

Legislative Report

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Bill Information

HB7 GAMING EXPANSION (GENTRY, ALAN)

AN ACT relating to the expansion of gaming and making an appropriation therefor.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 154A to state the findings of the General Assembly; amend KRS 154A.010 to define, "authorizing location," "casino," "county," "county legislative body," "department," "full casino gaming," "gaming licensee," "gross gaming revenue," "handle," "licensee," "limited casino gaming," and "principal"; amend KRS 154A.030 to expand the Lottery Corporation board membership and duties; amend KRS 154A.040 to include casino licensees; amend 154A.063 to remove prohibition against casino gaming; create new sections of KRS Chapter 154A to require a local option election in any precinct wanting to host a casino; describe the duties of the county clerk and sheriff in a casino gaming local option election; state requirements for local option elections held on a day other than a regular election day; require the corporation to advertise an invitation to bid for casinos; require the corporation to evaluate all proposals for full casinos; establish initial licensing fees for full casinos at \$50 million with an initial licensing period of ten years and annual renewal thereafter at \$6 million per year; permit limited casino gaming at horse racing tracks licensed under KRS Chapter 230; establish requirements for limited casinos; establish requirements for any track holding a limited casino license; establish requirements for principals of any corporation granted a casino license; create license application requirements for casino, manufacturer's, or supplier's licenses; prohibit anyone not licensed from selling, leasing, or otherwise furnishing gaming supplies; prohibit anyone under the age of 21 from participating in casino gaming; require the Lottery Corporation to determine occupations related to casino gaming that require licensure and establish criteria for occupational licensing; permit the corporation to initiate disciplinary action against applicants and license holders; establish an appeal process; create new sections of KRS Chapter 138 to establish wagering and admissions taxes to be remitted by gaming licensees and full and limited casinos; create new sections of KRS Chapter 154A to establish the casino gaming revenue distribution trust fund and limit that money to the benefit of the state retirement systems for the first ten years; establish the regional tourism and infrastructure development fund and provide criteria for projects seeking money from the fund; waive 15 U.S.C. secs. 1172, 1173, and 1174 for devices authorized by this Act; require the corporation to promulgate administrative regulations to define and limit games and devices permitted for gaming in casinos; provide guidelines for exclusion or ejection of certain persons; define "cheat" and provide penalties for those who cheat at casino games; amend KRS 243.500 to exempt limited or full casino gaming; amend KRS 525.090 to exempt persons engaged in casino gaming; amend KRS 528.010 to exempt gambling activity and devices licensed under KRS Chapter 154A; amend KRS 528.020 to conform; amend KRS 528.070 to exempt activity licensed under KRS Chapter 154A; amend KRS 528.080 to exempt those with the appropriate license required under KRS Chapter 154A; amend KRS 528.100 to exempt limited or full casino gaming licensed under KRS Chapter 154A; APPROPRIATION; EFFECTIVE DATE DELAYED.

RECENT STATUS

1/7/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Licensing, Occupations, & Admin Regs (H)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

5/8/2019 - Pre-Filed

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HB14 TUITION BENEFITS (ROTHENBURGER, ROB)

AN ACT relating to tuition benefits and making an appropriation therefor.

Amend KRS 164.2841, relating to college tuition benefits for spouses and children of specified emergency response personnel and public employees who have died in the course of their duties to specify that the beneficiary is eligible for up to a maximum of 128

credit hours of undergraduate instruction; amend KRS 164.2842, relating to college tuition benefits for spouses and children of specified emergency response personnel and public employees who have been totally and permanently disabled in the course of their duties to specify that the beneficiary is eligible for up to a maximum of 128 credit hours of undergraduate instruction.

RECENT STATUS

4/15/2020 - (S) recommitted to committee Senate Education (S)
3/26/2020 - (S) SECOND READING, to Rules
3/26/2020 - (S) Posted for Passage in Consent Orders of the Day; w/ SCS 1

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HB20 TEACHERS *(LEWIS, DEREK)*

AN ACT relating to teachers and making an appropriation therefor.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to define terms; establish a student loan forgiveness program for STEM teachers employed at a public school district within a federally designated promise zone; authorize the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to promulgate administrative regulations to administer the program; create the STEM teacher promise zone scholarship fund; APPROPRIATION.

RECENT STATUS

2/12/2020 - (H) recommitted to committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
2/12/2020 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules
2/11/2020 - (H) FIRST READING w/ HCS 1, to Regular Calendar

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HB31 CONCEALED WEAPONS *(BOOKER, CHARLES)*

AN ACT relating to carrying concealed weapons.

Repeal KRS 237.109, which provides authorization to carry concealed deadly weapons without a license; amend KRS 527.020 and 237.115 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

1/7/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary (H)
1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)
7/22/2019 - Pre-Filed

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HB35 PENSION INCOME *(HUFF, REGINA)*

AN ACT relating to the taxation of pension income, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 141.019 to increase the pension income exclusion from \$31,110 to \$41,110; apply retroactively for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018; require the Department of Revenue to automatically issue refunds; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

1/7/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

8/5/2019 - Pre-Filed

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HB39 WAGES *(HINKLE, KATHY)*

AN ACT relating to wages.

Amend KRS 337.010 to increase the applicable threshold of employees of retail stores and service industries from \$95,000 to \$500,000 average annual gross volume of sales for the employer; amend KRS 337.275 to raise the state minimum wage to \$8.20 per hour on July 1, 2020, \$9.15 per hour on July 1, 2021, \$10.10 per hour on July 1, 2022, \$11 per hour on July 1, 2023, \$12.05 per hour on July 1, 2024, \$13.10 per hour on July 1, 2025, \$13.95 per hour on July 1, 2026, and \$15 per hour on July 1, 2027, and to raise the state minimum wage for tipped employees to \$2.13 per hour on the effective date of the Act, \$3.05 per hour on July 1, 2021, \$3.95 per hour on July 1, 2022, and \$4.90 per hour on July 1, 2023; include anti-preemption language permitting local governments to establish minimum wage ordinances in excess of the state minimum wage.

RECENT STATUS

1/7/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Economic Development & Workforce Investment (H)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

8/21/2019 - Pre-Filed

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HB45 FIREARMS *(BROWN JR., GEORGE)*

AN ACT relating to firearms and declaring an emergency.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 237 to specify definitions for "assault weapons," "large-capacity ammunition-feeding devices," and "ammunition sellers"; require background checks for private firearms sales; require reporting to law enforcement of firearm and ammunition thefts and losses; require the safe storage of firearms; amend KRS 395.250 to require an estate's inventory to list each firearm; amend KRS 403.735 to require judges, when issuing an order of protection, to consider whether a person against whom the order is entered should be prohibited from possessing a firearm; amend KRS 504.030 to require judges in criminal cases where a person is found not guilty by reason of insanity to demand the surrender of the defendant's firearms; amend KRS 237.104 to conform; amend KRS 506.080 to specify that the offense of facilitation includes assistance in providing firearms; amend KRS 508.020 to include physical injury to a minor by virtue of the intentional discharge of a firearm within the offense of assault in the second degree; create a new section of KRS Chapter 527 to create the offense of criminal purchase or disposal of a weapon; amend KRS 527.040 to require that the sentence for a felon in possession of a firearm be served subsequent to any other felony sentence; amend KRS 527.070 to include postsecondary education facilities within the existing ban on firearms in schools; amend KRS 532.030 to require the judge pronouncing a defendant guilty but mentally ill to demand the surrender of the person's firearms; create a new section of KRS Chapter 237 to require the State Police to promulgate administrative regulations relating to the licensing of persons to possess handguns and assault weapons, the registration of handguns and assault weapons, and the logging of firearms and ammunition sales effective January 1, 2021; amend KRS 532.025 to conform; amend KRS 237.115 to conform; repeal KRS 65.870; EMERGENCY; some provisions EFFECTIVE January 1, 2021.

RECENT STATUS

1/7/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary (H)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

9/4/2019 - Pre-Filed

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HB51 ENFORCEMENT OF IMMIGRATION LAWS *(BECHLER, LYNN)*

AN ACT relating to compliance with state and federal law.

Amend KRS 65.133 to require local law enforcement agencies and Kentucky State Police to enforce immigration laws; create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to define terms, including "sanctuary" and "sanctuary policy"; prohibit local governments from adopting sanctuary policies; establish hearing procedures for determination of sanctuary status; provide for the withholding of state funding from sanctuaries; create new sections of KRS Chapter 164 to prohibit postsecondary educational institutions from enrolling employing or contracting with illegal aliens; require postsecondary educational institutions to keep records of immigration status; provide for the withholding of state funding from postsecondary educational institutions that enroll, employ, or contract with illegal aliens; limit who may be considered a Kentucky resident for in-state tuition purposes; EFFECTIVE in part January 1, 2021.

RECENT STATUS

1/15/2020 - (H) posted in committee House Local Government (H)

1/7/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Local Government (H)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

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HB57 HYGIENE PRODUCTS *(SCOTT, ATTICA)*

AN ACT relating to providing free feminine hygiene products for women public postsecondary students.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require each public postsecondary education institution to provide free feminine hygiene products to women students; require the governing boards of each public postsecondary education institution to adopt policies for the distribution of free feminine hygiene products; define feminine hygiene products.

RECENT STATUS

1/7/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Health and Family Services (H)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

9/13/2019 - Pre-Filed

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HB58 COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM *(THOMAS, WALKER)*

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to establish the Kentucky Community and Technical College endowment match fund; transfer \$3 million annually to the fund from general fund; authorize promulgation of administrative regulations.

RECENT STATUS

1/7/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

9/17/2019 - Pre-Filed

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HB85 PLASTIC WASTE *(MARZIAN, MARY LOU)*

AN ACT relating to plastic waste.

Amend KRS 224.50-545 to establish definitions; prohibit the intentional release of more than 25 plastic balloons; establish a ban on plastic, single-use carryout bags by July 1, 2025; establish a ban the provision of single-use plastic straws and Styrofoam food and beverage containers by retail food and beverage establishments by July 1, 2023; establish civil penalty of \$100 per day for violation of bans.

