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#### **HB1 WAGES** (STUMBO G) AN ACT relating to wages.

Amend KRS 337.275 to raise the state minimum wage to \$8.10 per hour on July 1, 2014, \$9.15 per hour on July 1, 2015, and \$10.10 per hour on July 1, 2016; amend KRS 337.420 to define "equivalent jobs" as those that are equal under the federal Equal Pay Act, or jobs that are dissimilar but equivalent in skill, effort, responsibility, and working conditions; amend KRS 337.423 to prohibit wage discrimination on the basis of sex, race, or national origin by prohibiting wage differentials for employees who perform equivalent jobs; provide exceptions for wage differentials based on seniority or merit systems, systems that measure wages by quantity or quality of production, and factors other than sex, race, or national origin; amend KRS 337.425 to require the promulgation of administrative regulations to specify criteria for determining jobs that are dominated by employees of a particular sex, race, or national origin, and acceptable methodology for determining equivalent skill, effort, responsibility, and working conditions; require that the promulgation occur on or before July 1, 2015; amendments to KRS 337.423 EFFECTIVE July 1, 2016.

Current Status: 3/20/2014 - (S) reassigned to committee Senate Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative

Regulations

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB1.htm

**HB2 BACHELOR DEGREE ATTAINMENT** (STUMBO G) AN ACT relating to increasing bachelor's degree attainment at postsecondary education institutions located in coal-producing counties.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to establish the Kentucky Coal County College Completion Program to include the Kentucky Coal County College Completion Scholarship and the Kentucky Coal County College Completion Student Services Grant; create the Kentucky Coal County District to include coal-producing counties as defined in KRS 42.4592(1)(c); direct the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to administer the program; define student and institutional eligibility for scholarships and grants; define the maximum grant amounts; require the authority to make an annual report on the program and a program evaluation every four years; fund the program with amounts appropriated from coal severance tax receipts in the biennial budget; APPROPRIATION.

**Current Status:** 4/25/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR** 

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB2.htm

**PERSONAL INFORMATION SECURITY** (BUTLER D) AN ACT relating to the safety and security of personal information held by public agencies.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 61 to define certain terms; create a new section of KRS Chapter 61 to require public agencies and nonaffiliated third parties to implement, maintain, and update security procedures and practices, including taking any appropriate corrective action to safeguard against security breaches; establish reasonable security and breach investigation procedures; include security and breach investigation procedures in contracts with nonaffiliated third parties; create a new section of KRS Chapter 61 to require public agencies that maintain personal information to notify persons impacted by security breaches; notify specified officials of security breaches; specify how to provide notice of security breaches to impacted individuals; create a new section of KRS Chapter 61 to require the Department for Libraries and Archives to establish procedures for the disposal and destruction of records that include personal information and require the legislative and judicial branches to follow Sections 1 to 4 of this Act; amend KRS 42.722 to define certain terms; amend KRS 42.726 to require the Commonwealth Office of Technology to develop a security framework relating to privacy and confidentiality of personal information and submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission regarding security breaches; amend KRS 42.732 to require the Commonwealth Office of Technology to receive specified advice on preventing security attacks; amend KRS 171.450 to require the Department for Libraries and Archives to establish procedures to protect against unauthorized access to personal information; amend KRS 171.680 to require public agencies to comply with the provisions of Sections 1 to 4 of this Act.

**Current Status:** 4/10/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR** 

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB5.htm

**HB15 COAL SEVERANCE** (STEELE F) AN ACT relating to coal severance revenues and declaring an emergency.

Amend various sections in KRS Chapter 42 to distribute 100% of coal severance revenues among the coal producing counties on the basis of the tax collected on coal severed or processed in each respective county; amend KRS 143.090 and 164.7891 to make conforming changes; repeal KRS 42.490; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 1/7/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB15.htm

**HB17 ECONOMIC INCENTIVES** (CLARK L) AN ACT relating to reporting on economic incentive programs.

Create a new section of Subchapter 12 of KRS Chapter 154 to require the cabinet to maintain a searchable electronic database containing information on the cost and status of economic incentive programs; specify programs and information to be included; apply to specified programs approved within last five years; require in addition a single annual written report for programs

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approved in preceding fiscal year; specify programs and information to be included; amend KRS 148.546, 148.8591, 154.12-100, 154.12-208, 154.12-278, 154.20-150, 154.27-050, and 154.31-030 to conform.

Current Status: 4/25/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB17.htm

**HB20 TEACHERS** (NELSON R) AN ACT relating to the employment of public school teachers.

Amend KRS 160.345 to require teacher vacancies to be filled by qualified teachers certified through a regular certification program before considering applicants certified through an alternative certification program.

Current Status: 1/7/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB20.htm

**HB31 EMINENT DOMAIN** (TILLEY J) AN ACT relating to eminent domain.

Amend KRS 278.502 to condition the exercise of condemnation authority upon approval of the Public Service Commission, which may be given only after review of delineated statutory criteria.

