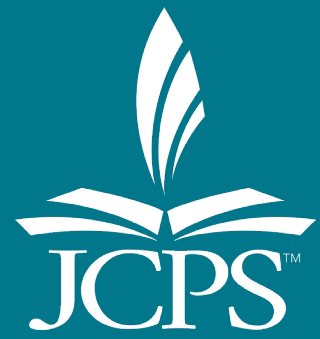


Relevant Legislation

Kentucky General Assembly 2026



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SB 1

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION.

- Requires Board to delegate authority to Superintendent over the District's day-to-day operations.
- Requires annual updates to a five-year strategic plan.
- Requires an annual review of three-year projections for revenues and expenditures.
- Requires a 2/3 majority board vote to overturn superintendent policy decisions.
- Allows the superintendent to approve contracts up to \$250,000 and up to \$250,000 in line-item transfers each quarter without board approval.
 - Must be within approved budget and strategic plan and must be reported to board at next meeting.

SB 2

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Prohibits raises for administrators larger than those for classroom teachers.
- As a percentage of pay.
- Exceptions for reclassification and for new contracts for superintendents.
- Allows CSI principals to be removed after two straight years of CSI status.
- Requires the Superintendent's contract to be published on the District website and sent to KDE

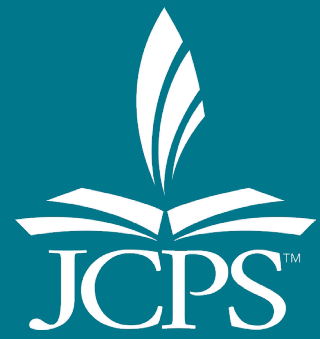
SB 4

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Creates a principal leadership development practicum for new principals beginning with the 27-28 school year.
 - Mentors in the first and second year of the program along with a peer support network (run by KDE).
 - Third year involves intensive summer leadership program and follow-ups throughout year, developed by Kentucky Chamber foundation
 - Fourth year and beyond are optional
 - Hours count toward instructional leadership requirement.
- Reduces JCPS board to five members with new elections in 2026.
- Prohibits school employees with >100 days in another district from running for school board in Jefferson and Fayette Counties.

Relevant Legislation

Kentucky General Assembly 2025



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SB 5

AN ACT RELATING TO KENTUCKY-GROWN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT PROCUREMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Allows Kentucky Proud products to be bought for school nutrition programs without conforming to the model procurement code.

SB 46

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Allows the use of 10-passenger vans for student transport.
- Drivers must:
 - Have a valid drivers license.
 - Submit to a background check, including driving records.
 - Pass an initial three-hour training plus First Aid & CPR training.
 - Submit to drug testing just like bus drivers.
 - Notify the superintendent of any moving violations where points are assessed.
- KBE may prescribe more requirements if the vans are used for regular transport (i.e., daily routes rather than student activities).
- Does not cover parents driving their own students

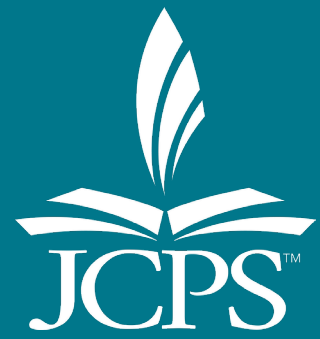
SB 59

AN ACT RELATING TO PROHIBITED USES OF TAX DOLLARS AND RESOURCES.

- Prohibits the use of public school resources from being used to advocate for constitutional amendments or other public questions (e.g., tax levies).
- Penalties begin with \$500 fine.
- Does not affect your personal time or resources.

Relevant Legislation

Kentucky General Assembly 2026



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SB 101

AN ACT RELATING TO CHILDREN.

- Requires expulsion for students in Grades 6-12 who assault (or attempt to assault) school staff.
- Includes incidents on school property, at a school function, or at a bus stop.
- Allows for alternative assignment in lieu of expulsion (current JCPS model).
- Eliminates requirement for school staff to contact outside law enforcement when certain incidents occur
 - Instead, district PD must send a weekly summary to local law enforcement.

SB 170

AN ACT RELATING TO STATUS OFFENSES.