RECENT STATUS

1/7/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Natural Resources & Energy (H)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

12/5/2019 - Pre-Filed

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HB87 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS *(HUFF, REGINA)*

AN ACT relating to high school graduation requirements.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form as a high school graduation requirement; provide waiver options for meeting the requirement; require local boards of education to develop policies and procedures to assist students in completing the requirement.

RECENT STATUS

3/19/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

3/18/2020 - received in Senate

3/17/2020 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 48-33 with floor amendment (1)

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HB89 DUALY EMPLOYED RETIREMENT SYSTEM MEMBERS *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to dually employed retirement system members.

Amend KRS 61.545 to provide that if a member is working in a regular full-time hazardous duty position that participates in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System or the County Employees Retirement System and is simultaneously employed in a nonhazardous position that is not considered regular full-time, the member shall participate solely as a hazardous duty member and shall not participate under the nonhazardous position unless he or she makes an election within 30 days of taking employment in the nonhazardous position; amend KRS 61.680 to conform; specify that provisions shall only apply to prospective nonhazardous employment occurring on or after the effective date of the Act.

RECENT STATUS

1/27/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

1/24/2020 - received in Senate

1/23/2020 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 93-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

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HB91 TAX CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS *(LEWIS, DEREK)*

AN ACT establishing a tax credit for employers that make payments on refinanced loans issued by the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation to employees.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to allow an income tax credit for certain employers that make payments on refinanced loans issued by the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation to certain employees; amend KRS 141.0205 to order the new tax credit; amend KRS 131.190 to require reporting by the Department of Revenue to the Legislative Research Commission.

RECENT STATUS

1/7/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

11/12/2019 - Pre-Filed

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HB104 BENEFICIARY CHANGE AFTER RETIREMENT *(WHEATLEY, BUDDY)*

AN ACT relating to changing beneficiaries after retirement in state-administered retirement systems.

Amend KRS 61.542 to allow a retiree who experiences a qualifying event, including marriage, remarriage, the birth or adoption of a child, or the death of a designated beneficiary, to elect to change his or her beneficiary and optional payment plan provided the election is made within 120 days of the qualifying event on a form prescribed by the Kentucky Retirement Systems and provide that in the case of a divorce, annulment, or dissolution of marriage, the retiree's estate shall become the beneficiary; amend KRS 61.590, 61.615, and 61.630 to conform; amend KRS 161.630 to expand the qualifying events for which a retiree may elect to change his or her beneficiary and optional payment plan to include a birth or adoption of a child in addition to marriage, remarriage, and the death of a beneficiary, require that the election be made within 120 days of the qualifying event on a form prescribed by the Teachers' Retirement System, and make technical corrections; amend KRS 161.480 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

2/28/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

2/26/2020 - received in Senate

2/25/2020 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 88-0 with Committee Substitute (1) and floor amendment (1)

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HB114 PUBLIC PROCUREMENT *(DONOHUE, JEFFERY)*

AN ACT relating to public procurement.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 45A to set forth findings of the General Assembly and establish a policy of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to promote the Kentucky and United States economies by requiring a preference for iron, steel, and manufactured goods produced in Kentucky and the United States; define "manufactured in Kentucky," "manufactured in the United States," and "United States"; require preference for iron, steel, and manufactured goods made in Kentucky in construction and maintenance contracts and subcontracts; provide for a waiver of the Kentucky preference requirement; require preference for iron, steel, and manufactured goods made in the United States if the Kentucky waiver is granted; provide for a waiver of the United States preference requirement; establish a short title of "Kentucky Buy American Act"; amend KRS 45A.343, 45A.352, 65.027, 162.070, 164A.575, 176.080, and 424.260 to require compliance.

RECENT STATUS

1/7/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government (H)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

11/19/2019 - Pre-Filed

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HB115 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVES *(DONOHUE, JEFFERY)*

AN ACT relating to economic development incentives.

Amend KRS 154.32.010 to define "weekly minimum wage"; amend KRS 154.32-020 to require an approved company to pay all new full-time employees whose jobs were created as a result of the economic development project no less than the minimum weekly wage and provide employee benefits for those jobs equal to at least 15% of the minimum weekly wage established by the agreement; amend KRS 154.32-030 to delete all provisions that allow the approved company to receive full incentives if 90% of the job and wage requirements are met upon activation or annual review; amend KRS 154.32-040 to delete a provision that would allow the approved company to receive a reduction in tax incentives for failing to meet job and wage requirements.

RECENT STATUS

1/7/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Economic Development & Workforce Investment (H)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

11/19/2019 - Pre-Filed

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HB136 MEDICINAL CANNABIS *(NEMES, JASON)*

AN ACT relating to medicinal cannabis and making an appropriation therefor.

Create various new sections of KRS Chapter 218A to define terms; to exempt the medicinal marijuana program from existing provisions in Kentucky law to the contrary; to require the Department for Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Control to implement and

regulate the medicinal marijuana program in Kentucky; to establish the Division of Medicinal Marijuana within the Department of Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Control; to establish restrictions on the possession of medicinal marijuana by qualifying patients, visiting patients, and designated caregivers; to establish certain protections for cardholders; to establish professional protections for practitioners; to provide for the authorizing of practitioners by state licensing boards to issue written certifications for the use medicinal marijuana; to establish professional protections for attorneys; to prohibit the possession and use of medicinal marijuana on a school bus, on the grounds of any preschool or primary or secondary school, in a correctional facility, any property of the federal government, or while operating a motor vehicle; to prohibit smoking of medicinal marijuana; to permit an employer to restrict the possession and use of medicinal marijuana by an employee; to require the department to implement and operate a registry identification card program; to establish requirements for registry identification cards; to establish registry identification card fees; to require the department to operate a provisional licensure receipt system; to establish the application requirements for a registry identification card; to establish when the department may deny an application for a registry identification card; to establish certain responsibilities for cardholders; to establish when a registry identification card may be revoked; to establish various cannabis business licensure categories; to establish tiering of cannabis business licenses; to require certain information be included in an application for a cannabis business license; to establish when the department may deny an application for a cannabis business license; to prohibit a practitioner from being a board member or principal officer of a cannabis business; to prohibit cross-ownership of certain classes of cannabis businesses; to establish rules for local sales, including establishing the process by which a local legislative body may prohibit the operation of cannabis businesses within its territory and the process for local ordinances and ballot initiatives; to establish technical requirements for cannabis businesses; to establish limits on the THC content of medicinal marijuana that can be produced or sold in the state; to establish requirements for cannabis cultivators, including cultivation square footage limits; to establish requirements for cannabis dispensaries; to establish requirements for safety compliance facilities; to establish requirements for cannabis processors; to establish procedures for the department to inspect cannabis businesses; to establish procedures for the suspension or revocation of a cannabis business license; to exempt certain records and information from the disclosure under the Kentucky Open Records Act; to require the department to develop, maintain, and operate electronic systems for monitoring the medicinal marijuana program; to require the department to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to implement the medicinal marijuana program; to establish that nothing in the bill requires government programs or private insurers to reimburse for the cost of use; to establish the medicinal marijuana trust fund; to establish the local medicinal marijuana trust fund; and to establish procedures for the distribution of local cannabis trust fund moneys; create a new section of KRS Chapter 138 to establish an excise tax of 12% for cultivators and processors for selling to dispensaries; to require that 80% of the revenue from the excise taxes be deposited into the medicinal marijuana trust fund; to require that 20% of the revenue from the excise taxes be deposited into the local medicinal marijuana trust fund; amend KRS 342.815 to establish that the Employer's Mutual Insurance Authority shall not be required to provide coverage to an employer if doing so would subject the authority to a violation of state or federal law; amend KRS 139.470 to exempt the sale of medical marijuana from the state sales tax; amend KRS 218A.010, 218A.1421, 218A.1422, 218A.1423, and 218A.500 to conform; amend KRS 12.020 to change the name of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Control and to create the Division of Medicinal Marijuana; and amend KRS 12.252, 15.300, 15.380, 15.398, 15A.340, 15.420, 61.592, 62.160, 131.1815, 211.285, 241.010, 241.015, 241.030, 243.025, 243.0307, 243.038, 243.090, 243.360, 438.310, 438.311, 438.313, 438.315, 438.317, 438.320, 438.325, 438.330, 438.337, and 438.340 to conform; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2021; APPROPRIATION.

RECENT STATUS

3/2/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary (S)

2/21/2020 - received in Senate

2/20/2020 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 65-30 with Committee Substitute (1), floor amendments (3), (5), (8), (10), (11), (14), (15), (17) and committee amendment (1-title)

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HB137 WAGERING (KOENIG, ADAM)

AN ACT relating to wagering and making an appropriation therefor.