Current Status: 3/24/2014 - received in Senate

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB31.htm

**HB33 TEXTING WHILE DRIVING** (MILLS T) AN ACT relating to injury prevention and making an appropriation therefore.

Amend KRS 189.292, prohibiting texting while driving, to prohibit the entering of a telephone number or name into a personal communication device in order to place a call while driving a vehicle in a highway work zone or school zone; amend KRS 189.990(30) to make technical corrections; increase the fines for violations of Section 1 of the Act and KRS 189.294 to \$50 for the first offense and \$100 for subsequent offenses; direct that 50% of the fines collected for violations of these offenses be directed to the Kentucky Injury Prevention and Research Center at the University of Kentucky and appropriate the funds for the purpose of injury prevention research; APPROPRIATION.

Current Status: 3/6/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Transportation

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB33.htm

**HB37 INVESTOR TAX CREDIT** (SIMPSON A) AN ACT relating to the angel investor tax credit.

Create new sections of Subchapter 20 of KRS Chapter 154 to establish the angel investor tax credit program for certain investments in small businesses; define terms; state Act's title and purposes; list requirements for small businesses and investors to qualify for participation; require the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA) to establish the application process; cap the total amount of angel investor and Kentucky Investment Fund Act tax credits available in all years at \$40,000,000; require KEDFA to maintain a Web site listing all businesses and investors certified and all credits awarded; require small businesses to report annually and allow for tax credit recapture in certain circumstances; amend KRS 152.20-255 to provide that the total amount of tax credits available in the Kentucky Investment Fund Act program and the angel investor program is \$40,000,000 in all years; create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to establish the credit; amend KRS 141.0205 to provide the ordering of the credit.

Current Status: 1/7/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB37.htm

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (KING K) AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 42 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to compensation for members of the General Assembly.

Propose to amend Section 42 of the Constitution of Kentucky to prohibit members of the General Assembly from receiving legislative pay for a special session that has been called by the Governor because the General Assembly adjourned without passing a state budget; submit to the voters with ballot question.

Current Status: 1/7/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and

**Intergovernmental Affairs** 

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB45.htm

**TVA** (STONE W) AN ACT relating to TVA in-lieu-of-tax payments, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 96.895 to provide that, beginning in fiscal year 2014-2015, a portion of the Tennessee Valley Authority in-lieu-of-tax payment made to the Commonwealth and deposited into the general fund shall be transferred to the regional development agency assistance fund to be distributed among fiscal court-designated local industrial development authorities for economic development and job creation activities; provide that the transfer will not affect the portion of the total TVA payment that is currently distributed among local government entities; provide that these transfers will be phased-in over a five-year period, with an amount equal to 50 percent of the general fund portion of the total TVA annual payment being transferred in fiscal year 2018-2019, and each fiscal year thereafter, not to exceed \$6,000,000 each year; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 1/7/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB25.htm

**HB47 DISABLED PARKING** (MILLS T) AN ACT relating to disabled parking placards.

Amend KRS 189.456 to add advanced practice registered nurse to those who may submit a statement of disability for an accessible parking placard.

Current Status: 4/10/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB47.htm

**PUBLIC RETIREMENT INFORMATION** (BENVENUTI R) AN ACT relating to the disclosure of public retirement information.

Amend KRS 61.661, 161.585, and 21.540 to require the Kentucky Retirement Systems, Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, and the Judicial Form Retirement System, to disclose upon request the names, status, projected or actual benefit payments, and other retirement information of each member or recipient of a retirement allowance of the systems; require the systems to also make the information available on a searchable database on the systems' Web site or on a Web site established by the executive or judicial branch to provide government expenditure and salary data to the public.

Current Status: 1/7/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB48.htm

**HB60 EMINENT DOMAIN** (FLOYD D) AN ACT relating to eminent domain and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 278.502 to limit the scope of the eminent domain authority created by that section; declare amendments retroactive to October 1, 2013; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/21/2014 - (H) WITHDRAWN

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB60.htm

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (CLARK L) AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 226 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to casino gaming.

Propose to amend Section 226 of the Kentucky Constitution to allow the General Assembly to permit casino gaming by general laws that shall also strictly regulate casino gaming; submit to voters.

Current Status: 3/11/2014 - (H) posted in committee House Licensing and Occupations

