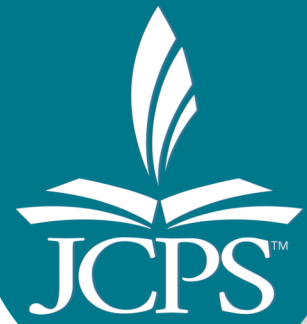


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HB 2

AN ACT PROPOSING TO CREATE A NEW SECTION OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY RELATING TO EDUCATION FUNDING.

- Places a constitutional amendment on the Nov. 5, 2024 ballot to allow the General Assembly to use tax dollars to pay for non-public schools.

HB 5

AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS.

- Requires school staff to immediately contact both district and local law enforcement in certain situations involving potential legal charges.

HB 6

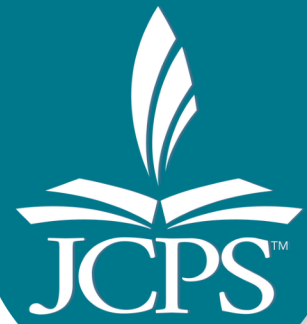
AN ACT RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS MEASURES PROVIDING FUNDING AND ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR THE OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, SUPPORT, AND FUNCTIONING OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY AND ITS VARIOUS OFFICERS, CABINETS, DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, INSTITUTIONS, SUBDIVISIONS, AGENCIES, AND OTHER STATE-SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES.

- Biennial state budget for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026.
- Funds Base SEEK at \$4,326 per pupil in FY25 and \$4,586 in FY 26 (3% and 6% increase, respectively).
- Funds SEEK Transportation at 90% of FY 23 costs in FY25, and 100% of FY23 costs in FY26.
- Requires district- and school-level reading and math scores (proficient and distinguished) to be placed in a banner on each web page for the district and school, respectively, and links to full KSA results on the home page for each.
- Requires reporting to KDE of all certified and classified salary increases.
- Increase of \$1.3 million to the Kentucky Center for School Safety for distribution to school districts.
- Funds \$20,000 stipends to districts for each campus covered by a full-time on-site School Resource Officer.
- Funds \$5,000 stipends to student teachers.
- Funds an audit of JCPS by the state auditor up to \$1.5 million.
- Signals intent for the General Assembly to send funds directly to school districts to help pay for employee health insurance in the next biennium, rather than the current on-behalf payment method.



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HB 22

AN ACT RELATING TO AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS.

- Removes the requirement for medical oversight of an AED program.

HB 100

AN ACT RELATING TO BIRTH CERTIFICATES.

- Allows homeless youth to obtain their birth certificate for free rather than paying the normal fee.

HB 142

AN ACT RELATING TO PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN NICOTINE.

- Requires school districts to distribute information to students on nicotine prevention and cessation at the beginning of each school year, and to make that information available to students throughout the school year.
- Requires progressive discipline for students who use tobacco or other nicotine or vaping products, including confiscation of the vaping devices.

HB 147

AN ACT RELATING TO LOCAL PROPERTY TAX RATE LEVIES.

- Clarifies the timeline for local tax recall votes, allowing them to be held in November of the next calendar year.

HB 159

AN ACT RELATING TO IMMUNITY FROM CRIMINAL LIABILITY FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

- Provides immunity from criminal liability for health care providers who act within the scope of their work, including school nurses.

HB 162

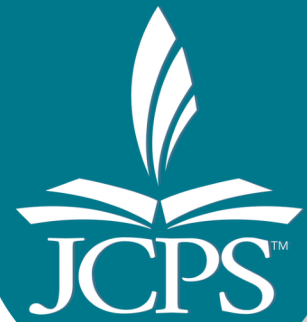
AN ACT RELATING TO MATHEMATICS EDUCATION AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

- Requires districts to implement evidence-based mathematics curriculum, instructional resources, and interventions.
- In 2026-2027, requires a universal math screener for K-3 students and a diagnostic assessment for students found by the screener to not meet grade-level benchmarks.



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HB 162 (CONTINUED)

AN ACT RELATING TO MATHEMATICS EDUCATION AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR.

- Requires multi-tiered systems of support for students in need of intervention, including enrichment programs.
- Directs KDE to develop teacher academies or coaching models focused on math for K-8 teachers.

HB 169

AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS OF SCHOOLS.

- Requires all schools to have an AED accessible, rather than just all middle and high schools.

HB 200

AN ACT RELATING TO THE MILITARY

- Includes children of National Guard and Reserve personnel among those covered by statutes protecting the educational rights of military children.

HB 263

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, AND SUPPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

- Includes \$250,000 in funding for the Efficient & Effective School District Governance Task Force.

HB 271

AN ACT RELATING TO CHILD ABUSE.

- Clarifies that mandated reporters of child abuse or neglect may make their reports electronically, and that immediate reports may be made in written or electronic form rather than just orally.
- Directs CHFS to create a statewide reporting system for child abuse and neglect cases, including a 24-hour on-call response system.