Establish KRS Chapter 239 and create new sections to define "adjusted gross revenue," "beginner," "cabinet," "confidential information," "entry fee," "fantasy contest," "fantasy contest operator," "fantasy contest participant", "highly experienced player," "immediate family," "location percentage," "person," "principal stockholder," "registered fantasy contest operator," "script," "secretary," and "wager"; establish requirements for registration as a fantasy contest operator; require the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations for the operation of fantasy contests; establish the wagering administration fund and direct the uses of that fund; establish the Kentucky problem gambling assistance account and direct the uses of that account; require an annual audit of

fantasy contest registrants; establish requirements for fantasy contest procedures; amend KRS 230.210 to define "professional sports venue" and "sports wagering"; create new sections of KRS Chapter 230 to require the racing commission to institute a system of sports wagering at tracks and other specified locations; limit the types of events upon which wagers may be placed; amend KRS 230.215 to declare the intent to allow citizens to enjoy sports wagering and allow the racing commission to promulgate administrative regulations prescribing conditions under which sports wagering is to be conducted; amend KRS 230.225, 230.240, and 230.260 to include sports wagering; create a new section of KRS Chapter 230 to establish sports wagering licensure requirements; amend KRS 230.320 to conform; amend KRS 230.361 to include sports wagering; amend KRS 230.3615 to conform; create a new section of KRS Chapter 138 to define "adjusted gross income" and impose a tax on sports wagering; amend KRS 230.362, 230.363, 230.364, 230.365, 230.366, 230.369, 230.371, 230.372, 230.373, 230.374, and 230.750 to conform; create a new section of KRS Chapter 230 to prohibit participants from wagering on events in which they participate and to prohibit tampering with the outcome of a sporting event; amend KRS 230.990 to provide penalties for participants who wager on sporting events or tamper with the outcome of a sporting event; amend KRS Chapter 154A.010 to define "net poker revenue," "online poker," and "rake; amend KRS 154A.050 and 154A.060 to include conducting online poker games; amend KRS 154A.063 to delete restriction on playing cards and where winners are based on the outcome of a sports contest; amend KRS 154A.070 to include online poker; amend 154A.110 to prohibit anyone under 18 from placing a wager through an online poker game; amend KRS 154A.120 to include online poker; amend KRS 154A.130 to exempt online poker; create new sections of KRS Chapter 154A to require licensure for online poker games; require the Lottery Corporation to promulgate requirements in conformance with federal law for providers through administrative regulations; establish licensing fees; impose a gaming fee on providers; establish the Kentucky Lottery Corporation online poker account and provide for the uses of the funds deposited therein; amend KRS 154A.600 to include online poker; amend KRS 243.500 to exempt sports wagering and online poker; amend KRS 525.090 to exempt sports wagering; amend KRS 528.010 to exempt fantasy contests, sports wagering, and online poker and the devices used in the conduct of those forms of wagering; amend KRS 528.020, 528.070, and KRS 528.080 to exempt fantasy contests, sports wagering, and online poker; create a noncodified section to assert that the provisions of the Act are severable.

RECENT STATUS

3/17/2020 - (H) recommitted to committee House Licensing, Occupations, & Admin Regs (H)

3/17/2020 - Taken from the Orders of the Day

3/13/2020 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/ HCS 1, and Floor Amendments 1-18

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HB146 KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIPS *(FREELAND, CHRIS)*

AN ACT relating to Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships.


Amend KRS 164.7879 to allow a student who attends an out of state high school or Department of Defense school due to a parent's military transfer to earn a KEES award.

RECENT STATUS

3/19/2020 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules

3/18/2020 - (H) FIRST READING to Regular Calendar

3/18/2020 - (H) Reported Favorably

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HB171 KENTUCKY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM *(DUPLESSIS, JIM)*

AN ACT relating to retirement costs for Kentucky Retirement Systems employers, declaring an emergency, and making an appropriation therefor.

Repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 61.565 to change the Kentucky Employees Retirement System's nonhazardous employer contribution payable on or after July 1, 2020, from a percentage of pay for both the normal cost contribution and the actuarially

accrued liability contribution to a normal cost that is a percent of pay and an actuarially accrued liability contribution that is a set dollar amount; provide that the set dollar amount for the actuarially accrued liability contribution for KERS nonhazardous funds shall be allocated to each individual employer based upon the employer's percent share of the liability as of the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation and shall be paid by employers in equal installments monthly; provide criteria for when adjustments to the dollar value and percent share may occur; make technical, clerical, and conforming amendments and to conform to a recent court decision; create a new section of KRS Chapter 42 to establish the Kentucky retirement contribution assistance fund; provide that the purpose of the fund shall be to assist health departments, community mental health centers, and certain other quasi-governmental employers in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System with financial assistance in paying employer contribution rates to the system; specify that funds shall be disbursed by the state budget director and provide criteria for disbursement; amend KRS 61.510 to confirm to a recent court decision as it relates to a definition used for purposes of KRS 61.565; provide that Kentucky Retirement Systems shall amend the 2019 actuarial valuation in accordance with the amendments to KRS 61.565 in this Act and provide updated employer contributions to the Governor and General Assembly; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

3/19/2020 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

3/19/2020 - (S) SECOND READING

3/19/2020 - (S) Taken From Committee State and Local Government (S)

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HB174 PUBLIC RECORDS (FREELAND, CHRIS)

AN ACT relating to public records and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 61.878 to exclude from the Open Records Act gruesome photographs or videos of persons prepared, owned, used, possessed, or retained by public agencies.

RECENT STATUS

3/18/2020 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

3/18/2020 - (S) SECOND READING

3/18/2020 - (S) Taken From Committee

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HB176 PARENTAL LEAVE (RAYMOND, JOSIE)

AN ACT relating to employment provisions for employees on parental leave.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 337 to require employers with 50 or more employees to provide twelve weeks of paid parental leave for an employee who has been employed for at least one year; allow an employee to waive the paid parental leave; provide for the promulgation of administrative regulations.

RECENT STATUS

1/7/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Economic Development & Workforce Investment (H)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

12/13/2019 - Pre-Filed

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HB194 ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS ON RETIREMENT BILLS (MILLER, JERRY T.)

AN ACT relating to actuarial analysis on retirement bills.

Amend KRS 6.350 to establish additional requirements for the completion of the actuarial analysis required for bills pertaining to state-administered retirement systems; specify additional requirements to be projecting costs/savings over a 30 year period rather than 20 years, completing the analysis in a format established by the Legislative Research Commission, and requiring the front page of the analysis to include summary information.

RECENT STATUS

3/18/2020 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

3/18/2020 - (S) SECOND READING

3/18/2020 - (S) Taken From Committee

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HB207 KENTUCKY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS (MILLER, JERRY T.)

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Retirement Systems.

Housekeeping legislation for the Kentucky Retirement Systems; amend KRS 16.578 and 61.640 to apply the alternate death calculation to and reinstate the life annuity, 60 months certain, actuarial refund, and Social Security adjustment retirement options as written prior to 2009 legislation; amend KRS 61.598 to establish a minimum salary increase of 10% plus \$1,000 over the prior year's salary in order for employee anti-pension spiking measures to apply; amend KRS 61.645 to remove requirement that Kentucky Retirement Systems' board election ballots be returned to a Kentucky post office box, rather than out-of-state vendor, remove requirement that ballot counting vendor be an actuarial firm, and make other conforming changes; amend KRS 61.510, 61.637, and 78.510 to change period under which reemployment of retiree would void status as a volunteer from 24 months to 12 months consistent with other retired reemployed categories; amend KRS 61.540 to remove requirement that failure to file statement of facts by member and employer will result in no benefits paid in order to conform language to other provisions in chapter; amend KRS 61.565 to use as maximum the rate for employers participating in the County Employees Retirement System, a factor of 1.12 over the prior fiscal year's contribution rate instead of language referencing projected dollars.

RECENT STATUS

2/3/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

1/30/2020 - received in Senate

1/29/2020 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 91-0

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HB211 WORKERS COMPENSATION (TACKETT LAFERTY, ASHLEY)

AN ACT relating to workers' compensation.

Amend KRS 342.020 to require an employer to pay for medical benefits at the time of injury and thereafter during disability instead of 780 weeks; amend KRS 342.990 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

1/10/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House BR Sub. on Econ. Dev., Public Pro., Tour., and Energy (H)

1/8/2020 - Introduced

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HB212 TAXATION OF PENSION INCOME *(TACKETT LAFERTY, ASHLEY)*

AN ACT relating to the taxation of pension income.

Amend KRS 141.019, relating to the individual income tax, to increase the pension income exclusion from \$31,110 to \$41,110.

RECENT STATUS

1/10/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

1/8/2020 - Introduced

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HB214 VETERINARY CONTRACT SPACES PROGRAM *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to the Veterinary Contract Spaces Program and making an appropriation therefor.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to establish the Veterinary Contract Spaces Program; require the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to administer the program; require the authority to purchase enrollment spaces annually for Kentucky students at participating veterinary schools; establish the Veterinary Contract Spaces Program trust fund; APPROPRIATION.

RECENT STATUS

3/11/2020 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

3/4/2020 - delivered to Governor

3/4/2020 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

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HB232 OPEN RECORDS *(SOROLIS, MARIA)*

AN ACT relating to open records.

Amend KRS 61.882 to require the award of costs and attorney fees if a court finds a record is withheld willfully under the Open Records Act.

RECENT STATUS

1/13/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary (H)

1/9/2020 - Introduced

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HB236 HEMP (KOCH, MATTHEW)

AN ACT relating to hemp and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 250.355 to allow the Department of Agriculture to establish hemp testing procedures; create a new section of KRS 260.850 to 260.869 to set forth requirements for the transportation of hemp or hemp products; amend KRS 260.850 and 260.852, 260.860, 260.864, and 260.866 to make technical corrections; amend KRS 260.858 to specify unlawful conduct; amend KRS 260.862 to specify licensure requirements; repeal KRS 260.867; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

2/10/2020 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

2/4/2020 - delivered to Governor

2/4/2020 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

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HB245 TAXATION OF PENSION INCOME (BLANTON, JOHN)

AN ACT relating to the taxation of pension income.

Amend KRS 141.019, relating to the individual income tax, to increase the pension income exclusion from \$31,110 to \$41,110.

RECENT STATUS

1/15/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

1/13/2020 - Introduced

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HB259 FIREARMS (BROWN JR., GEORGE)

AN ACT relating to firearms.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 527 to make it a crime to unlawfully store a firearm; establish elements of the crime for recklessly allowing access to an unsecured firearm by a minor; establish the crime as a Class B misdemeanor unless a physical injury or death results, in which case it is a Class A misdemeanor.