- Creates a 10-district pilot program to boost attendance.
 - Districts selected by the Chief Justice of the Kentucky Supreme Court.
 - At least one school per district, runs for four years
 - AOC administers the program
 - Focused on Grades 6-12
- Ends FAIR Teams
- Creates RISE Teams in pilot program schools
- Requires CDW's to get information after a student has five unexcused absences.

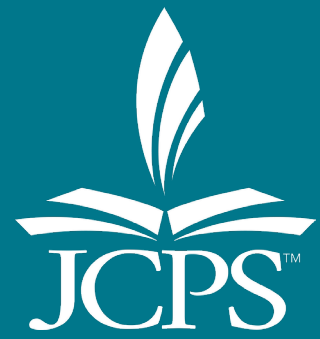
SB 197

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

- Requires KDE re-bidding for the statewide college entrance exam that all high school juniors must take.

Relevant Legislation

Kentucky General Assembly 2025



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SB 263

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION.

- Streamlines the KBE/KDE waiver process.
- Allows industry certifications to be used in place of EPSB certifications for technical education areas, up to 25% of total school teaching staff.
- Makes it easier to allow an education service provider to assist in school management.
- Creates a school of innovation pilot project.
- Budget Bill (HB 500) appropriates up to \$2.5 million in matching funds for up to two schools.

HB 1

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE FEDERAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM IN KENTUCKY.

- Allows for the \$1700 federal scholarship tax credit to be used in Kentucky.
- Scholarship granting organizations must:
 - Cover more than 10 students and multiple schools.
 - Must give at least 90% of their funds away as scholarships.

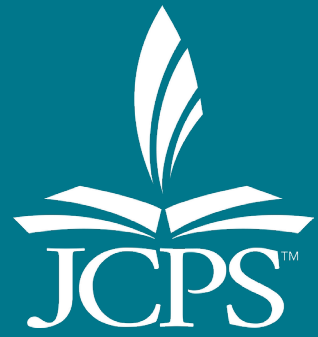
HB 7

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL BUS SAFETY.

- Allows districts to attach stop-arm cameras to school buses, with civil penalties for violations
- Camera footage only used for stop-arm violations.

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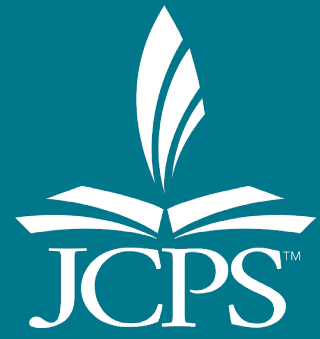
HB 67

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOLS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Amends 2025's SB 181
 - Creates exemptions for:
 - Cousins, nieces/nephews, and any adult who lives in the same household
 - Various educational software packages (translation services, academic feedback, online course packages)
 - Communications where multiple school staff are included.
 - Communications where one parent is included.
 - Public social media posts.
 - Communications related to commercial services (Uber, DoorDash, etc.)
 - SROs/DPPs when a principal/AP/MHP is copied and it's directly related to the welfare or attendance of the student.
- Increases transparency & detail of school districts' working budgets
 - Requires a financial disclosure website within the district's main website
 - Including:
 - Monthly Financial Report
 - Annual Financial Audit Reports
 - Balance Sheet
 - Various Accounts Payable and Vendor Payment Reports
 - Superintendent's Contract
 - Additional information for Superintendents' Payout Upon Separation
 - Additional Details Required if a District's Budget Reserve Falls Below 4%.

Relevant Legislation

Kentucky General Assembly 2025



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HB 4

AN ACT RELATING TO GROOMING A MINOR

- Targets adults who manipulate minors into a suggestive relationship.
- Covers any adult who grooms a child under 14, or an authority figure who grooms any minor
- “Grooming behavior” means a course of conduct directed at a minor that is intended to establish an emotional connection with a minor through manipulation, trust-building, or influence to:
 - Facilitate future acts of sexual conduct; or
 - Normalize or desensitize the minor to acts of sexual conduct
 - Even if no in-person meeting or act of sexual conduct is completed. This conduct may occur online or in person, through third parties, or by other indirect methods to facilitate the manipulation of a minor

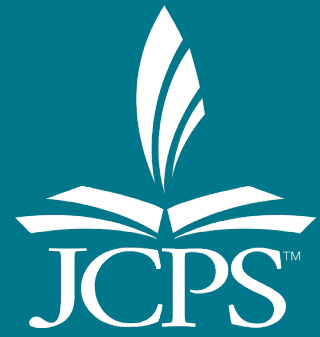
HB 139

AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Allows political parties to endorse and spend funds in nonpartisan races, including school board races.

