refund, distribution, or annuitize their supplemental benefit account balance into a monthly payment based upon assumptions established by the TRS board; amend KRS 161.155 to provide that new nonuniversity TRS members on or after January 1, 2022, shall not have any lump-sum sick leave payments added to their foundational benefit component calculation but may have the payment deposited into the supplemental benefit component; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.220 to establish definitions for the new foundational benefit component and supplemental benefit component for new members and make technical amendments to conform to a recent court decision; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.540 to specify employee contribution rates for new TRS members on or after January 1, 2022, which for new nonuniversity members shall be 14.75% of pay with 9% going to fund the foundational benefit component, 2% to fund the supplemental benefit component, and 3.75% to fund retiree health benefits and for new university members shall be 9.775% of pay with 5% going to fund the foundational benefit component, 2% to fund the supplemental benefit component, and 2.775% to fund retiree health benefits; specify level of reduction to retiree health contribution once retiree health fund achieves 100% funding; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.550 to conform language to a recent court decision and specify actual fixed employer rates being paid; provide that the maximum employer contribution rate for new members on or after January 1, 2022, shall be 10.75% for nonuniversity members with 8% going to fund the foundational benefit component, 2% to fund the supplemental benefit component, and 0.75% to fund retiree health benefits and 9.775% for university members with 5.775%

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going to fund the foundational benefit component, 2% to fund the supplemental benefit component, and 2% to fund retiree health benefits; specify level of reduction to employer retiree health contribution once retiree health fund achieves 100% funding; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.600 to provide that new nonuniversity members on or after January 1, 2022, shall be eligible to retire with no reduction in benefits upon attaining age 65 with 5 years of service, age 60 with 10 years of service, or age 55 with 30 years of service or with a reduced benefit at age 55 with 10 years of service; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.620 to provide that new nonuniversity TRS members shall receive a benefit factor in the foundational benefit of 1.7% up to 2.4% based upon the member's age and years of service and new university TRS members shall receive a benefit factor in the foundational benefit of 0.7% up to 1.4% based upon the member's age and years of service; amend KRS 161.655 to increase the life insurance benefit for new members on or after January 1, 2022, from \$2,000 and \$5,000 while active and from to \$5,000 and \$10,000 while retired; amend KRS 161.420 to set up stabilization account for new plans for new TRS members; amend KRS 161.661 to provide that TRS shall determine disability benefits by administrative regulation for new TRS members on or after January 1, 2022; repeal, reenact, and amend or repeal and reenact or amend, or amend KRS 161.400, 161.420, 161.470, 161.480, 161.500, 161.507, 161.515, 161.520, 161.522, 161.525, 161.545, 161.5465, 161.547, 161.548, 161.549, 161.568, 161.580, 161.585, 161.590, 161.595, 161.605, 161.612, 161.615, 161.623, 161.630, 161.661, 161.650, 161.700, and 161.714 to make technical and conforming amendments and to conform to a recent court decision; repeal 161.235; provide that the TRS board shall make recommendations to the Public Pension Oversight Board on how and when to distribute actuarial gains to restore previously reduced benefits in the foundational benefit component or distribute additional contributions to the supplemental benefit component; Sections 1 to 41 effective January 1, 2022.

01/12/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

01/13/21 - to State Government (H)

HB 270 – J. Tipton

AN ACT relating to early literacy education and making an appropriation therefor.

Amend KRS 158.791 to set forth the intent of the General Assembly with regard to reading instruction, supports, and interventions; define the Department of Education's role in assisting local school districts with regard to reading instruction, supports, and interventions; require the department to collaborate with designated agencies on reading programming, materials, and activities; amend KRS 158.305 to replace references to "response to intervention" systems with "multi-tiered system of supports"; require school districts to submit evidence of implementation of a multi-tiered system of supports by October 1 of each year; require the department to provide technical assistance and training on a multi-tiered system of supports upon the request of a school district; require

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the department to develop and maintain lists of approved universal screeners, diagnostic assessments, and comprehensive reading programs; require a local board of education to adopt and implement a reading universal screener and reading diagnostic assessment by January 1, 2022; permit a local school district to adopt a common comprehensive reading program for K-3; require all K-3 teachers to be trained in any reading diagnostic assessment and universal screener adopted by a local board; establish requirements for the administration of reading universal screeners by grade-level; define and establish the requirements for a reading improvement plan; require the department to establish reading teacher academies or coaching models by September 1, 2022, if funds are appropriated; amend KRS 158.840 to require CPE and EPSB to report to the IJCE on teacher preparation programs compliance; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require postsecondary institutions offering early childhood or elementary teacher preparation programs to include designated instruction; require the EPSB to maintain a list of approved reading teacher preparation tests; require all new teachers seeking certification in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education or Elementary School to take an approved reading teacher preparation test; amend KRS 164.0207 to rename the Reading Diagnostic and Intervention Grant Steering Committee the Read to Succeed Council; amend KRS 156.553 and 158.070 to conform; designate the Act as "the Read to Succeed Act;" APPROPRIATION.