RECENT STATUS

1/17/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary (H)

1/15/2020 - Introduced

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HB262 KENTUCKY EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (HART, MARK)

AN ACT relating to state-supported universities and community colleges participating in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 61.522 to permit a state-supported university or community college ceasing participation in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS) nonhazardous plan by June 30, 2020, under the provisions of subsection (8) of KRS 61.522 (2019 SS HB 1), to make an election to retain participation in the retirement plan for only its existing employees who began participating in the systems administered by the Kentucky Retirement Systems prior to September 1, 2008, (Tier I) and, upon its effective cessation date, cease the participation of its existing employees who began participating on or after September 1, 2008, but prior to January 1, 2014 (Tier II); vary assumed rate of return/discount rate used to determine cessation costs from 3% to 4.5% based upon university/college employers' decisions regarding payment type (lump-sum vs. installments) and based on employee type (Tier I and II) and whether those employees will continue to participate in KERS after June 30, 2020; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

1/17/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government (H)

1/15/2020 - Introduced

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HB278 POST-SECONDARY READINESS *(KOCH, MATTHEW)*

AN ACT relating to postsecondary readiness.

Amend KRS 158.6455 to require inclusion of the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery test as a measurement of postsecondary readiness for the state accountability system.

RECENT STATUS

2/18/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

2/14/2020 - received in Senate

2/13/2020 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 88-0

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HB288 REVENUE *(RUDY, STEVEN)*

AN ACT relating to revenue.


Amend KRS 141.018 to make a technical correction.

RECENT STATUS

3/11/2020 - (H) posted in committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

1/22/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

1/17/2020 - Introduced


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HB289 SALES AND USE TAXES *(RUDY, STEVEN)*

AN ACT relating to sales and use taxes.
Amend KRS 139.990 for technical corrections.

RECENT STATUS

3/11/2020 - (H) posted in committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
1/22/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
1/17/2020 - Introduced


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HB290 TAXATION *(RUDY, STEVEN)*

AN ACT relating to taxation.
Amend KRS 139.785 to make a technical correction.

RECENT STATUS

3/11/2020 - (H) posted in committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
1/22/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
1/17/2020 - Introduced


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HB291 INCOME TAX *(RUDY, STEVEN)*

AN ACT relating to income tax.
Amend KRS 141.180 to make a technical correction.

RECENT STATUS

3/11/2020 - (H) posted in committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
1/22/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)
1/17/2020 - Introduced

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HB292 BRANCH BUDGET BILLS *(RUDY, STEVEN)*

AN ACT relating to branch budget bills.
Amend KRS 48.160, relating to branch budget bills, to make a technical correction.

RECENT STATUS

3/17/2020 - House Appropriations & Revenue (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
3/11/2020 - (H) posted in committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

1/22/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

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HB293 BRANCH BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS *(RUDY, STEVEN)*

AN ACT relating to branch budget recommendations.

Amend KRS 48.165, relating to branch budget recommendations, to make technical corrections.

RECENT STATUS

3/11/2020 - (H) posted in committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

1/22/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

1/17/2020 - Introduced

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HB294 BRANCH BUDGET BILLS *(RUDY, STEVEN)*

AN ACT relating to branch budget bills.

Amend KRS 48.720, relating to branch budget bills, to make a technical correction.

RECENT STATUS

3/11/2020 - (H) posted in committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

1/22/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

1/17/2020 - Introduced

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HB301 FINANCIAL LITERACY *(DUPLESSIS, JIM)*

AN ACT relating to financial literacy.

Amend KRS 158.1411 to require successful completion of a one-half credit course on financial literacy as a requirement for high school graduation.

RECENT STATUS

3/17/2020 - (H) recommitted to committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

3/17/2020 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules

3/12/2020 - (H) FIRST READING w/ HCS 1, to Regular Calendar

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HB303 COLLEGE STUDENT CRIMINAL HISTORY INQUIRIES (WILLNER, LISA)

AN ACT relating to college student criminal history inquiries.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 prohibiting any public or private postsecondary institution from inquiring about a student's criminal history on the institution's admissions application.

RECENT STATUS

1/23/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)

1/21/2020 - Introduced

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HB309 OPEN MEETINGS (SOROLIS, MARIA)

AN ACT relating to open meetings.

Amend KRS 61.846 to allow an agency or the Attorney General to vacate actions taken at a meeting where the agency failed to give notice of the meeting; Amend KRS 61.848 to require a person to be awarded court costs and attorney fees when a court finds there was no justiciable reason for an agency's denial of an open meetings complaint, and to allow a court to vacate actions taken at a meeting where the agency failed to give notice of the meeting.

RECENT STATUS

1/27/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government (H)

1/23/2020 - Introduced

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HB316 COUNCIL ON POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION (BRATCHER, KEVIN D.)

AN ACT relating to the Council on Post-secondary Education.

Amend KRS 164.011 to require each Council on Postsecondary Education board meeting to include a public comment period.

RECENT STATUS

3/19/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

3/19/2020 - received in Senate

3/18/2020 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 84-1 with floor amendment (2)

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HB331 KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL SAVINGS PLAN TRUST (HEAVRIN, SAMARA)

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Educational Savings Plan Trust.

Amend KRS 164A.305 to include in the definition of "qualified educational expenses" certain qualified education loan repayments and certain expenses for registered apprenticeship programs.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2020 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

3/19/2020 - delivered to Governor

3/19/2020 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

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HB341 TEACHER CERTIFICATION *(HUFF, REGINA)*

AN ACT relating to teacher certification.

Amend KRS 161.030 to allow retired teacher certificate renewal based on completion of professional development.

RECENT STATUS

3/18/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations (S)

3/17/2020 - received in Senate

3/12/2020 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 95-0 with Committee Substitute (1) and floor amendment (1)

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HB350 OPPORTUNITIES IN EDUCATION *(MCCOY, CHAD)*

AN ACT relating to opportunities in education.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 141 to establish a separate income tax credit for tuition assistance based on contributions made to a qualified scholarship-granting organization; provide goals and reporting of metrics related to those goals; amend KRS 141.0205 to establish the order in which the credits may be taken; create new sections of KRS 136.500 to 136.575 to allow financial institutions to take the tax credit against the tax imposed by KRS 136.505; order all tax credits; create a new section of KRS Chapter 136 to require the Kentucky Department of Education to publish a list of certified nonpublic schools and nonpublic schools seeking certification; require the Department of Revenue to report information to the Legislative Research Commission; amend KRS 131.190 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

1/29/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

1/27/2020 - Introduced

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HB351 REVENUE MEASURES *(RUDY, STEVEN)*

AN ACT relating to revenue measures and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 138.130 to define terms for taxes on tobacco products; amend KRS 138.140 to increase the surtax on cigarettes and the excise tax on chewing tobacco, snuff, and tobacco products effective July 1, 2020; impose an excise tax on vapor products effective July 1, 2020; remove exemption for modified risk tobacco products; amend KRS 138.143 to impose a floor stock tax on cigarettes, all forms of tobacco products, and vapor products; amend KRS 141.0401 to increase the minimum limited liability entity tax to \$225, currently \$175; apply increase in limited liability entity tax to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

4/15/2020 - delivered to Secretary of State
4/15/2020 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate
4/15/2020 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

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HB352 APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE MEASURES (RUDY, STEVEN)

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.

The State/Executive Branch Budget: Detail Part I, Operating Budget; appropriate to General Government: 2019-2020: \$21,535,000, 2020-2021: \$1,793,871,500, 2021-2022: \$1,813,688,900; appropriate to the Economic Development Cabinet: 2020-2021: \$33,195,900, 2021-2022: \$36,055,300; appropriate to the Department of Education: 2020-2021: \$5,183,508,800, 2021-2022: \$5,228,565,200; appropriate to the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet: 2020-2021: \$615,595,100, 2021-2022: \$617,246,200; appropriate to the Energy and Environment Cabinet: 2019-2020: \$700,000, 2020-2021: \$272,541,300, 2021-2022: \$253,649,300; appropriate to the Finance and Administration Cabinet: 2019-2020: \$2,800,000, 2020-2021: \$1,000,424,300, 2021-2022: \$972,192,200; appropriate to the Health and Family Services Cabinet: 2020-2021: \$15,007,584,100, 2021-2022: \$15,285,043,300; appropriate to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet: 2019-2020: \$17,216,900, 2020-2021: \$1,345,687,300, 2021-2022: \$1,369,130,400; appropriate to the Labor Cabinet: 2020-2021: \$202,693,700, 2021-2022: \$204,407,600; appropriate to the Personnel Cabinet: 2020-2021: \$64,171,200, 2021-2022: \$64,610,500; appropriate to Postsecondary Education: 2019-2020: \$497,400, 2020-2021: \$8,536,480,700, 2021-2022: \$8,930,169,100; appropriate to the Public Protection Cabinet: 2020-2021: \$129,067,100, 2021-2022: \$129,301,700; appropriate to the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet: 2019-2020: \$2,700,000, 2020-2021: \$275,773,400, 2021-2022: \$281,291,000; appropriate to the Budget Reserve Trust Fund: 2020-2021: \$10,000,000, 2021-2022: \$0; not included in the appropriation amounts are capital project amounts as follows: 2019-2020: \$7,500,000, 2020-2021: \$6,537,358,500, 2021-2022: \$249,695,600; detail Part II, Capital Projects Budget; detail Part III, General Provisions; detail Part IV, State Salary/Compensation, Benefit, and Employment Policy; detail Part V, Funds Transfer; detail Part VI, General Fund Budget Reduction Plan; detail Part VII, General Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; detail Part VIII, Road Fund Budget Reduction Plan; detail Part IX, Road Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; detail Part X, Phase I Tobacco Settlement; and detail Part XI, Executive Branch Budget Summary.

RECENT STATUS

4/15/2020 - delivered to Secretary of State
4/15/2020 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate
4/15/2020 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

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HB390 ADOPTION LEAVE (HEAVRIN, SAMARA)

AN ACT related to adoption leave.

Amend KRS 337.015 to require employers provide the same leave policies to adoptive parents as they provide to birth parents; change the applicable age of an adoptive child from seven to ten; create an exemption for specified categories of adoption.

RECENT STATUS

4/15/2020 - (S) recommitted to committee Senate Economic Development, Tourism, and Labor (S)

3/18/2020 - (S) SECOND READING, to Rules

3/17/2020 - floor amendment (1) filed

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HB393 DUAL CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to dual credit scholarships.

