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Chapter	Policy #	Policy Title	Basis for Change(s)	Financial Implications
Powers and Duties of the Board of Education	01.0	Definitions	LEGAL: HB 869 AMENDS KRS CHAPTER 424 REQUIRING THE TIME CONTAINED IN LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS AND NOTICES BE STATED IN BOTH EASTERN AND CENTRAL TIME. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS EFFECTIVE AS OF APRIL 27, 2026.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED
Administration	02.31	School Resource Officers (SROs)	LEGAL: HB 448 CREATES NEW SECTION OF KRS 17 REQUIRING CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS TO REQUESTING AGENCIES WHEN THEY ARE CONDUCTING A BASIC SUITABILITY OR FITNESS ASSESSMENT FOR FEDERAL OR CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES UNDER 5 U.S.C. SEC 9101.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED
Personnel	03.11	Hiring	LEGAL: HB 253 AMENDS KRS 160.380 TO REQUIRE DISTRICTS TO DISCLOSE ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS RELATED TO ABUSIVE CONDUCT OF APPLICANTS AND ADDS ANNUAL NOTIFICATION OF SELF-REPORTING REQUIREMENT OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

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Personnel	03.121	Salaries	LEGAL: SB 2 AMENDS KRS 157.350 REGULATING SALARY INCREASES FOR ADMINISTRATORS FOR CONTRACTS ENTERED INTO ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2026.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED
Personnel	0.1311	Transfer	LEGAL: HB 253 AMENDS KRS 160.380 TO REQUIRE EMPLOYEES TO NOTIFY THE SUPERINTENDENT WITHIN SEVEN (7) CALENDAR DAYS OF BEING CHARGED WITH A FELONY. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED
Personnel	03.1321	Use of School Property	LEGAL: SB 46 AMENDS 160.380 TO DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO REQUIRE NON-CDL DRIVERS OF NON-SCHOOL BUS PASSENGER VEHICLES TO MEET SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS BEFORE TRANSPORTING STUDENTS. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF MARCH 27, 2026. LEGAL: SB 59 AMENDS KRS 48.025 EXPLICITLY APPLYING THE PROHIBITION TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON USING TAX DOLLARS TO ADVOCATE FOR OR AGAINST A PUBLIC QUESTION AND ESTABLISHES PENALTIES.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

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Personnel	03.1324	Political Activities	LEGAL: SB 59 AMENDS KRS 48.025 EXPLICITLY APPLYING THE PROHIBITION TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON USING TAX DOLLARS TO ADVOCATE FOR OR AGAINST A PUBLIC QUESTION AND ESTABLISHES PENALTIES.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED
Personnel	03.19	Professional Development	LEGAL: HB 253 CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 TO PROHIBIT DISTRICTS FROM PROVIDING OR UTILIZING ANY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT THAT USES THE THREE-CUEING SYSTEM OF TEACHING STUDENTS TO READ. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026. LEGAL: HB 253 ALSO AMENDS KRS 156.095 ADDING TRAINING FOR ALL EMPLOYEES ON APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF TRAINING
Personnel	03.29	Staff Development	LEGAL: HB 253 AMENDS KRS 156.095 ADDING TRAINING FOR ALL EMPLOYEES ON APPROPRIATE RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNICATIONS. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

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			AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026. LEGAL: KRS 161.011 SPECIFIES THAT DISTRICTS MAY PROVIDE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES TO CLASSIFIED STAFF.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF TRAINING
School Facilities	05.4	Safety	LEGAL: HB 652 AMENDS KRS 158.4433 MOVING THE SCHOOL MAPPING DATA PROGRAM TO THE KENTUCKY 911 SERVICES BOARD. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 14, 2026.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED
Transportation	06.2	Safety	LEGAL: SB 46 AMENDS KRS 156.153 REVISING NINE (9) PASSENGER VEHICLE TO TEN (10) OR FEWER PASSENGERS TO BE USED ALONG REGULAR BUS ROUTES AND APPROVED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF MARCH 27, 2026. LEGAL: HB 7 CREATES NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 ALLOWING THE USE OF CAMERA MONITORING SYSTEMS ON SCHOOL BUSES OPERATED BY THE DISTRICT AND ALLOWS THE ENFORCEMENT OF A CIVIL PENALTY FOR STOP ARM CAMERA VIOLATIONS RECORDED	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF CAMERA MONITORING SYSTEM, AND NOTIFICATION OF AND COLLECTION OF FINES