01/13/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 271 – J. Tipton

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Early Entry Initiative pilot program and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 161 to define "early career teachers"; establish the Kentucky Early Entry Initiative pilot program; define the purposes and objectives of the pilot program; outline the three-year structure of the program; require an evaluation report be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2024; establish the short title of "Kentucky Early Career Teachers Act"; EMERGENCY.

01/13/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB 279 – J. Branscum, S. Santoro

AN ACT relating to the construction of educational facilities.

Amend KRS 198B.060 to allow local plan review, inspection and enforcement of educational facilities.

01/13/21 - Introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)



HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

HJR 8 – T. Bojanowski, K. Banta, A. Scott, C. Stevenson

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to school accountability.

Direct the commissioner of education to convene a strategic assessment and accountability committee; establish minimum requirements for the composition of the committee; establish the duties of the committee; require the commissioner to report the findings of the committee to the Interim Joint Committee on Education by December 1, 2021, and December 1, 2022, EMERGENCY.

07/29/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in House

HR 21 – DJ Johnson, K. King, W. Thomas

A RESOLUTION urging school districts to commemorate Constitution Day on or around September 17 as an annual event.

Urge school districts to commemorate Constitution Day on or around September 17 as an annual event.

01/06/21 - Introduced in House

SENATE BILLS

SB 25 – R. Alvarado

AN ACT relating to opportunities in education.

Create new sections in KRS Chapter 141 to establish the Education Opportunity Account Program; define terms and eligibility for the program; establish the requirements of the account-granting organizations and the Department of Revenue; allow auditing of account-granting organizations by the Department of Revenue; create a tax credit for taxes imposed by KRS 141.020, 141.040, and 141.0401; require reporting to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue; create short title; amend KRS 141.0205 to order the tax credit; amend KRS 131.190 to allow reporting by the Department of Revenue.

12/09/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

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SB 31 – M. Nemes

AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to property exempt from taxation.

Propose to amend Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky to include in the homestead exemption for owners who are sixty-five years of age or older any increase in ad valorem taxes that are assessed after the latter of the year the owner turned sixty-five, the year the owner purchased the property, or the date this provision was ratified by the voters; add the continued biennial inflation indexing of the homestead exemption amount; make various typographical changes of a nonsubstantive nature; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection; apply to property assessed on and after the January 1st immediately following the date of ratification.

08/25/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB 37 – R. Girdler

AN ACT relating to immunization and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 214.036 to prohibit required immunization of any person by any state agency or instrumentality; create a new section of KRS Chapter 338 to prohibit required immunization of any employee by an employer as defined in KRS 338.015;
EMERGENCY.

10/12/20 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s)

01/05/21 - Introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB 77 – J. Adams, G. Neal

AN ACT relating to immunization and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 160.352 to require greater minority representation on a screening committee in a school district with a minority student population of 50% or greater.

01/06/21 - Introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

01/11/21 - to Education (S)

SB 97 – S. West, J. Schickel, R. Alvarado, S. Meredith

AN ACT relating to the rights of parents.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 405 to establish findings of the General Assembly related to rights and interests of parents; create new sections of KRS Chapter 405 to

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establish a definition of "parent" and specific rights of parents; establish a short title of "Parents Rights Protection Act."

01/09/21 - Introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB 98 – A. Southworth, R. Girdler, M. Nemes

AN ACT relating to immunizations.

Amend KRS 344.010 to define "immunization"; amend KRS 344.040 to prohibit employers from discriminating against an individual who declines immunization or requiring immunization as a condition of employment.

01/09/21 - Introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB 101 – J. Higdon

AN ACT relating to career and technical education.

Amend KRS 157.069 to provide that when a local board of education assumes management of a state-operated vocational education and technology center, the center shall receive 100% of the funding it received as a state-operated center in the first year and 75% of the funding it received thereafter; provide that the remaining 25% of the funds shall be distributed to locally-operated centers that did not receive state supplemental funds previously; amend KRS 156.844 to require that when a local board of education assumes management of a state-operated vocational education and technology center, the local board must serve all districts serviced by the state-operated center; provide that when a local board of education assumes management of a state-operated vocational education and technology center, transferred certified employees who had tenure may be granted tenure and classified employees with four years of previous service may be offered a contract for at least five years.