HB 278

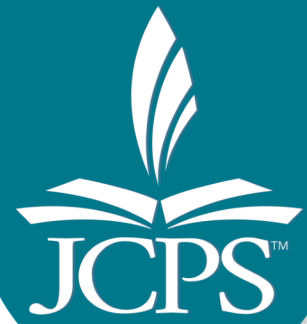
AN ACT RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

- Expands the list of people who cannot be employed by a school district to include anyone convicted of a misdemeanor sex crime or is required to register as a sex offender.
- Clarifies the definition of a violent offender for the purposes of school district employment prohibitions.
- Includes criminal charge enhancements for certain sex crimes when the offender is in a position of authority, which includes school district employees.



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HB 300

AN ACT RELATING TO THE PROFESSION OF EDUCATION.

- Requires EPSB to conduct an initial review of complaints within 30 days.
- Lays out further timelines for the investigative and review process.
- Allows EPSB to contract with outside hearing officers, including those from the Attorney General's Office, other agencies, and private attorneys.

HB 320

AN ACT RELATED TO CIVIL PROCEDURE.

- Sets a statute of limitations of three years for cases involving wrongful termination in violation of public policy.

HB 335

AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS.

- Clarifies the definition and role of assistance dogs and emotional support animals, defines the rights and responsibilities of their owners, and creates a violation for misrepresentation of an assistance dog.

HB 354

AN ACT RELATING TO RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES.

- Allows hazardous-duty retirees who return to service with a local school district to have their health insurance costs paid by KDE.

HB 377

AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Establishes the Teacher Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Pilot Program.
- Establishes the Student Teacher Stipend Program.

HB 387

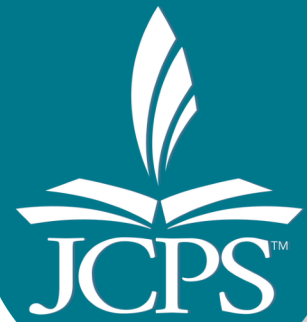
AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION.

- Creates three new tiers for substitute teacher certification:
 - A one-year certificate for anyone with a high school diploma or equivalent, which may not be used for full-time employment as a substitute or for the replacement of a single teacher for more than 20 days.
 - A five-year certificate for anyone with a bachelor's degree.
 - A ten-year certificate for anyone who previously held a regular teaching certificate that requires a four-year teacher prep program in the past.



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HB 446

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION.

- Requires districts to adopt a transportation services policy, which includes a process for bus drivers to be involved in disciplinary issues on their buses.
- Allows districts to restrict transportation privileges based on students and parents. acknowledging the transportation services policy.

HB 447

AN ACT RELATING TO THE TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Permits the use of nine-passenger vans for regular student transportation needs as part of a KDE-approved plan.

HB 449

AN ACT RELATING TO LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

- Allows school board candidates to submit an affidavit certifying they have a high school diploma or equivalent, rather than requiring the document itself.
- Allows for the removal of a school board member who is convicted of a felony, performs acts of malfeasance, or misuses public property or funds, subject to OEA investigation and potential referral to the Attorney General.
- Adjusts the continuing education requirements for school board members, with requirements for ethics and open records/open meetings training but removing the requirements for finance and superintendent evaluation for board members with more than two years of service.

HB 469

AN ACT RELATING TO PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS.

- Creates the Purple Star Schools program for supporting military-connected students.

HB 471

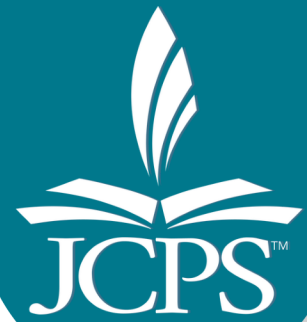
AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL PRE-ENROLLMENT FOR MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS.

- Allows the use of military orders as proof of residency for enrollment and prohibits mandating in-person enrollment when prevented due to official military duties.



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HB 499

AN ACT RELATING TO CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FUNDING, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Includes state-operated area technical centers in the supplemental funding pool, and adds ATC funds not needed for administrative costs to the supplemental funding pool.
- Shifts the supplemental funding formula from 100% based on FTEs to 60% FTEs/40% performance funding.

HB 535

AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIC EDUCATION.

- Increases the required score to pass the state civics exam required for graduation from 60% to 70%.
- Beginning with the 2025-2026 freshman class, districts will be allowed to require a half-credit course in civics rather than the exam as a graduation requirement.

HB 580

AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Allows the county board of elections to designate schools as voting places on all days of excused and no-excuse in-person absentee voting.

HB 611

AN ACT RELATING TO TRUANCY.

- Requires directors of pupil personnel to file a complaint with the county attorney against any parent or guardian whose student has amassed 15 or more unexcused absences. For students in grades 6-12, they must also be classified as a habitual truant before the complaint may be filed.