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			BY A CAMERA MONITORING SYSTEM.	
Transportation	06.31	Bus Scheduling and Routing	LEGAL: SB 46 AMENDS KRS 156.153 REVISING NINE (9) PASSENGER VEHICLE TO TEN (10) OR FEWER PASSENGERS TO BE USED ALONG REGULAR BUS ROUTES AND APPROVED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. DRIVERS MUST SUBMIT TO DRUG TESTING CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL DRUG TESTING REQUIREMENTS AND BACKGROUND CHECKS. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF MARCH 27, 2026.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: COST OF DRUG TESTING, BACKGROUND CHECKS, AND CA/N CHECKS
Support Services	07.111	Competitive Foods	LEGAL: HB 555 AMENDS KRS 158.854 ADDING AND ALLOWING STUDENT-BASED ENTERPRISE PROGRAM TO SELL COMPETITIVE FOODS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY AND AUTHORIZES THE BOARD TO ESTABLISH POLICIES REGARDING THE OPERATION OF AND REVENUE GENERATED BY THE STUDENT-BASED ENTERPRISE.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED
Support Services	07.13	School Nutrition Procurement	LEGAL: SB 5 CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 ALLOWING A BOARD PARTICIPATING IN ANY OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS TO	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

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			PURCHASE KENTUCKY-GROWN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF MARCH 27, 2026.	
Curriculum and Instruction	08.1	Curriculum	LEGAL: HB 253 CREATES A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 PROHIBITING DISTRICTS FROM UTILIZING A THREE-CUEING SYSTEM BY THE 2029-2030 SCHOOL YEAR AND TO REQUIRE INTERDISCIPLINARY EARLY CHILDHOOD THROUGH GRADE FIVE EDUCATORS TO COMPLETE A SCIENCE OF READING PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM BY JUNE 30, 2029. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: KSB/KSD COULD INCUR CONSIDERABLE COSTS TO MEET CURRICULAR AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
Curriculum and Instruction	08.1313 (Rescind)	Dyslexia	LEGAL: HB 253 AMENDS KRS 158.307 REQUIRING RATHER THAN ALLOWING THE BOARD TO DEVELOP A POLICY ON DYSLEXIA. REVIEW KRS 158.307 FOR THE SPECIFICS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE POLICY. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED
Curriculum and Instruction	08.1314	Essential Workplace Programs	LEGAL: HB 727 AMENDS KRS 158.1413 REMOVING THE ANNUAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT ON THE ESSENTIAL WORKPLACE ETHICS	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

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			PROGRAM. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS EFFECTIVE AS OF JULY 1, 2026.	
Curriculum and Instruction	08.1346	Physical Education	LEGAL: REVISION TO 704 KAR 4:010 AMENDING THE REGULATION GOVERNING THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENTS.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED
Curriculum and Instruction	08.215	Writing Program	LEGAL: HB 257 AMENDS KRS 158.6453 REQUIRING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ADOPT POLICIES THAT DETERMINE THE WRITING PROGRAM FOR THE DISTRICT AND THAT IS PUBLISHED ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED
Curriculum and Instruction	08.231	Religious Beliefs Excusal	LEGAL: IN THE CASE OF <i>MAHMOUD V. TAYLOR</i> , 606 U.S. ____ (2025) THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT HELD THAT THE FIRST AMENDMENTS REQUIRES THE DISTRICT TO PROVIDE PARENTS/GUARDIANS WITH NOTICE OF MATERIALS TO BE TAUGHT AND THE RIGHT TO OPT OUT BASED ON SINCERELY HELD RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED
Curriculum and Instruction	08.2323	Access to Electronic Media	LEGAL: HB 67 AMENDS KRS 160.145 ADDING ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS FOR REPORTING PURPOSES. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 13, 2026.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