Amend KRS 164.786 to increase the dual credit tuition rate ceiling amount; add two career and technical education courses per year to the Dual Credit Scholarship; amend KRS 164.787 to delete the dual credit provisions from the Work Ready Scholarship.

RECENT STATUS

3/19/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

3/19/2020 - received in Senate

3/18/2020 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 83-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

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HB401 TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM *(MILLER, JERRY T.)*

AN ACT relating to the Teachers' Retirement System.

Create a new section of KRS 161.220 to 161.716 to permit the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) to use and accept electronic signatures as deemed appropriate; amend KRS 161.290 to require all public employers to grant paid leave to teacher trustees serving on the TRS board; amend KRS 161.310 to specify the types of remuneration included in retirement incentives and that costs billed to employers for retirement incentives shall not be an obligation of the state; provide that retirement incentives shall not increase final average salary or annual compensation; amend KRS 161.340 to add insurance to the items for which TRS may contract and delete requirement for the procurement of fiduciary bonds for board trustees and executive secretary and add that the board may expend funds as necessary for indemnification and self-insurance; amend KRS 161.470 to make technical corrections; amend KRS 161.480 to automatically designate a TRS member's spouse as beneficiary for an active member's account balance upon employment until changed by the member; declare the member's spouse as beneficiary of the active member's account balance in the event all named beneficiaries predecease the active member or the member fails to designate a beneficiary; amend KRS 161.500 to specifically address service credit for contracts exceeding 185 days; amend KRS 161.515 to reference new retirement factors for out-of-state service purchases; amend KRS 161.540 to specify eligibility requirements for including annual leave credit in the retirement calculation for calendar-year contracts; amend KRS 161.545 to provide that full-time sabbatical leave by university staff participating in the TRS shall be deemed full-time employment for retirement purposes; require employee and employer contributions to be paid during the period of sabbatical leave; amend KRS 161.553 to adjust the cost schedules of providing statutory benefit improvements for annuitants; amend KRS 161.560 to adjust the methods by which participating employers shall file contribution data and set penalties for noncompliance that TRS may impose; amend KRS 161.597 to require a refund of prior installment payments and a reduction in service credit for a member in default on installment payments; amend KRS 161.614 to include mediation awards to a method that may be binding for the adjustment of a member's account; amend KRS 161.620 to make technical amendments; amend KRS 161.630 to make technical changes; amend KRS 161.643 to authorize TRS to require more frequent submission of annual reports on reemployed employees by participating employers; amend KRS 161.650 to automatically designate a TRS member's spouse as beneficiary for a retired member's remaining account balance at the time of death unless changed by the member; declare the member's spouse as beneficiary of the retired member's remaining account balance in the event all named beneficiaries predecease the retired member or the member fails to name a beneficiary for the account balance; amend KRS 161.655 to automatically designate a TRS member's spouse as beneficiary for the life insurance benefit available to active and retired members unless changed by the member; declare the member's spouse as beneficiary of the life insurance benefit available to active and retired members if,

upon the death of the member, all named beneficiaries predecease the member or the member fails to name a beneficiary; and amend KRS 161.680 to provide detail describing the system's authority to collect overpayments.

RECENT STATUS

3/26/2020 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

3/26/2020 - (S) SECOND READING

3/26/2020 - (S) Taken From Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

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HB402 TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM *(MILLER, JERRY T.)*

AN ACT relating to the Teachers' Retirement System and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 161.605 to provide that breaks in service are required before returning to work for the employer even if in a position not covered by the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS); begin running of breaks in service from date of retirement; prohibit prearranged agreements between a retiring member and employer for member to return to work after retirement and require certification thereof; require retired members returning to work for state-supported universities and community colleges to comply with the separation-from-service requirements; amend KRS 161.612 to reduce the \$500 minimum monthly disability benefit by benefit payments from all state-administered retirement systems for part-time employees and substitute teachers participating in the TRS who apply for disability benefits on or after July 1, 2020, and provide that part-time employees and substitute teachers are not eligible to apply for a disability retirement allowance if they are eligible for an unreduced retirement benefit; amend KRS 161.661 to provide that members who begin participating on or after July 1, 2020, shall not be eligible for a disability benefit if they are eligible for any unreduced benefit and that they shall have their \$500 minimum monthly disability benefit reduced by benefit payments from all state-administered retirement systems; make conforming and technical changes; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

2/28/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

2/26/2020 - received in Senate

2/25/2020 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 87-0

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HB408 INVESTMENTS BY PUBLIC PENSION FUNDS *(NEMES, JASON)*

AN ACT relating to Kentucky investments by public pension funds.

Amend KRS 16.642, 61.650, 78.790, and 161.430, to establish a goal for the Kentucky Retirement Systems and the Teachers' Retirement System to invest at least 1.5% of fund assets in Kentucky private equity fund investments provided any such investment is consistent with the board's fiduciary responsibility and duties; define Kentucky private equity fund investments as an entity that makes, manages, or sources potential investments in Kentucky businesses from individuals or institutional investors; establish requirements for the systems to notify the business community of potential investment opportunity with the systems; require reporting to the Legislative Research Commission on progress toward the goal of investment system assets in Kentucky private equity funds.

RECENT STATUS

2/12/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government (H)

2/10/2020 - Introduced

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HB429 COLLEGE READINESS EXAMINATIONS (RILEY, STEVE)

AN ACT relating to college readiness examinations.

Amend KRS 158.6453 to require a pre-college admissions exam to be administered in the fall of grade 10 instead of a college admissions exam; allow a student to retake the college admissions exam in the fall of grade 12; require the Kentucky Department of Education to pay for the cost of the pre-college exam and the optional college admissions exam in grade 12; amend KRS 158.6459 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

2/21/2020 - (H) posted in committee House Education (H)

2/18/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)

2/13/2020 - Introduced

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HB455 STUDENT DISCIPLINE AT PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

(BRATCHER, KEVIN D.)

AN ACT relating to student discipline at public postsecondary education institutions.

Amend KRS 164.370 to require each governing board of a public postsecondary education institution to adopt a student code of conduct that includes disciplinary procedures; set minimum requirements for the disciplinary procedures; require the institution to provide additional rights to students eligible to receive certain punishments; require a governing board to permit a student whose residence is in campus housing to appeal to the governing board; require a governing board to permit a student organization whose affiliation with the institution has been terminated to appeal to the governing board; permit a student to appeal a final decision of a governing board in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B, except that the student shall have 1 year to appeal; define "student"; title the Act "the Kentucky Student Administrative Rights Protection Act."

RECENT STATUS

2/21/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)

2/19/2020 - Introduced

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HB514 STATEWIDE COLLEGE ADMISSIONS EXAMINATION (TATE, NANCY)

AN ACT relating to the statewide college admissions examination.

Amend KRS 158.6453 to direct each local district to establish a high score for a student to obtain on a college admissions examination to request an exemption from taking a statewide college admissions examination.

RECENT STATUS

3/2/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)

2/27/2020 - Introduced

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HB529 CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS *(MADDOX, SAVANNAH)*

AN ACT relating to concealed deadly weapons.

Repeal KRS 237.115 interpreting the application of the concealed carry deadly weapon licensing statute to postsecondary facilities and also permitting state and local governments to pass legislation limiting concealed carry in buildings controlled by that government; amend various sections to conform.

RECENT STATUS

3/3/2020 - (H) posted in committee House State Government (H)

3/2/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government (H)

2/28/2020 - Introduced

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HB558 EMPLOYEES OF AGENCIES THAT CEASE PARTICIPATION IN KRS *(GOFORTH, ROBERT)*

AN ACT relating to employees of agencies who cease participation in the Kentucky Retirement Systems.

Amend KRS 61.595 and 61.559 to provide that vested Tier I and Tier II employees of an employer who, has ceased participation in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS) who based upon the employer's choice are no longer eligible to participate in KERS and are required to participate in an alternative retirement plan following the agency's cessation date, can use service credit earned in an alternative retirement to plan determine eligibility for retirement benefits from KERS, but not the amount of benefits, and for purposes of reducing early retirement penalties in the system.

RECENT STATUS

3/4/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government (H)

3/2/2020 - Introduced

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HB576 TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM *(MILLER, JERRY T.)*

AN ACT relating to the Teachers' Retirement System.

Create new sections of KRS 161.220 to 161.716 to specify that new nonuniversity members of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) on or after January 1, 2021, shall receive a foundational benefit component, which shall be a traditional defined benefit plan, a supplemental benefit component which shall be a plan based upon the member's account balance, and retiree health benefits; provide that the cost of the foundational benefit for these new members shall be accessed annually in the actuarial valuation; provide that if the funding level of the foundational benefit component for new nonuniversity members falls below 90 percent, the TRS board shall make one or more changes to keep employer costs within the statutory fixed rate of eight percent for the foundational benefit component, including utilizing moneys in the stabilization reserve account from any excess contributions above costs of the new plan