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB67.htm

**HB68 GAMING** (CLARK L) AN ACT relating to gaming and making an appropriation therefor.

Establish KRS Chapter 239 and create new sections thereof to enumerate legislative findings and declarations; define terms, to include "adjusted gaming receipts," "affiliate," "applicant," "casino game," "casino license," "casino licensee," "casino gaming," "cheat," "commission," "control," "county," "electronic gaming device," "gaming facility," "gaming licensee," "gaming supplies and equipment," "gross gaming receipts," "occupational license," "racing association casino licensee," "supplier," and "wager"; create the Kentucky Gaming Commission and establish its membership; establish the operating procedures for the commission; establish the commission's powers and duties, including the authority to promulgate administrative regulations, inspect premises, issue subpoenas, administer oaths, initiate disciplinary action against applicants and licensees, and employ investigators; prohibit commissioners from engaging in off-the-record communication with applicants; require a continuing study of all aspects of gaming; require an executive director to be appointed by the Governor; establish casino license and criteria for casino location; establish requirements for casino licensure; specify information to be required on a casino license application; establish requirements for a racing association casino license; specify information to be required on a racing association casino license application; permit issuance of a temporary racing association casino license; require a racing association with a casino license to hold as many races as it held in 2014; specify exceptions to requirement; mandate that collective bargaining agreements in effect at racing associations shall also be in effect at casinos established at racing association casino; require supplier license for persons manufacturing, designing, assembling, selling, leasing, distributing, installing, or otherwise furnishing gaming supplies and equipment; grant commission authority to issue, not issue, renew, suspend, or revoke a supplier license, or to issue a temporary license; establish requirements for all suppliers; require occupational licensure for select employees of gaming facility and specify requirements for occupational licensure; grant commission authority to issue, not issue, renew, suspend, or revoke an occupational license, or to issue a temporary license; limit the number of issued and effective licenses to 5 racing association casino licenses and 3 casino licenses at any one time; establish a competitive selection process for selection of applicants for casino licenses; establish initial casino and initial racing association casino license fees of fifty million dollars; establish fees for license application, license renewal, supplier's license fees and occupational license fees; provide for an appeal process; establish requirements for gaming licensees including purchase of games and supplies, personnel, security, and reporting requirements; require the commission to establish minimum standards for gaming licensees relating to fiscal protection and control, financial reporting, and auditing; permit exclusion or ejection of certain persons and establish conditions for exclusion or ejection; exempt casino games or supplies licensed under provisions of this Act from 15 U.S.C. sec. 1172; prohibit any person under the age of 21 from placing a wager at a casino or accessing a casino gaming facility; prohibit cheating and establish penalties for cheating; establish the Kentucky gaming account and direct all wagering taxes levied by this Act to be deposited within; direct disbursements from the fund to the Kentucky compulsive gamblers assistance account, early childhood, primary, secondary, and postsecondary education, the Kentucky public pension stabilization fund, host jurisdictions, the Kentucky municipal public safety account, the Kentucky county public safety account, and the prevention and treatment of drug and alcohol abuse; retain 25% for

appropriation by the General Assembly; create the Kentucky municipal public safety account and specify the distribution of funds from the account; establish the Kentucky county public safety account and specify the uses of funds dedicated to it; stipulate that gaming facilities are permissible uses at racetracks and casino facilities not located at racetracks shall be permitted uses in all zones which allow sports, entertainment, recreation, or retail facilities of a similar size; establish a set-aside amount for racing association casino licensees and specify the distribution of the funds for horse industry-related topics; require an annual audit of each racing association casino licensee; create a new section of KRS Chapter 138 to establish a tax rate of 25% for the first three years of a racing association casino licensee, increasing to 30% thereafter; establish a tax rate of 39.5% for the first three years of a casino gaming facility, increasing to 44.5% thereafter; create a new section of KRS Chapter 222 to establish the Kentucky compulsive gamblers assistance fund and specify use of funds; create a new section of KRS Chapter 61 to establish the Kentucky public pension stabilization fund and specify use of funds; amend KRS 243.500 and 243.505 to allow alcohol sales at a casino; amend KRS 525.090 to conform; amend KRS 528.010 to exempt licensed casino gaming from the definition of "advancing gambling activity," "gambling," "gambling device," and "profiting from gambling activity"; amend KRS 528.100 to conform; amend KRS 15.380, relating to training of officers, to include Kentucky gaming commission employees; amend KRS 12.020 to place the Kentucky gaming commission under the Public Protection Cabinet for administrative purposes; amend KRS 372.005 to conform; amend KRS 68.180, 68.197, 91.200, 92.281, and 93.300 to exempt gaming receipts from local licensing taxes; create a noncodified section to establish severability; effective upon certification of election results in November 2014 if a constitutional amendment is enacted by the General Assembly and approved by the voters permitting the General Assembly to authorize casino gaming.

Current Status: 1/22/2014 - House Licensing and Occupations, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB109.htm

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (CRENSHAW J) AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to persons entitled to vote.

Propose to amend Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky to allow persons convicted of a non-violent, non-sexual felony the right to vote after expiration of probation, final discharge from parole, or maximum expiration of sentence; submit to the voters for ratification or rejection.

Current Status: 3/6/2014 - received in Senate w/Letter

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB70.htm

**TRUSTS AND ESTATES** (KERR T) AN ACT relating to trusts and estates.

Establish KRS Chapter 386B and create subchapters and sections thereof to enact the Kentucky Uniform Trust Code; provide for

