

The background is a composite image. The top left shows a line of yellow school buses, with the word 'SCHOOL BUS' visible on the front of one. The bottom left shows a classroom with blue walls, desks, chairs, and various educational materials. A large white diagonal shape cuts across the image from the top left to the bottom right, serving as a background for the text.

Legislative Update

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E D U C A T I O N

2024 Regular Session

- **General Schedule**

- The 2024 regular session began on January 2nd;
- Last day for new House bills is February 26th, for the Senate, February 28th;
- The veto recess is March 29th through April 9th;
- The final two legislative days (#29 & 30) are April 12th and 15th (sine die).
- The Regular Session Calendar can be found here: https://legislature.ky.gov/Documents/24RS_Calendar.pdf

- **Committees**

- Education Committees and Appropriations and Revenue Committees are of the most interest
- All are streamed live via the KET (Kentucky Educational Television) feed or LRC's YouTube channel.
- Full committee schedule is available here:
https://legislature.ky.gov/Documents/24RS_Standing_Schedule.pdf

- **Budget Process**

- Governor's proposal is HB114
- House's is HB6
- Governor has line-item veto power in the budget bill
 - Which can be overridden with a simple majority vote in each chamber.

Senate Bills of Interest

- SB8 – KBE elected instead of appointed.
- SB11 - amend KRS 610.345 to require notice to schools prior to filing of a public offense petition against a child in certain cases.
- SB18 – changes to school bus specs.
- SB38 - free feminine hygiene products for elementary and secondary students
- SB40 - Kentucky Proud School Match Program
- SB52 – AI in education
- SB66 - concealed deadly weapons
- SB93 – DIEB

Senate Bills Con't

- SB92 – transportation of students via passenger vehicles
- SB95 - require public schools...to provide reasonable accommodations to a lactating student
- SB114 - modify the types of school facilities where weapons are prohibited
- SB120 - prohibit a public agency...from using public funds for lobbying activity or to employ or enter into a contract with a lobbyist.
- SB135 – vaccine requirements
- SB142 – paid leave for birth or adoption of a child
- SB165 - remove requirements for using a Social Security number as an identifier.
- SB169 - establish a process to recall a member of a local board of education
- SB170 – local boards of education membership
- SB171 – removal of a superintendent by a local board

House Bills of Interest

- HB2 – constitutional amendment on education funding
- HB22 - remove the requirement for medical oversight of an automated external defibrillators (AED) program
 - Passed House 87-0; not assigned in the Senate
- HB36 - student resiliency and well-being.
- HB41 – immunization
- HB51 – parental rights regarding surveys, examinations, RFID
- HB96 – moment of silence and reflection at the start of the school day
 - Passed House 79-17; not assigned in Senate
- HB108 – accountability related to English language learners
- HB119 – allow participation in a public school interscholastic extracurricular activity by an at-home private school student

House Bills Con't

- HB158 - require rather than allow local boards of education to develop policy on dyslexia.
- HB162 – numeracy
- HB177 – COVID-19 vaccine requirements for minors
- HB189 - direct KDE to reimburse an eligible school district \$0.33 for every meal reimbursed by the community eligibility provision at the paid.
- HB191 - relating to materials, programs, or events alleged to be harmful to minors
- HB208 – constitutional amendment related to school funding
- HB225 – education clean-up bill
- HB227 - provide a merger process for contiguous school districts
- HB245 – remove expected family income from the selection criteria for the teacher scholarship

House Bills Con't

- HB257 - abolish the CPE and transfer authorities and duties to the KHEAA
- HB259 - lower the age requirement for carrying a concealed and deadly weapon from 21 to 18
- HB275 – teacher misconduct
- HB279 - full-day kindergarten
- HB288 - repeal KRS 237.115, which interprets the application of the license to carry concealed deadly weapon statute as permitting...governments, and units of state government to limit concealed carry in governmental buildings
- HB300 - process and procedures for receiving and processing a complaint against a certificate holder
- HB301 - lunch period of at least 30 minutes
- HB304 – parental rights
- HB309 – lobbying by public agencies

House Bills Con't

- HB346 - require a school district to adopt health curricula that includes human growth and development instruction that meets specific criteria
- HB347 - require a trauma-informed team to incorporate age-appropriate and evidence-based child abuse and neglect awareness and prevention into the training, guidance, and assistance provided by the team
- HB372 – an act relating to educational cooperatives
- HB377 - teacher recruitment and retention
- HB387- substitute teacher certification
- HB446 - require local school boards to adopt a transportation services policy
- HB447 – transportation via passenger vehicles
- HB464 – codify HB678(2022)

Resolutions of Interest

- HCR 43 - Reestablish the Early Childhood Education Task Force.
 - Findings and recommendations due to LRC by Dec 1, 2024
- HCR 51 - Autism in Education Task Force; direct the task force to study autism supports and services provided to K-12 students by Kentucky public schools.
- HCR 60 - Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) Task Force.
 - Findings due to LRC by Dec 1, 2024.

Questions

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- Karen Wirth, Director, Division of Budgets and Financial Management
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