components for new nonuniversity members, utilizing prospective mandatory employee and employer contributions from the supplemental benefit component, or adjusting the regular interest rate, benefit factor, age and service requirements to retire, or COLAs for new nonuniversity members only; establish the supplemental benefit component for new nonuniversity members who enter TRS on or after January 1, 2021, that pays benefits based upon mandatory employee and employer contributions of two percent of pay, voluntary employee and employer contributions, and interest on the accounts; provide for vesting of employer contributions after five years; provide that a new nonuniversity member may take a refund, distribution, or annuitize their account balance into a monthly payment based upon assumptions established by the TRS board; amend KRS 161.155 to provide that new nonuniversity TRS members on or after January 1, 2021, shall not have any lump-sum sick leave payments added to their foundational benefit component calculation, but may have the payment deposited into the supplemental benefit component; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.220 to establish definitions for the new foundational benefit component and supplemental benefit component for new nonuniversity employees and make technical amendments to conform to a recent court decision; provide that individuals who become nonuniversity members on or after January 1, 2021, shall have a final average salary based upon their highest eight years if retiring under age 65 and the highest five years if retiring at age 65 or older; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.540 to specify that new nonuniversity TRS members on or after January 1, 2021, shall contribute 14.75 percent of pay with 9 percent going to fund the foundational benefit component, 2 percent to fund the supplemental benefit component, and 3.75 percent to fund retiree health benefits; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.550 to specify that the maximum employer contribution rate for new nonuniversity members on or after January 1, 2021, shall be 11.75 percent with eight percent going to fund the foundational benefit component, two percent to fund the supplemental benefit component, and 0.75 percent to fund retiree health benefits; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.600 to provide that new nonuniversity members on or after January 1, 2021, shall be eligible to retire upon attaining age 65 with five years of service or age 60 with ten years of service; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.620 to provide that new nonuniversity TRS members shall receive a benefit factor of 1.50 percent up to 2.4 percent based upon the member's age and years of service; amend KRS 161.675 to provide that new nonuniversity members shall not be eligible for retiree health benefits until reaching age 60; amend KRS 161.605 to provide that TRS retirees who retire on or after January 1, 2021 shall not be eligible to earn a second retirement account upon reemployment; repeal, reenact, and amend or repeal and reenact or amend KRS 61.400, 161.420, 161.470, 161.480, 161.500, 161.507, 161.515, 161.520, 161.522, 161.525, 161.545, 161.5465, 161.547, 161.548, 161.549, 161.568, 161.580, 161.585, 161.590, 161.595, 161.605, 161.612, 161.615, 161.623, 161.630, 161.655, 161.661, 161.650, 161.700, and 161.714 to make technical and conforming amendments and to conform to a recent court decision.

RECENT STATUS

3/12/2020 - House State Government (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

3/5/2020 - (H) posted in committee House State Government (H)

3/4/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government (H)

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HB592 KRS EMPLOYERS (GRAVISS, JOE)

AN ACT relating to Kentucky Retirement Systems employers.

Amend KRS 61.522 to move the one-time window where quasi-governmental agencies may voluntarily cease participation in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS) ahead one year from June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2021, and to move all other corresponding timelines for the window ahead one year.

RECENT STATUS

3/4/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government (H)

3/2/2020 - Introduced

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HB610 CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS (GOFORTH, ROBERT)

AN ACT relating to concealed deadly weapons.

Amend KRS 183.8811 and 527.020 to expand permissible locations for persons with a concealed deadly weapon license; amend KRS 237.109 and 527.070 to allow only Kentucky CCDW licensees to carry concealed weapons on school property.

RECENT STATUS

3/4/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary (H)

3/2/2020 - Introduced

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HB613 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM *(TIPTON, JAMES)*

AN ACT relating to the Teachers' Retirement System.

Create new sections of KRS 161.220 to 161.716 to specify that new university members of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) on or after January 1, 2021, shall receive a foundational benefit component, which shall be a traditional defined benefit plan, a supplemental benefit component which shall be a plan based upon the member's account balance, and retiree health benefits; provide that the cost of the foundational benefit for these new members shall be accessed annually in the actuarial valuation; provide that if the funding level of the foundational benefit component for new university members falls below 90 percent, the TRS board shall make one or more changes to keep employer costs within the statutory fixed rate of 5.775 percent for the foundational benefit component including utilizing: moneys in the stabilization reserve account from any excess contributions above costs of the new plan components for new university members, utilizing prospective mandatory employee and employer contributions from the supplemental benefit component, or adjusting the regular interest rate, benefit factor, age and service requirements to retire, or COLAs for new university members only; establish the supplemental benefit component for new university members who enter TRS on or after January 1, 2021, that pays benefits based upon mandatory employee and employer contributions of percent of pay, voluntary employee and employer contributions, and interest on the accounts; provide for vesting of employer contributions after five years; provide that a new university member may take a refund, distribution, or annuitize their account balance into a monthly payment based upon assumptions established by the TRS board; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.220 to establish definitions for the new foundational benefit component and supplemental benefit component for new university employees and make technical amendments to conform to a recent court decision; specify that the high-3 final average salary provisions shall not apply to new university members who enter the system on or after January 1, 2021; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.540 to specify that new university TRS members on or after January 1, 2021, shall contribute 9.775 percent of pay with 5 percent going to fund the foundational benefit component, two percent to fund the supplemental benefit component, and 2.775 percent to fund retiree health benefits; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.550 to specify that the maximum employer contribution rate for new university members on or after January 1, 2021, shall be 9.775 percent with 5.775 percent going to fund the foundational benefit component, two percent to fund the supplemental benefit component, and two percent to fund retiree health benefits; conform to a recent court decision; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.600 to provide that new university members on or after January 1, 2021, shall be eligible to retire upon attaining age 65 with five years of service or age 55 with ten years of service; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.620 to provide that new university TRS members shall receive a benefit factor of 0.85 percent up to 1.5 percent based upon the member's age and years of service; increase the life insurance benefit for new university members on or after January 1, 2021, from \$2,000 and \$5,000 for active and retired respectively to \$5,000 and \$10,000 respectively; amend KRS 161.675 to provide that new university members shall not be eligible for retiree health benefits until reaching age 60; repeal, reenact, and amend or repeal and reenact or amend KRS 61.400, 161.420, 161.470, 161.480, 161.500, 161.507, 161.515, 161.520, 161.522, 161.525, 161.545, 161.5465, 161.547, 161.548, 161.549, 161.568, 161.580, 161.585, 161.590, 161.595, 161.605, 161.612, 161.615, 161.623, 161.630, 161.661, 161.650, 161.700, and 161.714 to make technical and conforming amendments and to conform to a recent court decision.

RECENT STATUS

3/17/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

3/12/2020 - received in Senate

3/11/2020 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 65-31 with Committee Substitute (1)

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HB632 STUDENT JOURNALIST FREEDOM *(SCOTT, ATTICA)*

AN ACT relating to student journalist freedom.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to make legislative findings; establish definitions; provide additional free speech protections for student reporters; place limitations on additional protections; provide protection for student media advisors; require each district to adopt a written policy for time, place, and manner restrictions, and for an appeals procedure; provide that student speech not be considered school speech; provide that a student journalist or student media advisor may seek injunctive relief.

RECENT STATUS

3/4/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)

3/2/2020 - Introduced

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HB633 INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS *(BRANHAM CLARK, TERRI)*

AN ACT relating to intercollegiate athletics.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to limit a postsecondary educational institution or an organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics from preventing a student athlete from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness; forbid compensation of a prospective student athlete; establish conditions for a student athlete to engage professional representation; establish that scholarships are not compensation for the purposes of the section; establish conditions to student athletes earning compensation; establish cause of action for violation of the section; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2023.

RECENT STATUS

3/4/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)

3/2/2020 - Introduced

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HB641 VETERANS' BILL OF RIGHTS *(MINTER, PATTI)*

AN ACT relating to a Veterans' Bill of Rights.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 40 to establish the Veterans' Bill of Rights; direct the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet to produce monthly reports of workforce need projections; direct the Department of Transportation to take necessary steps to increase the number of veterans using the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Military Skills Test Waiver Program; direct the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services to review licensing practices and take appropriate steps to increase recognition of military training and experience toward in-state licensing; direct the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure to review all licensing practices and take appropriate steps to increase recognition of military training and experience toward in-state licensing; direct the Transportation Cabinet to review all state licenses for which military members may have relevant training or experience; direct the Council on Postsecondary Education in Kentucky to adopt procedures necessary to implement the section and to promulgate administrative regulations requiring public postsecondary institutions to provide credit for military training and experience; provide that public postsecondary institutions that offer early course registration for any segment of the student population shall have a process in place to offer early course registration to students who are veterans or members of the United States Armed Forces; require that certain students called to active duty in the United States Armed Forces shall be given full credit for each course in which the student has a grade of C or better and that students called to active duty who do not meet attendance requirements sufficient to earn a grade shall be entitled to a 100 percent refund of tuition and fees; require that veterans with no previous college experience

shall be permitted to file applications up to the end of registration, be allowed to begin classes pending completion of their application, and, upon return from active duty, register even after normal registration periods end without fees or penalties; direct the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet to review vocational programs focused on providing job training and placement to returning military service members and veterans; direct the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet to provide an annual report to the General Assembly and the Governor to be used in annual budget decisions.

RECENT STATUS

3/4/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection (H)

3/2/2020 - Introduced

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HB644 FORFEITURE OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS *(OSBORNE, DAVID)*

AN ACT relating to forfeiture of retirement benefits upon conviction of a sexual offense against a minor.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 21 to provide that any current or former judge or justice with an account in the Judicial Retirement Plan, who is convicted of or enters into a plea agreement to avoid conviction of a felony or misdemeanor relating to his or her duties or for engaging in sex with a minor, including rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, and sexual misconduct, shall cease membership in the Judicial Retirement Plan and forfeit all rights and benefits earned in the Judicial Retirement Plan, except for return of his or her individual contributions and any interest; amend KRS 6.696 to provide that any current or former legislator convicted of a felony or misdemeanor or entering a plea agreement to avoid conviction of a felony or misdemeanor for engaging in sex with a minor, including rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, and sexual misconduct, shall forfeit all rights and benefits under the state-administered plan to which the legislator has made contributions for his or her service, except for return of his or her individual contributions and any interest; amend KRS 16.652, 61.535, and 78.852 to provide that any member of the retirement systems administered by the Kentucky Retirement Systems who is convicted of or enters into a plea agreement to avoid conviction of a felony or misdemeanor for engaging in sex with a minor, including rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, and sexual misconduct, shall cease membership in the retirement system to which the member has made contributions and forfeit all rights and benefits earned in that system, except for return of his or her individual contributions and any interest; amend KRS 161.700 to provide that any member of the Teachers' Retirement System who is convicted of or enters into a plea agreement to avoid conviction of a felony or misdemeanor for engaging in sex with a minor, including rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, and sexual misconduct, shall cease membership in the Teachers' Retirement System and forfeit all rights and benefits earned in that system, except for return of his or her individual contributions and any interest; amend KRS 6.505, 21.360, 21.470, 21.480, 61.692, 161.700, and 161.714 to conform; and specify in noncodified language that this Act shall only apply to felonies, misdemeanors, and plea agreements entered into on or after the effective date of this Act.