the creation, administration, modification, termination, and validity of trusts; address definitions, general provisions, venue, jurisdiction, and administration of trusts; establish method of sending notice and waiving notice; allow trust matter to be commenced in District or Circuit Court; provide uniformity regarding representation in transactions or proceedings related to a trust; allow a minor, incapacitated person, unborn individual, or person whose identity is unknown to be represented and legally bound by another having a substantially identical interest with respect to a particular question or dispute in a trust matter; require that most trusts to have a definite beneficiary and, alternatively, allow and legitimatize trusts for care of animals, charitable trusts, and trusts for a noncharitable purpose; allow the creation of a trust without a trust instrument; allow oral trusts; require clear and convincing evidence as the standard of proof for oral trusts; provide that courts may apply the doctrine of cy pres to a charitable trust when the charitable purpose is no longer obtainable and a comparable purpose may be selected; give express statutory direction for creditor's claims and spendthrift and discretionary trusts; specify that a spendthrift provision in a trust restricts a beneficiary creditor from attaching the beneficiary's interest in the trust until there is a distribution to the beneficiary; provide that a creditor shall not compel a trust to make a distribution to a beneficiary that is discretionary; forbid a beneficiary who owes child support, spousal maintenance, or a debt for services provided from relying on a trust's spendthrift provisions to avoid attachment of that interest to the trust; recognize and define revocable trusts; require that a trust is revocable unless a trust instrument expressly provides that it is irrevocable; allow a settler, co-trustee, beneficiary or the court to request that a trustee be removed on the grounds of breach of trust; specify that a trustee is entitled to reasonable compensation and that a court may review and change a trustee's compensation; enumerate the duties and powers of a trustee; require that an agent be held to a fiduciary standard of a trustee in accepting an appointment; set out provisions related to the liability of trustees and the rights of persons dealing with trustees; provide remedies for when there is a breach of an obligation by a trustee; provide that in certain situations a trustee is immune from personal liability when doing business with others on behalf of the trust; specify that a breach of duty to the beneficiary invokes a court's equity powers to compel performances; require that the provisions of Chapter 386B be applied and construed so as to promote uniformity among states; conform to federal requirements related to electronic signatures and records; specify the applicability of Chapter 386B; amend and repeal various sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes to conform.

**Current Status:** 4/7/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR** 

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB78.htm

#### **HB85 CHARTER SCHOOLS** (MONTELL B) AN ACT relating to charter schools and making an appropriation therefor.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 160 to describe the intent of the General Assembly and the purposes of authorizing public charter schools; define terms; establish the Kentucky Public Charter School Commission and identify membership selection and responsibilities of members; outline the requirements and limitations on the establishment of charter schools including identification of charter school authorizers; describe responsibilities of authorizers; describe charter school application, renewal,

and revocation processes; establish the Kentucky Public Charter School Commission trust fund and identify uses of the fund; create a new section of KRS Chapter 159 to identify student enrollment and withdrawal requirements to be followed by a charter school; create a new section of KRS Chapter 161 to identify employment conditions for charter school staff; create a new section of KRS Chapter 157 to require local, state, and federal funds to be distributed to charter schools using formulas and allocation processes used in public schools; amend KRS 161.220 to include a teacher employed by a board of directors of a public charter school as a member within the state retirement system; amend KRS 161.220 to include employees of boards of directors of public charter schools in the state-sponsored retirement system; amend KRS 78.510 to include noncertified employees of public charter schools in the state-sponsored retirement system.

Current Status: 1/7/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB85.htm

#### **HB87 EMPLOYMENT RATES AND EARNINGS** (YONTS B) AN ACT relating to transparency in employment rates and earnings.

Amend KRS 151B.133 to require the Office for Education and Workforce Statistics to disseminate, in cooperation with the Council on Postsecondary Education and the Department of Education, information concerning the employment rates and earnings by degrees and academic majors of graduates from the public universities; require the information to be posted on the Web sites of the Office for Education and Workforce Statistics, the Council on Postsecondary Education, and each public university, published in public university catalogues, and made available to every high school guidance and career counselor; amend KRS 151B.134 to ensure that the Board of the Kentucky Center for Education and Workforce Statistics distributes information to appropriate personnel within the agencies represented on the board; amend KRS 164.020 to ensure that the Council on Postsecondary Education cooperates and the public universities participate in the creation of the information concerning the employment rates and earnings of graduates from the public universities for the purpose of comparison by level of degrees, academic majors, and public universities.

**Current Status:** 4/7/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR** 

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB87.htm

#### **HB96 PUBLIC PROCUREMENT** (DONOHUE J) AN ACT relating to public procurement.

Create new section of KRS Chapter 45A making findings of the General Assembly and establishing 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; create new section of KRS Chapter 45A defining "manufactured in Kentucky", "manufactured in the United States", "Kentucky", 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, and provide for a waiver of the United States preference requirement; create a new section of KRS Chapter 45A establishing 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 with the "Kentucky Buy American Act".

Current Status: 1/7/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB96.htm

#### **HB98 STUDENTS WITH DIABETES** (DAMRON R) AN ACT relating to safety in schools for students with diabetes.

Amend KRS 158.838 to permit student self-treatment of diabetes symptoms in school settings; require training to be consistent with training programs and guidelines developed by the American Diabetes Association; exempt trained staff from licensed health professional requirements; prohibit schools from preventing students from attending due to having diabetes or a seizure disorder.

Current Status: 3/5/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB98.htm

# **CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS** (WUCHNER A) AN ACT relating to the carrying of concealed deadly weapons by retired peace officers.