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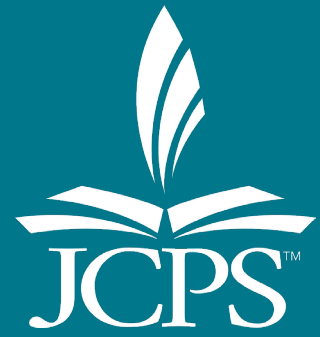
HB 253

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Prohibits the three-cueing method of literacy instruction by the 29-30 school year
 - Requires every K-5 interdisciplinary teacher to complete a science of reading professional learning program by 6/30/2029
 - Requires each school district to adopt a dyslexia policy for Grades K-3 including identification, evaluation, and intervention
 - Requires teacher prep programs to train students on dyslexia and literacy instruction, while prohibiting training using the three-cueing method
- Prohibits non-disclosure agreements related to staff misconduct
 - Requires school districts to disclose any disciplinary action or resignation resulting from a misconduct investigation if requested by a potential hiring district
 - If anything is indicated, applicant school district must request info from EPSB
 - Any finding of abusive conduct shall prevent hiring of that person
 - Requires any report of abusive conduct to be reported to the principal, who must then document in writing and report to the superintendent/designee
- Employees must complete KDE-developed training on appropriate relationships by June 30, 2027, and all new school district employees must take training beginning in the 27-28 school year

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Kentucky General Assembly 2026



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HB 257

AN ACT RELATING TO THE EDUCATION ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.

- New accountability model will include:
 - Student growth in reading and math
 - Chronic absenteeism
 - “Targeted quality measures” beginning 7/1/2030 (School Report Card until then) – No less than 5% of total score:
 - Percentage of certified teachers who have attained Rank II or higher or national board certification
 - Number of students earning at least one high school credit by the end of Grade 8
 - FAFSA completion percentage
- On-demand writing and editing/mechanics are removed
- Each district shall develop a writing program and publish it on the district website
- Cut scores for each indicator should stay for six years
- Districts may develop their own local indicators of quality, with a \$15,000 incentive per district.

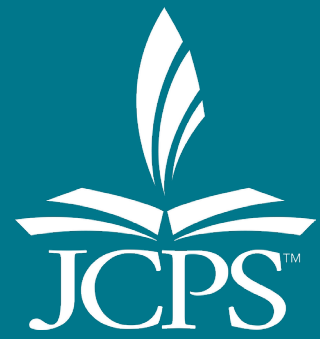
SB 312

AN ACT RELATING TO CONCEALED FIREARMS AND DEADLY WEAPONS.

- Allows KSP to issue provisional concealed carry licenses to 18-20-year-olds.
- Does not override the existing statutes regarding guns on school property.

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Kentucky General Assembly 2026



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HB 307

AN ACT RELATING TO PROACTIVE POSTSECONDARY ADMISSION.

- By 7/1/2027, each university and KCTCS will set minimum academic qualifications, including GPA or combination GPA/test scores
- Also requires a common online application for all schools
- School districts are required to invite all high school students to participate in the program and notify KDE of which students have chosen to.
- KDE will provide to each university and KCTCS information on students who choose to participate and not opted out of sharing directory information
- Universities and KCTCS will then contact those students with information, but are not required to admit them

HB 366

AN ACT RELATING TO POSSESSION OR VIEWING OF MATTER PORTRAYING A SEXUAL PERFORMANCE BY A MINOR.

- Includes computer-generated images of children in the definition of child pornography

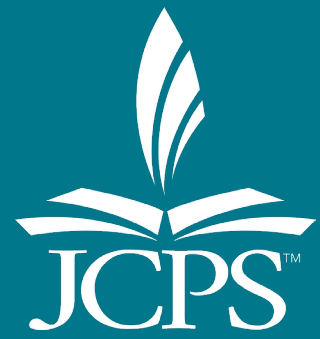
HB 448

AN ACT RELATING TO BACKGROUND CHECKS.