RECENT STATUS

3/12/2020 - House State Government (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

3/5/2020 - (H) posted in committee House State Government (H)

3/4/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government (H)

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HB647 SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY *(OSBORNE, DAVID)*

AN ACT proposing to amend Sections 36 and 42 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to sessions of the General Assembly.

Propose to amend Sections 36 and 42 of the Constitution of Kentucky to provide that the General Assembly may call itself into extraordinary session upon the issuance of a joint proclamation by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, but only if the General Assembly has reserved at least one day from its regular session in that year, with limitations; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection.

RECENT STATUS

3/19/2020 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules

3/19/2020 - (H) Reported Favorably w/ HCS 1

3/19/2020 - House Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

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HCR61 HIGHER EDUCATION LOAN REPAYMENT AND ENHANCED RETIREMENT ACT (HART, MARK)

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress to adopt the Higher Education Loan Payment and Enhanced Retirement Act.

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress to adopt the Higher Education Loan Payment and Enhanced Retirement Act.

RECENT STATUS

3/26/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

3/19/2020 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 70-14

3/19/2020 - received in Senate

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HCR117

TEACHER PREPARATION IN LITERACY AND NUMERACY FOR PRIMARY GRADE TASK FORCE (TIPTON, JAMES)

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Teacher Perpetration in Literacy and Numeracy for Primary Grades Task Force.

Direct the Legislative Research Commission to establish the Teacher Preparation in Literacy and Numeracy for Primary Grades Task Force to study Kentucky's teacher preparation programs and professional development opportunities; require findings and recommendations to be reported by December 1, 2020.

RECENT STATUS

3/26/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

3/19/2020 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 82-2

3/19/2020 - received in Senate

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SB1 IMMIGRATION (CARROLL, DANNY)

AN ACT relating to federal immigration cooperation.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 61 to prohibit law enforcement agencies, law enforcement officials, employees of a law enforcement agency or public agencies, public officials, or employees of a public agency or public institution operating under KRS Chapter 164 from enacting, adopting, or otherwise enforcing any sanctuary policy; require law enforcement officials, representatives,

agents, and employees of law enforcement agencies, public officials, representatives, agents, and employees of public agencies to use their best efforts, considering available resources, to support the enforcement of federal immigration law; exempt school districts, district boards of education, public charter schools, and employees and contractors from the provisions of the section; provide that any sanctuary policy adopted prior to or after the effective date of the Act in violation of Section 1 of the Act is invalid, void, and unenforceable; allow the Governor, Attorney General, or any state constitutional officer to bring an action for enforcement through injunctive action; establish a short title.

RECENT STATUS

3/18/2020 - (H) Returned to Committee House Judiciary (H)

3/18/2020 - (H) SECOND READING

3/18/2020 - (H) Taken From Committee Judiciary (H)

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SB13 WAGES (THOMAS, REGINALD)

AN ACT relating to wages.

Amend KRS 337.010 to increase the applicable threshold of employees of retail stores and service industries from \$95,000 to \$500,000 average annual gross volume of sales for the employer; amend KRS 337.275 to raise the state minimum wage to \$8.20 per hour on July 1, 2020, \$9.15 per hour on July 1, 2021, \$10.10 per hour on July 1, 2022, \$11 per hour on July 1, 2023, \$12.05 per hour on July 1, 2024, \$13.10 per hour on July 1, 2025, \$13.95 per hour on July 1, 2026, and \$15 per hour on July 1, 2027, and to raise the state minimum wage for tipped employees to \$2.13 per hour on the effective date of the Act, \$3.05 per hour on July 1, 2021, \$3.95 per hour on July 1, 2022, and \$4.90 per hour on July 1, 2023; include anti-preemption language permitting local governments to establish minimum wage ordinances in excess of the state minimum wage.

RECENT STATUS

1/8/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

8/20/2019 - Pre-Filed

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SB14 PENSION INCOME (EMBRY JR., C.B.)

AN ACT relating to the taxation of pension income.

Amend KRS 141.019 to increase the pension income exclusion from \$31,110 to \$41,110.

RECENT STATUS

1/8/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

8/20/2019 - Pre-Filed

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SB24 SPORTS WAGERING (CARROLL, JULIAN M.)

AN ACT relating to sports wagering and making an appropriation therefor.

Establish KRS Chapter 239 and create new sections to define "amateur athletics," "collegiate sports contest," "commission," "principal," "professional sports contest," "sports wager," and "sports wagering"; create the Kentucky Gaming Commission; establish membership to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate; establish the commission's responsibilities and authority; require the Governor to appoint an executive director and establish the executive director's responsibilities; require the commission to promulgate administrative regulations relating to sports wagering conducted by the Kentucky Lottery Corporation, racing associations licensed under KRS Chapter 230, and other locations; establish licensing fees; prohibit persons from wagering on an event in which they are a participant; establish the sports wagering distribution trust fund and the uses of the fund; establish penalties for tampering with the outcome of a sporting event and wagering on a sporting event by a participant; create a new section of KRS Chapter 138 to impose an excise tax on sports wagering at 25 percent of net sports wagering receipts; amend KRS 138.1817 to permit the Department of Revenue to work with the commission to restrict licensure in the event that sports wagering taxes are not paid; amend KRS 154A.010 to revise the definition of "amateur sports contest," and to define "collegiate sports contest," "professional sports contest," "sports wager," and "sports wagering"; amend KRS 154A.030 to conform and to prohibit the director or family member from being a part owner of a professional team or a board member of a college or university that engages in collegiate sports upon which sports wagers may be placed; amend KRS 154A.050 to include sports wagering; amend KRS 154A.060 to include sports wagering and to include contracts for the purchase of goods and services necessary for sports wagering; require monthly and annual reports to be submitted to the Kentucky Gaming Commission; amend KRS 154A.063 to permit sports wagering on collegiate and professional sports contests; amend KRS 154A.065 to prohibit accepting sports wagers on the outcomes of contests involving horses; amend KRS 154A.070 to include sports wagering and require contracts to be in accord with administrative regulations of the Lottery Corporation and the Kentucky Gaming Commission; amend KRS 154A.090 to stipulate that sports wagering retailers aggrieved by a decision of the board may appeal to the Kentucky Gaming Commission; amend KRS 154A.110 to include sports wagering; stipulate that unclaimed sports wagering prize money be added to the sports wagering distribution trust fund; to prohibit sports wagers from being accepted from members or coaches of professional or collegiate team; amend 154A.120 to include sports wagering; amend KRS 154A.130 to specify net sports wagering receipts collected by lottery to be used for expenses and moneys in excess of expenses shall be dedicated to the sports wagering distribution trust fund; amend KRS 154A.400 to include sports wagering and stipulate the criteria for selecting sports wagering retailers shall be developed in consultation with the Kentucky Gaming Commission; amend KRS 154A.420 to include sports wagering and permit the Lottery Corporation to require a retailer to establish separate sports wagering electronic funds transfer accounts; amend KRS 154A.430, 154A.440, 154A.600, and 154A.650 to include sports wagering; amend KRS 230.225 to permit the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission to oversee sports wagering at licensed racing associations; amend KRS 230.370 to require administrative regulations relating to sports wagering to be developed in consultation with the Kentucky Gaming Commission; amend KRS 243.500 to exempt the conduct of sports wagering licensed or permitted under KRS Chapter 239; amend KRS 12.020 to administratively attach the Kentucky Gaming Commission to the Public Protection Cabinet.

RECENT STATUS

1/8/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations (S)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

8/20/2019 - Pre-Filed

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SB26 QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES (CARROLL, DANNY)

AN ACT relating to employees of quasi-governmental agencies.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 18A to allow state hiring preference for employees of quasi-governmental agencies ceasing participation in the Kentucky Retirement Systems; require an employing state agency offer an interview to all finalist entitled to preference unless five or more of the finalists are entitled to preference; require that if more than five finalists are entitled to preference, the employing state agency shall offer an interview to no fewer than five.

RECENT STATUS

1/8/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

8/20/2019 - Pre-Filed

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SB32 FIREARM STORAGE (NEAL, GERALD A.)

AN ACT relating to firearm storage.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 527 to make it a crime to unlawfully store a firearm; establish elements of the crime for recklessly allowing access to an unsecured firearm by a minor; establish the crime as a Class B misdemeanor unless a physical injury results, in which case it is a Class A misdemeanor.

RECENT STATUS

1/8/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (S)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

12/12/2019 - Pre-Filed

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SB42 STUDENT HEALTH AND SAFETY (HARPER ANGEL, DENISE)

AN ACT relating to student health and safety.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require any student identification badge issued to a public middle or high school student to contain the contact information for national crisis hotlines specializing in domestic violence, sexual assault, and suicide; apply the requirement to public charter schools; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to publish recommendations for at least one national crisis hotline in each specialized area; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require any student identification badge issued by a public or private postsecondary institution or other institution that offers a postsecondary degree, certificate, or license to contain the contact information for national crisis hotlines specializing in domestic assault, sexual assault, and suicide.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2020 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

3/19/2020 - delivered to Governor

3/19/2020 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

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SB54 COVERAGE FOR MEDICALLY NECESSARY FERTILITY PRESERVATION SERVICES (KERR, ALICE FORGY)

AN ACT relating to coverage for medically necessary fertility preservation services.

Create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to establish that any health benefit plan issued or renewed in the Commonwealth that provides coverage for hospital, medical, or surgical expenses, shall include coverage for standard fertility preservation services when a necessary medical treatment may directly or indirectly cause iatrogenic infertility to an insured; establish

language to specify that fertility preservation coverage is not required to be provided or included in any employer-sponsored health benefit plan offered by an employer to its employees if the employer is a religious organization; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2021.