Amend KRS 237.140, relating to concealed carry licenses for retired peace officers issued in conformity with the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act to allow the annual license to be extended in yearly increments up to four times before a new license is issued; amend KRS 527.020 to allow LEOSA-certified retired peace officers to carry concealed deadly weapons under the same conditions as actively employed officers.

Current Status: 4/11/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB99.htm

#### **HB122 DEBT COLLECTION** (HENDERSON R) AN ACT relating to debt collection.

Amend KRS 45.237 and 131.130 to prohibit the Department of Revenue from collecting debts for public colleges and universities, and quasi-governmental entities.

Current Status: 1/8/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB122.htm

#### **HB128 CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS** (DAMRON R) AN ACT relating to concealed deadly weapons.

Amend KRS 527.020, relating to carrying a concealed deadly weapon, to permit a retired peace officer who has a concealed deadly weapon license issued pursuant to the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act and KRS 237.138 to 237.142 to carry a concealed deadly weapon at all times at any location within the state except for a detention facility.

Current Status: 4/11/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB128.htm

### **HB140 TUITION WAIVERS** (IMES K) AN ACT relating to tuition waivers for adopted children.

Amend KRS 164.2847 to provide a tuition waiver for students at Kentucky public postsecondary institutions who were adopted by a family member and either adjudicated as abused, neglected, or dependent children orphaned; amend KRS 199.520 to require the court to indicate in the adoption judgment if a child meets the requirements of the tuition waiver; amend KRS 199.570 to allow the Cabinet for Families and Children to obtain a copy of an adoption file for purposes of determining a student's tuition waiver eligibility; amend KRS 625.045 to allow the Cabinet for Families and Children to obtain a copy of an involuntary termination file for purposes of determining a student's tuition waiver eligibility; amend KRS 625.108 to allow the Cabinet for Families and Children to obtain a copy of an involuntary termination file for purposes of determining a student's tuition waiver eligibility.

Current Status: 1/8/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB140.htm

#### **HB141 TAX CREDITS** (MILLS T) AN ACT relating to tax credits to promote quality education in Kentucky.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to provide a nonrefundable tax credit against the tax imposed by KRS 141.020 or 141.040 and KRS 141.0401 for contributions made to the Commonwealth school improvement fund; create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to establish a tuition assistance tax credit against the tax imposed by KRS 141.020 or 141.040 and KRS 141.0401 for contributions made to qualified tuition assistance organizations; amend KRS 141.010 to exclude any amount received as tuition assistance from the definition of "adjusted gross income"; amend KRS 141.0205 to establish the order in which the credits may be taken; create a new section of KRS 136.500 to 136.575 to allow financial institutions to take the Commonwealth school improvement tax credit and the tuition assistance tax credit against the tax imposed by KRS 136.505; make effective for tax periods beginning on or after December 31, 2014.

Current Status: 1/8/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB141.htm

#### **HB144 CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS** (STEELE F) AN ACT relating to the carrying of concealed deadly weapons.

Amend 237.110 to waive the original concealed carry application fee for veterans discharged other than dishonorably.

Current Status: 1/8/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB144.htm

#### **HB148** WAGE DISCRIMINATION (MARZIAN M) AN ACT relating to wage discrimination.

Amend KRS 337.420 to define "equivalent jobs" as those that are equal under the federal Equal Pay Act, or jobs that are dissimilar but equivalent in skill, effort, responsibility, and working conditions; amend KRS 337.423 to prohibit wage discrimination on the basis of sex, race, or national origin by prohibiting wage differentials for employees who perform equivalent jobs; provide exceptions for wage differentials based on seniority or merit systems, systems that measure wages by quantity or quality of production, and factors other than sex, race, or national origin; amend KRS 337.425 to require the promulgation of administrative regulations to specify criteria for determining jobs that are dominated by employees of a particular sex, race, or national origin, and acceptable methodology for determining equivalent skill, effort, responsibility, and working conditions; require that the promulgation occur on or before July 1, 2015; amendments to KRS 337.423 EFFECTIVE July 1, 2016.

Current Status: 1/8/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Labor and Industry

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB148.htm

**TUITION FEES** (WATKINS D) AN ACT relating to tuition-free courses for employees of public postsecondary institutions and their dependents.

Amend KRS 164.020 to allow dependents of full-time employees of public postsecondary institutions to take up to six credit hours per term at any postsecondary institution with tuition waived; amend KRS 164.5807 to allow full-time employees of KCTCS and theirin dependents to take a maximum of six credit hours per term at any public postsecondary institution with tuition waived.

Current Status: 1/8/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB149.htm

## **HB151 LOCAL FIREARM CONTROL** (MEEKS R) AN ACT relating to local firearms control.

Amend KRS 65.870 to authorize exceptions to the local firearms ordinances prohibition for ordinances related to firearm safety.

*Current Status:* 2/25/2014 - (H) Posting Waived

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB151.htm

**HB158 OFFICE OF CONSTABLE** (KOENIG A) AN ACT proposing to amend and create sections of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to the office of constable.

Propose to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky allowing the legislative body of a county to choose to abolish the office of constable and also to reestablish that office through an ordinance; amend Section 99 of the Constitution of Kentucky to conform; submit guestion to the voters.

