

The background of the slide is a composite image. The top-left portion shows a line of yellow school buses, with the word 'SCHOOL BUS' visible on the front of the lead bus. The bottom-left portion shows a classroom with blue walls, decorated with colorful balloons and framed pictures. Several desks and chairs are arranged in the room.

Legislative Update

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EDUCATION

House Bill 2

- IT IS PROPOSED THAT A NEW SECTION BE ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
- *The General Assembly may provide financial support for the education of students outside the system of common schools. The General Assembly may exercise this authority by law, Sections 59, 60, 171, 183, 184, 186, and 189 of this Constitution notwithstanding.*

Enacted Bills

- SB 2 (Wise) – student safety & mental health
 - Became law without the Governor’s signature
- SB 265 (Deneen) – Option 7 alternative teacher certification pathway
 - HCS1 – adds a new teacher induction and mentor program
- SB 11 (Schickel) - juvenile justice
- SB 18 (Deneen) – school bus specifications
- HB 142 (Hart) – vaping bill
- SB 164 (Funke Frommeyer) - allows articulation agreements between licensed proprietary schools and public school districts or state area technology centers
- HB 22 (Pratt) removes the requirement for medical oversight of an AED program
- HB 377 (Banta) - teacher recruitment and retention
- HB 446 (E. Calloway) – student conduct on school buses
- HB 447 (E. Calloway) – student transportation via passenger vehicles

Enacted Bills continued

- HB 471 (Freeland) - school pre-enrollment for military-connected students
- HB 535 (Duvall) – civics education
 - allow two civics literacy options for high school graduation beginning with the 2025-2026 school year:
 - a one-half credit in Civics Literacy or a score of 70 percent on a 100 question civics test
- HB 695 (Jackson) – Adaptive Kindergarten Readiness pilot project
- HB 825 (Tipton) – Audit of the KDE
 - Became law without the Governor’s signature
- HB 611 (Bauman) – truancy
 - Filed without the Governor’s signature
- HB 727 (M. Meredith) - general obligation bonds
 - HFA1 – extends the provisions of HB 678 (2022) through June 30, 2027

Bills that passed both Chambers and are back for concurrence

- HB 162 (Tipton) – numeracy
 - SFA2 - appropriate General Fund moneys in the amount of \$5 million in fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$5 million in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the Kentucky numeracy counts fund
- HB 275 (Tipton) – teacher misconduct
- HB 300 (Clines) – timelines for complaints to the EPSB
- HB 387 (Truett) - substitute teacher certification.
- HB 449 (Riley) - relates to local boards of education

Resolutions of Interest

- HCR 43 - Reestablish the Early Childhood Education Task Force.
- 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.
 - Passed House 92-0; not assigned to committee in the Senate
- HCR 60 - Support Education Excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) Task Force.
- HCR81 - Efficient and Effective School District Governance Task Force. Same as SCR142.
 - Vetoed
- HCR83 - Teacher Red Tape Reduction Task Force

Questions

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