



# 2026 General Assembly Update

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**E D U C A T I O N**

# 2026 Regular Session Schedule

- President's Day – February 16<sup>th</sup>
- Last day for new Senate bills – March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Last day for new House bills – March 4<sup>th</sup>
- Concurrence days – March 31<sup>st</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Veto days – April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>
- Sine Die – April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Session calendar:
  - [https://legislature.ky.gov/Documents/26RS\\_Calendar.pdf](https://legislature.ky.gov/Documents/26RS_Calendar.pdf)

# 2026 Committee Schedule

- HOUSE

- Primary & Secondary Education -Wednesday, 8am
- BR Sub Primary & Secondary Education/Workforce Development – Tuesday, 10am
- A&R – Tuesday, 12pm
- Families & Children - Thursday, 9am
- State Government – Thursday, 12pm

- SENATE

- Education - Thursday, 10am
- A&R – Wednesday, 9am
- State & Local Government – Wednesday, 11am
- Families & Children - Tuesday, 8am

- Committee Schedule

- [https://legislature.ky.gov/Documents/26RS\\_Standing\\_Schedule.pdf](https://legislature.ky.gov/Documents/26RS_Standing_Schedule.pdf)

# How to Follow Along

- How to watch committee meetings
  - KET: <https://ket.org/legislature/>
  - LRC YouTube site:  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmnoJBrwFmd7JK0HA9KcPaw>
  - Where to follow bills
  - <https://legislature.ky.gov/Legislation/Pages/default.aspx>

# Education Committee Members

## SENATE

- Stephen West - Chair
- Lindsey Tichenor - Vice Chair
- Danny Carroll
- David P. Givens
- Jimmy Higdon
- Stephen Meredith
- Gerald A. Neal
- Steve Rawlings
- Aaron Reed
- Reginald Thomas
- Gex Williams
- Mike Wilson
- Max Wise

## HOUSE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION

- Scott Lewis - Chair
- Mike Clines - Vice Chair
- Tina Bojanowski
- Steve Bratcher
- Emily Callaway
- Josh Calloway
- Adrielle Camuel
- Steven Doan
- Ken Fleming
- Daniel Grossberg
- David Hale
- Kevin Jackson
- Marianne Proctor
- Felicia Rabourn
- Steve Riley
- James Tipton
- Timmy Truett
- Lisa Willner

# KBE/KDE Priorities

- [HB 257](#) (Payne) - proposed changes to the assessment and accountability system
- [SB 22](#) (Higdon) – expanded dual credit for registered teacher apprenticeship programs
- [SB 121](#) (Williams) Clean-up items
  - ~~Stagger KBE board terms~~
  - Replace KEPS with statewide job portal using existing funds from certification fees
  - [SB 207](#) – extend time for KBE to review waiver requests, allow the Commissioner to approve class size waiver requests for special education, & remove the automatic expiration of waivers related to district facility projects
  - Repeal [KRS 156.690](#) (Teachers' computer purchase program)
  - Repeal statutory language concerning the Council for Education Technology (CET) which has not been needed nor met in over 33 years
  - Clarify ownership/authority regarding the FFA Leadership Training Center
  - Mirror maternity leave provided to district employees under [SB 9 \(2025\)](#) for KRS 156 employees (ATCs)
- SB 181 (2025) clean-up – [SB 181 \(2026\)](#)
- Workgroup looking at certification related to science
- Simplification of options

# Senate Bills

- [SB 1](#) (Givens) changes to JCPS board/superintendent roles and responsibilities.
- [SB 2](#) (Adams) limit superintendent/administrator percentage pay increase greater than the average percentage pay increase provided to classroom teachers within the district.
- [SB 3](#) (Tichenor) financial responsibility & transparency
- [SB 4](#) (West) five-year principal training and mentoring program
- [SB 5](#) (Howell) aims to get more local/KY Proud food in schools
- [SB 6](#) (Stivers) appropriate \$150,000,000 to the endowed research fund

# House Bills

- [HB 4](#) (Proctor) anti-grooming
- [HB 7](#) (Hale) stop arm cameras for school buses
- [HB 88](#) (Roberts) the qualified elementary and secondary education scholarship federal tax credit
- [HB 416](#) (Clines) formative & content assessments
- [HB 500](#) (Petrie) budget bill
- [HB 528](#) (Elliott) governance of the Kentucky School for the Deaf



# Questions

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