Current Status: 3/5/2014 - (H) recommitted to committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and

**Intergovernmental Affairs** 

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB158.htm

**HB159 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (KOENIG A) AN ACT proposing to amend sections 110, 111, 112, 113 of the constitution of Kentucky relating to the courts.

Propose to amend Sections 110, 111, 112, and 113 of the Constitution of Kentucky to give the authority to the Chief Justice to redistribute resources of the judicial branch to reflect workload and to draw Circuit and District Court judicial districts every ten years; submit to the voters for rejection or approval; supply ballot language.

Current Status: 1/9/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and

**Intergovernmental Affairs** 

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB159.htm

**HB167 EMINENT DOMAIN** (OSBORNE D) AN ACT relating to eminent domain.

Amend KRS 416.660, relating to eminent domain, to allow separately deeded tracts of land owned by the same person to be considered as a single parcel for valuation purposes; amend KRS 416.580, 416.600, and 416.610 to conform; provide that the changes apply to condemnation proceedings initiated on or after the effective date of the Act.

Current Status: 3/7/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB167.htm

**HB173 PUBLIC SMOKING** (WESTROM S) AN ACT prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 438 to define terms; prohibit indoor smoking in businesses, places of employment, and other listed public places; exempt private residences, unless used for child care or adult day care; permit smoking in designated nonenclosed areas; require posting of "no smoking" signs at specified locations; permit local governments to adopt stricter regulations by ordinance; provide for enforcement by all peace officers and designated health department and local government employees; provide for the issuance of uniform citations for violations; require that employers and others not discriminate against persons reporting violations; provide for fines for violation; provide that fines go to the agency whose employee issued the citation; provide that no court costs or other fees be charged for violations; exempt certain research and manufacturing laboratories and agricultural buildings; amend KRS 344.040, relating to unlawful practices by an employer, to add reference to state law, local ordinance, or local board of health regulation relating to smoking; amend KRS 431.450, relating to uniform citations, to provide for issuing citation forms to health departments; authorize the Department of Kentucky State Police to create and issue uniform smoking violation citations; repeal various statutes permitting smoking in public buildings.

Current Status: 4/15/2014 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/HFA 1,2,3,4,5

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB173.htm

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (BUTLER D) AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to the salaries of state officials and to amend Sections 120, 235, and 246 of the Constitution of Kentucky to conform.

Propose to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky establishing an independent commission to set salaries of members of the General Assembly, judges, the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Treasurer, the Auditor of Public Accounts, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State, and the Commissioner of Agriculture; require the General Assembly to enact laws creating this commission; require the commission periodically to file salary schedules with the Secretary of State; allow voter referendum on a salary schedule after the filing of a petition signed by five percent of the number of voters who participated in the most recent election for Governor; require salaries in effect on November 4, 2014, to remain in effect until altered by the commission or by voter referendum; propose to amend Sections 120, 235, and 246 of the Constitution of Kentucky to conform; submit to voters.

Current Status: 4/15/2014 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB182.htm

**HB194 TUITION FEES** (JENKINS J) AN ACT relating to postsecondary education tuition fees.

Amend KRS 164.2841 and 164.2842 to identify correctional officers of urban-county governments and metropolitan correctional services divisions as law enforcement officers; allow postsecondary education tuition fees to be waived for survivors of correctional officers of urban-county government and metropolitan correctional services divisions killed or permanently and totally

disabled in the line of duty.

*Current Status:* 2/4/2014 - House Education, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB194.htm

**HB196 KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP** (LINDER B) AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship and making an appropriation therefor.

Amend KRS 164.7881 to permit high school seniors, beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year, and high school juniors and seniors, beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, to use their KEES awards to pay for dual credit courses; require that the funds they would have received as eligible postsecondary students be reduced proportionally over a four-, or in some cases, five-year period by an amount equal to the amount used for dual credit; amend KRS 164.7885 to conform; designate the expenditures as necessary governmental expenses if KEES funds appropriated for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 are not adequate.

Current Status: 1/14/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB196.htm

**HB200 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (IMES K) AN ACT proposing to amend Section 95 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to the election of state officers.

Propose to amend Section 95 of the Constitution of Kentucky to hold the elections of statewide constitutional officers in even-numbered years, every four years, beginning in 2020; provide transitional schedule; submit to the voters for ratification or rejection.

Current Status: 1/15/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and

**Intergovernmental Affairs** 

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB200.htm

**HB213 CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS** (JENKINS J) AN ACT relating to concealed deadly weapons.

Amend KRS 237.110 to allow corrections officers, current or retired, of urban-county governments or consolidated local governments to use their professional training to satisfy the training requirement in applying for a concealed-carry permit.

Current Status: 3/28/2014 - (H) Posting Waived

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB213.htm

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#### **HB215 SCHOOL STANDARDS** (KERR T) AN ACT relating to public school standards.