- School district police departments are required to provide criminal background information to federal requesting agencies and their contractors for that purpose.
- Department may charge \$25 to be paid by the requesting agency.

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Kentucky General Assembly 2026



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HB 500

AN ACT RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS, ETC.

- Increases SEEK by \$40 per pupil in FY 26-27
- Removes funding for AP/IB test fees for non-FRPL students
- Sufficient funding for dual credit scholarships for one (not two) general education course per year for juniors and seniors
- No cap on employer insurance premium increases
- Requires district and schools to continue to display academic information on the district's website.

HB 555

AN ACT RELATING TO SCHOOL FOODS.

- Allows student-based enterprises to see food during the school day if board approves a policy
- Student based enterprises must be part of a business operations course.
- Food must meet minimum nutritional standards

HB 562

AN ACT RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS.

- Creates an alternative diploma beginning with the 27-28 school year
- IEP must indicate that they can't take regular state assessments
- Does not meet requirements for inclusion in the adjusted cohort graduation rate
- Students would remain eligible for KEES or Work Ready Scholarships
- Creates a database of employers interested in hiring these graduates

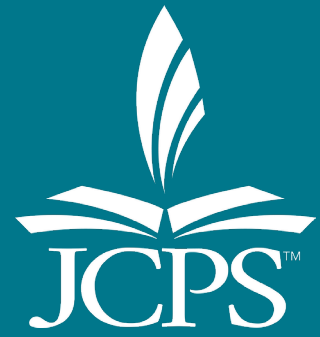
HB 652

AN ACT RELATING TO CRITICAL FACILITY MAPPING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Moves responsibility for facility mapping from Kentucky Center for School Safety to the Kentucky 911 Services Board

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Kentucky General Assembly 2026



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HB 727

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Allows certification fees to be used toward the Kentucky Educator Placement Service System.
 - Requires EPSB to create a universal application, and requires districts to post job vacancies to it.
- Requires EPSB to issue a five-year certificate to anyone whose certificate has expired but retains eligibility and have completed six hours of grad-level work.
 - One-time five-year certificate for anyone who submits a waiver from their superintendent on the six hours of grad-level work.
- Places class size limits on ECE classrooms and maximum caseloads on ECE teachers, and reinstates the prior waiver process.
- Adjusts the student representative on KBE to be a sophomore at the time of appointment, rather than a junior, and requires the student and teacher represents to rotate among the seven Supreme Court districts rather than the congressional districts.
- Requires three hours of finance training and one hour of superintendent evaluation training for new board members in their first two years, and two years of finance training every two years thereafter.
 - Requires the board to review specific budget procedures after the election of the chair and vice chair.
- Eliminates certain district reports to KDE and limits new report requirements.

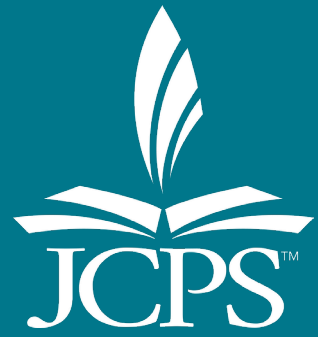
HB 757

AN ACT RELATING TO REVENUE MEASURES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Requires public notice, including on the district website, before tax rates are set.
- Prohibits future increases or new levies for certain non-property taxes (occupational license tax, utility gross receipts tax, etc.)
- Places limits on the personal property tax rate beginning in 2029.

Relevant Legislation

Kentucky General Assembly 2026



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HB 826

AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION.

- Requires at least 85% of all state funding for Adult Education to be spent on actual programs rather than state-level administration.
- Requires an option for students to take tests on paper rather than electronically.
- Time of public meetings must be announced in both Eastern and Central time.

HB 869

AN ACT RELATING TO FISCAL MATTERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Time of public meetings must be announced in both Eastern and Central time.

HB 900

AN ACT RELATING TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Appropriates \$1.3 million in FY 26-27 for the University of Louisville to establish a Literacy and Numeracy Clinic in West Louisville.