RECENT STATUS

1/8/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Banking & Insurance (S)

1/7/2020 - Introduced (Pre-Filed)

11/19/2019 - Pre-Filed

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SB68 PLASTIC WASTE *(HARPER ANGEL, DENISE)*

AN ACT relating to plastic waste.

Amend KRS 224.50-585 to establish definitions; establish a ban on plastic, single-use carryout bags by July 1, 2025; establish a ban the provision of single-use plastic straws and Styrofoam food and beverage containers by retail food and beverage establishments by July 1, 2023; establish civil penalty of \$100 per day for violation of bans.

RECENT STATUS

1/8/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Natural Resources & Energy (S)

1/7/2020 - Introduced

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SB88 KENTUCKY RETIREMENT SYSTEM *(SCHRODER, WIL)*

AN ACT relating to state-supported universities and community colleges participating in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 61.522 to permit a state-supported university or community college ceasing participation in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS) nonhazardous plan by June 30, 2020, under the provisions of subsection (8) of KRS 61.522 (2019 SS HB 1), to make an election to retain participation in the retirement plan for only its existing employees who began participating in the systems administered by the Kentucky Retirement Systems prior to September 1, 2008, (Tier I) and, upon its effective cessation date, cease the participation of its existing employees who began participating on or after September 1, 2008, but prior to January 1, 2014 (Tier II); vary assumed rate of return/discount rate used to determine cessation costs from 3% to 4.5% based upon university/college employers' decisions regarding payment type (lump-sum vs. installments) and based on employee type (Tier I and II) and whether those employees will continue to participate in KERS after June 30, 2020; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

1/16/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

1/14/2020 - Introduced

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SB92 PARENTAL RIGHTS *(ADAMS, JULIE RAQUE)*

AN ACT relating to restoration of parental rights.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 625 to establish a process and requirements for the restoration of parental rights; amend KRS 164.2847 to include a student who was reunified with parents whose parental rights were restored and a student who obtained a high school equivalency diploma; amend KRS 625.046 and 625.110 to conform.

RECENT STATUS

1/16/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary (S)

1/14/2020 - Introduced

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SB98 EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION *(SCHICKEL, JOHN)*

AN ACT relating to employment discrimination based on smoking.

Amend KRS 344.040 to remove protections against employment discrimination based on an individual's status as a smoker or nonsmoker.

RECENT STATUS

1/21/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary (S)

1/17/2020 - Introduced

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SB101 CREDIT UNDER ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS *(WILSON, MIKE)*

AN ACT relating to awarding of credit under articulation agreements.

Amend KRS 164.2951 to require the Council on Postsecondary Education to facilitate the implementation of a standardized articulation agreement for each approved high school career pathway to be honored at any public college or university.

RECENT STATUS

3/27/2020 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

3/19/2020 - delivered to Governor

3/19/2020 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

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SB114 ATHLETICS *(MILLS, ROBBY)*

AN ACT relating to athletics.


Amend KRS 156.070 to require the board of education or agency designated by the board of education to manage interscholastic athletics to promulgate administrative regulations or bylaws requiring schools that participate in interscholastic athletics to designate all athletic teams, activities, and sports based upon the biological sex of the students eligible to participate; prohibiting male students from participating in athletic teams, activities, and sports designated as girls'; restricting access to athletic facilities designated for the

use of an exclusive biological sex; and defining the methods of establishing a students' biological sex; prohibit designated agencies from entertaining complaints or investigations of policies; create a cause of action against a school that violates these provisions; require that the action be brought within 2 years; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require a public postsecondary education institution or private postsecondary education institution that is a member of a national intercollegiate athletic association to designate all intercollegiate and intramural athletic teams, activities, sports, and events that are sponsored or authorized by the institution based on biological sex of students eligible to participate; to require that a public postsecondary education institution or private postsecondary education institution that is a member of a national intercollegiate athletic association prohibit male students from participating in athletic teams, activities, and sports designated as womens'; restricting access to athletic facilities designated for the use of an exclusive biological sex at a public postsecondary education institution or private postsecondary education institution that is a member of a national intercollegiate athletic association; and defining the methods of establishing a postsecondary students' biological sex; prohibit designated agencies from entertaining complaints or investigations of policies; create a cause of action against a postsecondary institution that violates these provisions; require that the action be brought within 2 years; title the Act: "Save Women's Sports Act."

RECENT STATUS

1/27/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

1/24/2020 - Introduced

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SB115 TUITION WAIVERS *(WILSON, MIKE)*

AN ACT relating to the tuition waiver for Kentucky foster or adopted children.


Amend KRS 162.2847 to include graduate programs in the tuition waiver for foster and adopted children; extend the eligibility time period.

RECENT STATUS

4/15/2020 - delivered to Governor

4/15/2020 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

4/15/2020 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

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SB127 TUITION WAIVERS *(MCGARVEY, MORGAN)*


AN ACT relating to the tuition waiver for Kentucky foster or adopted children.

Amend KRS 162.2847 to include graduate programs in the tuition waiver for foster and adopted children; extend the eligibility time period.

RECENT STATUS

2/3/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations & Revenue (S)

1/30/2020 - Introduced

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SB156 CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION *(HIGDON, JIMMY)*

AN ACT relating to career and technical education.

Create a new section of KRS 158.810 to 158.818 directing the Kentucky Department of Education to develop a plan to transition all state-operated secondary vocational education centers to local school districts by July 1, 2024; require the Commissioner of Education to establish and appoint members to a workgroup to help develop and implement the plan; describe what the plan shall include; require the Kentucky Board of Education to approve the plan; require the department to provide an annual report to the Interim Joint Committee on Education.

RECENT STATUS

2/28/2020 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education (H)

2/26/2020 - received in House

2/25/2020 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 30-7 with Committee Substitute (1)

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SB172 RETIREMENT SYSTEMS *(PARRETT, DENNIS)*

AN ACT relating to reciprocity between the Kentucky Retirement Systems and the Teachers' Retirement System.

Amend KRS 61.680 to require the Kentucky Retirement Systems to apply reciprocity for a person retiring for a second time after waiving retirement benefits to return to a full-time position covered by the Teachers' Retirement System; allow the member to use omitted service credit for determining eligibility and the amount of benefits upon subsequent retirement; make the provision retroactive to retirements on or after December 31, 2009; require the Kentucky Retirement Systems and the Teachers' Retirement System to recalculate the retired person's benefits as if the service obtained had been purchased prior to retirement.

RECENT STATUS

2/18/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

2/13/2020 - Introduced

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SB174 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS *(MCGARVEY, MORGAN)*

AN ACT relating to elementary and secondary teachers and principals.

Amend KRS 161.1211 to allow national board certification to qualify a teacher for Rank II status; change Rank I requirements to reflect the change.

RECENT STATUS

4/15/2020 - delivered to Governor

4/15/2020 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

4/15/2020 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate

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SB223 USE OF STATE PROPERTY *(MCGARVEY, MORGAN)*

AN ACT relating to music advertising of performances and productions

Amend KRS 56.463 to require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to prohibit any person from concealing his or her identity with a mask or hood while carrying a firearm, deadly weapon, or other dangerous instrument when visiting state buildings, unless the person obtains the written permission of the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet; specify that existing statutes or regulations remain in effect unless they are in direct conflict.

RECENT STATUS

3/2/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

2/27/2020 - Introduced

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SB227 EARN AND LEARN TAX CREDIT *(NEMES, MIKE)*

AN ACT relating to the earn and learn tax credit

Establish a Subchapter 14 under KRS Chapter 154 and create new sections thereof to allow the earn and learn tax credit in an amount up to 25% of the costs incurred by an approved company for tuition or other educational expenses paid on behalf of a qualified employee, not to exceed \$1,500 and up to 50% of those costs incurred for a qualified employee in recovery, not to exceed \$2,000; create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to allow the tax credit against the income taxes and the limited liability entity tax for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, but before January 1, 2025; amend KRS 141.0205 to order the tax credit; amend KRS 131.190 to allow the Department of Revenue to report to the General Assembly.

RECENT STATUS

3/2/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Agriculture (S)

2/27/2020 - Introduced

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SB238 INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS *(MCGARVEY, MORGAN)*

AN ACT relating to intercollegiate athletics.

Create a section of KRS Chapter 164 to limit a postsecondary educational institution or an organization with authority over intercollegiate athletics from preventing a student athlete from earning compensation as a result of the use of the student's name, image, or likeness; forbid compensation of a prospective student athlete; establish conditions for a student athlete to engage professional representation; establish that scholarships are not compensation for the purposes of the section; establish conditions to student athletes earning compensation; establish cause of action for violation of the section; provide it may be cited as the Pay to Portray Act; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2023.

RECENT STATUS

3/4/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education (S)

3/2/2020 - Introduced

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SB249 RETIREMENT *(MCDANIEL, CHRISTIAN)*

AN ACT relating to retirement and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 61.565 to reset amortization period to a new 30-year period effective with the 2019 valuation; establish layered amortization method by requiring any increase or decrease in actuarially accrued liability after the 2019 valuation to be amortized over separate 20-year closed periods beginning with the valuation in which the increase or decrease is first recognized; amend KRS 61.510 to remove the definition of "level dollar amortization method" and define "level percentage of payroll amortization method"; provide that Kentucky Retirement Systems shall amend the 2019 actuarial valuation in accordance with the amendments to KRS 61.565 in this Act and provide updated employer contributions to the Governor and General Assembly; provide that CERS employer rate phase in is paused for one year period; EMERGENCY.

RECENT STATUS

4/8/2020 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

4/1/2020 - delivered to Governor

4/1/2020 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House

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SB260 RETIREMENT *(THAYER, DAMON)*

AN ACT relating to retirement.

Amend KRS 61.526 to make language gender-neutral.

RECENT STATUS

3/6/2020 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

3/4/2020 - Introduced

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