Create a new section to KRS Chapter 158 to prohibit the Kentucky Board of Education and the Kentucky Department of Education from implementing the English language arts and mathematics academic content standards developed by the Common Core Standards Initiative and the science academic content standards developed by the Next Generation Science Standards Initiative; require the state board to recommend new content standards to school districts and schools after consultation with the Council on Postsecondary Education; require public involvement in standards development; clarify the authority of the local board of education to adopt standards which differ from or exceed the standards approved by the state board; clarify that the school-based decision making councils shall develop policies based upon the standards adopted by the local boards of education; prohibit state officials from ceding control of education content standards and assessments; prohibit withholding of state funds from school districts for adopting different academic content standards; amend KRS 156.070 to limit disclosure of personally identifiable information; direct the Kentucky Board of Education to require that the Department of Education and all school districts adhere to transparency and privacy standards when outsourcing data and Web-based tasks to vendors; clarify vendor contract requirements; amend KRS 158.6453 to permit a local board of education to supplement the state board-approved academic content standards with higher and more rigorous standards and require school councils to use them to fulfill curriculum policy requirements; amend KRS 160.345 to clarify school council curriculum policy authority.

*Current Status:* 1/16/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB215.htm

**HB235 EXECUTIVE BRANCH BUDGET** (RAND R) AN ACT relating to appropriations and revenue measures providing financing and 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.

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**Current Status:** 4/28/2014 - delivered to Secretary of State **State Bill Page:** http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB235.htm

**HB242 EMPLOYMENT** (JENKINS J) AN ACT relating to employment.

Amend KRS 337.415, relating to court-ordered appearances by employees, to prohibit employers from discharging or retaliating

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against an employee who is a crime victim when the employee takes leave to attend proceedings associated with the crime; require employee to give employer reasonable notice to take leave when practicable; provide guidelines for use of paid leave time; require employer to maintain confidentiality of records and communications with employee crime victim; create a penalty for failing to maintain confidentiality; define terms.

Current Status: 3/11/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Economic Development, Tourism, and Labor

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB242.htm

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (IMES K) AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to terms of members of the General Assembly.

Propose to amend Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky to limit the number of consecutive years that a Representative may serve in the House and a Senator may serve in the Senate to 12 years, beginning with those first elected after January 1, 2015.

*Current Status:* 1/27/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and

**Intergovernmental Affairs** 

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB250.htm

**CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR UNIVERSITIES** (DAMRON R) AN ACT relating to postsecondary educational institution capital projects to be financed with university restricted funds.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164A to be numbered 164A.601 to authorize capital projects undertaken by institutions of higher education using a combination of cash restricted funds, federal funds, and private funds even though the projects are not specifically listed in a branch budget bill; establish conditions under which projects will be authorized.

Current Status: 2/12/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB261.htm

**HB270 HEALTH INITIATIVE TRUST FUND** (RINER T) AN ACT relating to the Kentucky State University health initiative trust fund and making an appropriation therefor.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to establish the Kentucky State University health initiative trust fund.

Current Status: 4/15/2014 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/HCS 1, HFA 1,2T

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB270.htm

**HB279 COMMONWEALTH POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION TRUST FUND** (DENHAM M) AN ACT relating to the Commonwealth Postsecondary Education prepaid trust fund.

Amend KRS 164A.700 to add a utilization period definition for Kentucky's affordable prepaid tuition plan; amend KRS 164A.705 to limit the growth of a KAPT plan to two years after the plan's utilization period; amend KRS 164A.707 to prohibit extending the projected college entrance year of a KAPT contract; amend KRS 164A.709 to revise the refund provisions of a KAPT plan based on the utilization period end date; clarify provisions for transferring a KAPT account to another qualified tuition program; set June 30, 2028, as the closure date of the KAPT fund and office.

**Current Status:** 4/7/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR** 

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB279.htm

**HB293 FIREARMS** (DECESARE J) AN ACT relating to firearms including ammunition and accessories for firearms.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 237, relating to firearms, ammunition, and firearms accessories made in Kentucky, marked "made in Kentucky," and used in Kentucky, to specify that these items are exempt from federal law; specify that the exemption does not apply to machine guns, silencers, exploding ammunition, and firearms with a bore of 1 1/2 inches; name law the "Kentucky Firearms Freedom Act."

Current Status: 2/3/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB293.htm

**TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM** (GRAHAM D) AN ACT relating to Kentucky teacher's retirement system and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS 161.220 to 161.716 to permit the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System (KTRS) to use and accept electronic signatures as deemed appropriate; amend KRS 161.290 to require public employers other than school districts to provide paid leave to teacher trustees serving on the KTRS board; amend KRS 161.310 to clarify the types of remuneration included in retirement incentives; amend KRS 161.340 to allow KTRS to contract for insurance; amend KRS 161.430 to allow the KTRS board to contract with one or more general investment consultants; remove references to the book value of assets in regard to limitations on funds managed internally by system's investment staff; remove the requirement that the board investment committee consist of the executive secretary of the system and two trustees; require system's staff to be subject to fiduciary requirements applicable to board members and investment consultants and managers; make technical amendments; amend KRS 161.470 to make technical corrections; amend KRS 161.480 to automatically designate a KTRS member's spouse as beneficiary for an active member's account balance upon employment until changed by the member; declare the member's