HB 695

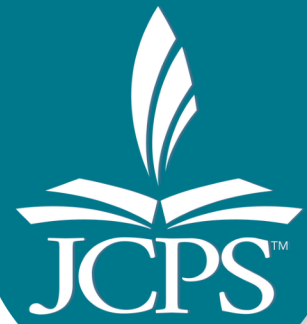
AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ADAPTIVE KINDERGARTEN READINESS PILOT PROJECT.

- Creates a program to provide preschool children with access to educational technology programs that use family engagement to improve kindergarten readiness. The program will align with state preschool standards, will offer instruction in reading, and has the option to offer instruction in math and science.



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HB 727

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS.

- Allows school districts to issue general obligation bonds and obtain bank loans.
- Extends temporary provisions allowing for certain school construction projects to proceed without KDE approval through June 30, 2027.

HB 825

AN ACT RELATING TO AN AUDIT OF THE KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

- Authorizes a full programmatic audit of KDE to be completed by July 1, 2025.

HB 829

AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICINAL CANNABIS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Requires school boards to set a policy on the administration of medicinal cannabis by December 1, 2024.
 - That policy may, at the board's discretion, prohibit the use of medicinal cannabis on school grounds.
 - The policy may also require a parent or guardian to administer the dose.
 - The policy must also allow nurses and other staff to refuse to administer the dose.

HCR 81

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE.

- The task force will be focused on the structure of JCPS and what changes may be desired.
 - This includes whether new districts should be created within Jefferson County.
 - It also includes whether the board should be expanded and how members should be selected.
- The task force will meet twice a month and must report its findings by December 1, 2024.

SB 2

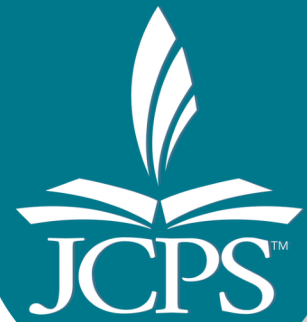
AN ACT RELATING TO STUDENT SAFETY.

- Establishes a voluntary "Guardians" program to permit school districts to contract with retired law enforcement officers or honorably discharged military to provide school security, with proper qualifications and training.
- Clarifies responsibilities of a school's trauma-informed team to enhance schoolwide resiliency.
- Requires each school district to provide an anonymous reporting tool for safety issues.
- Requires two evidence-based suicide prevention awareness trainings for students each year, rather than the current one.



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SB 2

AN ACT RELATING TO STUDENT SAFETY.

- Requires staff who interact with students in grades 4-12 (rather than the current 6-12) to receive annual evidence-based suicide prevention awareness training.
- Creates a School Mapping Data Program for schools to share detailed information on their facilities with public safety agencies for use in an emergency response situation.
- Allows the use of secondary locking mechanisms on classrooms doors regardless of state building code regulations.

SB 11

AN ACT RELATING TO JUVENILE JUSTICE.

- Requires a court-designated worker to notify a school district when a student is charged with a felony or certain misdemeanor.
- Requires certain records to be destroyed if the student's case is successfully diverted or dismissed.

SB 18

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL BUS EQUIPMENT.

- Allows school districts to purchase school bus accessories and replacement equipment that meet federal safety standards without regard for brand name or other manufacturer requirements.

SB 58

AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RATES.

- Relaxes requirements for signature-gathering process for local tax recall petitions.

SB 91

AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING AND ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Allows for supplemental funding to school districts that meet certain criteria related to the growth of their local property assessments.

SB 162

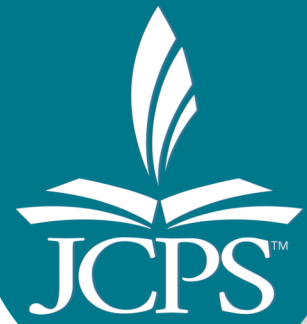
AN ACT RELATING TO VEHICLE ACCIDENT REPORTS.

- Allows law enforcement agencies, including school district police departments, to retain a copy of vehicle accident reports submitted by the school district police to Kentucky State Police, which will not be considered open records.



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SB 164

AN ACT RELATING TO BUILDING TRADE PROFESSIONS.

- Allows articulation agreements between school districts and licensed proprietary schools in the building trades.

SB 167

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS' COMMUNICATION SKILLS.

- Beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, cursive writing will be required as a course of study in elementary schools.

SB 191

AN ACT RELATING TO POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION FUNDING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Removes race-based metrics and targets from the postsecondary performance funding formula.

SB 265

AN ACT RELATING TO TEACHER CERTIFICATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Increases initial teacher certification under the traditional route to five years (up from one year) and removes the requirement for an offer of employment from all routes.
- Replaces the defunct Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP) with a multiyear New Teacher Induction and Mentor Program for all new teachers.



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