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Curriculum and Instruction	08.2324	Traceable Communications	LEGAL: HB 67 AMENDS KRS 160.145 EXPANDING DEFINITIONS, LIMITING THE SCOPE OF UNAUTHORIZED ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND EXCLUDING DESIGNATED TYPES OF COMMUNICATION FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN WRITTEN PARENTAL PERMISSION. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 13, 2026.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED
Students	09.12	Admissions and Attendance	RECOMMENDED: THE KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUGGESTED THE POLICY CLARIFICATION THAT HOMELESS STUDENTS BE IMMEDIATELY ENROLLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 704 KAR 7:090 AND 42 U.S.C. 11431 ET SEQ. (MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT).	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED
Students	09.2211	Employee Reports of Criminal Activity	LEGAL: SB 101 AMENDS KRS 158.155 REQUIRING SCHOOL EMPLOYEES REPORT INTENTIONAL PHYSICAL INJURY OR INTENTIONAL ATTEMPT TO CAUSE PHYSICAL INJURY OF ANY SCHOOL EMPLOYEE AND INTENTIONAL ASSAULT RESULTING IN SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT UNLESS THE SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HAS CAUSE TO BELIEVE A STUDENT'S DISABILITY INTERFERED WITH HIS OR HER ABILITY TO CONFORM TO THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

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			ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR DISTRICT CREATED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. LEGAL: HB 253 AMENDS KRS 160.380 REQUIRING DISTRICTS TO REPORT AND INVESTIGATE ABUSIVE CONDUCT INVOLVING A MINOR OR STUDENT. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026.	
Students	09.227	Child Abuse	LEGAL: HB 253 AMENDS KRS 160.380 REQUIRING DISTRICTS TO REPORT AND INVESTIGATE ABUSIVE CONDUCT INVOLVING A MINOR OR STUDENT. THIS BILL CONTAINS AN EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND IS IN EFFECT AS OF APRIL 10, 2026.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED
Students	09.3	Student Activities	LEGAL: SB 101 AMENDS KRS 158.150 PROHIBITING A STUDENT EXPELLED FROM PARTICIPATING IN SCHOOL SPONSORED EXTRACURRICULAR OR INTERSCHOLASTIC ACTIVITIES.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED
Students	09.425	Assault and Threats of Violence	LEGAL: SB 101 AMENDS KRS 158.155 REQUIRING SCHOOL EMPLOYEES REPORT INTENTIONAL PHYSICAL INJURY OR INTENTIONAL ATTEMPT TO CAUSE PHYSICAL INJURY OF ANY SCHOOL EMPLOYEE AND INTENTIONAL ASSAULT RESULTING IN SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT UNLESS THE	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED

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			SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HAS CAUSE TO BELIEVE A STUDENT’S DISABILITY INTERFERED WITH HIS OR HER ABILITY TO CONFORM TO THE STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT. ADDITIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR DISTRICT CREATED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. LEGAL: KRS 209.160 HAS BEEN RENUMBERED AS KRS 209A.045.	
Students	09.43	Student Disciplinary Processes	LEGAL: HB 48 (2025) AMENDED KRS 158.4416 REMOVING TRAUMA-INFORMED APPROACH PLAN FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: NONE ANTICIPATED
Students	09.435	Expulsion	LEGAL: SB 101 AMENDS KRS 158.150 REQUIRING A BOARD TO EXPEL A STUDENT IN GRADES SIX (6) THROUGH TWELVE (12) FOR AT LEAST TWELVE (12) MONTHS IF THE STUDENT PHYSICALLY ASSAULTS, BATTERS, OR ABUSES SCHOOL PERSONNEL WITHOUT JUST CAUSE OR PROVOCATION ON SCHOOL PROPERTY OR AT A SCHOOL FUNCTION.	FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: POTENTIAL LOSS OF ADA FUNDING