01/11/21 - Introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB 106 – R. Mills

AN ACT relating to athletics.

Amend KRS 156.070 to require the Board of Education or agency designated by the Board of Education to manage interscholastic athletics to promulgate administrative regulations or bylaws requiring schools that participate in interscholastic athletics to designate all athletic teams, activities, and sports based upon the biological sex of the students eligible to participate; prohibit male students from participating in athletic teams, activities, and sports designated as girls'; prohibit designated agencies from entertaining complaints or investigations of policies; create a cause of action against a school that

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violates these provisions; require that the action be brought within 2 years; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require a public postsecondary education institution or private postsecondary education institution that is a member of a national intercollegiate athletic association to designate all intercollegiate and intramural athletic teams, activities, sports, and events that are sponsored or authorized by the institution based on biological sex of students eligible to participate; require that a public postsecondary education institution or private postsecondary education institution that is a member of a national intercollegiate athletic association prohibit male students from participating in athletic teams, activities, and sports designated as womens'; prohibit designated agencies from entertaining complaints or investigations of policies; create a cause of action against a postsecondary institution that violates these provisions; require that the action be brought within 2 years; title the Act: "Save Women's Sports Act."

01/11/21 - Introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB 106 – R. Mills

AN ACT relating to the program to support education excellence in Kentucky.

Amend KRS 157.360 to require, when a district's state per pupil SEEK amount is less than the district's 1991-1992 state per pupil amount, the district's state portion per pupil SEEK amount be increased by the difference between the 91-92 amount and the current calculation; amend KRS 157.430 and 157.390 to conform.

01/12/21 - Introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB 114 – S. West

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Early Entry Initiative pilot program and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 161 to define "early career teachers"; establish the Kentucky Early Entry Initiative pilot program; define the purposes and objectives of the pilot program; outline the three-year structure of the program; require an evaluation report be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2024; establish the short title of "Kentucky Early Career Teachers Act"; EMERGENCY.

01/13/21 - Introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB 115 – S. West

AN ACT relating to early literacy education and making an appropriation therefor.

Amend KRS 158.791 to set forth the intent of the General Assembly with regard to reading instruction, supports, and interventions; define the Department of Education's role in assisting local school districts with regard to reading instruction, supports, and

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interventions; require the department to collaborate with designated agencies on reading programming, materials, and activities; amend KRS 158.305 to replace references to "response to intervention" systems with "multi-tiered system of supports"; require school districts to submit evidence of implementation of a multi-tiered system of supports by October 1 of each year; require the department to provide technical assistance and training on a multi-tiered system of supports upon the request of a school district; require the department to develop and maintain lists of approved universal screeners, diagnostic assessments, and comprehensive reading programs; require a local board of education to adopt and implement a reading universal screener and reading diagnostic assessment by January 1, 2022; permit a local school district to adopt a common comprehensive reading program for K-3; require all K-3 teachers to be trained in any reading diagnostic assessment and universal screener adopted by a local board; establish requirements for the administration of reading universal screeners by grade-level; define and establish the requirements for a reading improvement plan; require the department to establish reading teacher academies or coaching models by September 1, 2022, if funds are appropriated; amend KRS 158.840 to require CPE and EPSB to report to the IJCE on teacher preparation programs compliance; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require postsecondary institutions offering early childhood or elementary teacher preparation programs to include designated instruction; require the EPSB to maintain a list of approved reading teacher preparation tests; require all new teachers seeking certification in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education or Elementary School to take an approved reading teacher preparation test; amend KRS 164.0207 to rename the Reading Diagnostic and Intervention Grant Steering Committee the Read to Succeed Council; amend KRS 156.553 and 158.070 to conform; designate the Act as "the Read to Succeed Act;"

APPROPRIATION.

01/13/21 - Introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SENATE RESOLUTIONS

SR 21 – M. McGarvey

A RESOLUTION relating to handwashing in schools.

Urge the Department of Education to provide guidance to Kentucky school districts on how to implement the CDC's COVID-19 guidance, including recommendations for hand hygiene; urge Kentucky schools to adopt hand hygiene plans that meet or exceed the CDC recommendations.

01/05/21 - Introduced in Senate

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SJR 27 – R. Girdler

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Kentucky Department of Education to require public schools to close in observance of Veterans Day.

Direct the Department of Education to make Veterans Day a holiday and to close schools on that day.

01/07/21 - Introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)