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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 161.545 to provide that full-time sabbatical leave by university staff participating in the KTRS 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 authorize the KTRS to promulgate administrative regulations to require more frequent submission of annual reports by participating employers; amend KRS 161.605 to make technical changes, provide that breaks-in-service are required before returning to work for the employer even if in a position not covered by KTRS if the member is under age 60; 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; allow the commissioner of education to pay reemployed retirees in excess of statutory maximums if the commissioner deems that the employees have the necessary experience to provide services and support to persistently low-achieving schools as provided by KRS 160.346; require retired members under age sixty (60) returning to work for certain state universities and state community colleges to comply with the separation-from-service requirements, effective July 1, 2014; amend KRS 160.612 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 KTRS who apply for disability benefits on or after July 1, 2014; provide that part-time employees and substitute teachers are not eligible to apply for a disability retirement allowance if they are eligible for a nondiscounted service retirement allowance; amend KRS 161.614 to include mediation awards; amend KRS 161.620 to clarify the option for seeking inflation adjustments; amend KRS 161.630 to make technical change; amend KRS 161.643 to authorize KTRS to require more frequent submission of annual reports on reemployees by participating employers; amend KRS 161.650 to automatically designate a KTRS member's spouse as beneficiary for a retired member's account 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 KTRS 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; amend KRS 161.661 to provide that members who begin participating on or after July 1, 2014, 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; amend KRS 161.680 to clarify, authority to collect overpayments; amend KRS 161.550 to conform; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 4/14/2014 - floor amendment (1) filed to Committee Substitute

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB333.htm

#### **HB351 CONCEALED WEAPONS** (WATKINS G) AN ACT relating to concealed weapons.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 403 to allow a person protected by an emergency protective order or a domestic violence order to carry, if authorized by the issuing court, a concealed deadly weapon for a period of up to 90 days, after the sheriff has performed a criminal background check and fingerprinted and photographed the person.

Current Status: 3/6/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB351.htm

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (THOMPSON T) AN ACT proposing to amend sections 181 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to Levies of sale and use taxes.

Propose to amend Section 181 of the Constitution of Kentucky to authorize the General Assembly to confer upon the proper authority of any city or county the power to levy a local option sales and use tax, subject to specifically enumerated conditions and limitations; submit to the voters for approval or disapproval; supply ballot language.

Current Status: 4/15/2014 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/HFA 1,2,3,4,5,6T,7

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB399.htm

**HB400 PRESCHOOL FUNDING** (FLOYD D) AN ACT relating to preschool funding and making an appropriation therefor.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to provide a \$1,000 maximum tax credit for qualified preschool expenses; amend KRS 141.0205 to include the tax credit in the ordering of credits; create a new section of KRS Chapter 200 to direct the Early Childhood Advisory Council to determine the qualifications for, certify, and report on qualified preschools for purposes of the tax credit; amend KRS 154A.130 to direct net lottery revenues be used for the cost of the tax credit and the cost of public preschool education programs; make appropriation.

Current Status: 2/19/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB400.htm

**HB405 TELECOMMUNICATORS** (HORLANDER D) AN ACT relating to telecommunicators.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 70 that allows a city, county, consolidated local government, urban-county government, charter county government, unified local government, or state law enforcement agency, including sheriffs' offices, to require newly-employed law enforcement telecommunicators to sign a contract and, if that law enforcement telecommunicator accepts employment with another law enforcement agency, to require either the new employer or telecommunicator to provide

reimbursement of employment and training costs on a pro rata basis.

Current Status: 4/10/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB405.htm

#### **HB407 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS** (COMBS L) AN ACT relating to financing of public-private partnerships.

Amend KRS 45A.030 and 45A.075 and create a new section of KRS Chapter 45A to define "public-private partnership" and "private partner"; allow the use of a public-private partnership as an alternative method to finance a project; provide for evaluation and oversight, and ratification by the General Assembly; amend KRS 65.025 and create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to allow the use of a public-private partnership by local governments; provide for evaluation and oversight; provide for a model system for the use of a public-private partnership to be developed; require use of the model and approval by the Finance and Administration Cabinet before a local government can utilize a public-private partnership; create a new section of KRS Chapter 175B and amend KRS 175B.005, 175B.010, 175B.020, 175B.030, 175B.035, 175B.040 and 175B.095 to define "public-private partnership"; and "private partner"; allow the use of a public-private partnership by an authority to provide an alternative structure for developing and financing a major transportation project.

Current Status: 4/11/2014 - VETOED BY GOVERNOR

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB407.htm

#### **HB419 PREVAILING WAGE** (HOOVER J) AN ACT relating to prevailing wage.

Amend KRS 337.010 to exclude all educational buildings and facilities from meeting the requirements of the prevailing wage law.

*Current Status:* 3/6/2014 - House Labor and Industry, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB419.htm

#### **HB424 DISTRICTS OF INNOVATION** (CLARK L) AN ACT relating to districts of innovation.

Amend KRS 160.107 to allow a waiver or modification of the statewide assessment system for schools participating in a district of innovation plan, under specific conditions; allow a district of innovation to use student assessments other than those required by the state board, under specific conditions.

Current Status: 3/27/2014 - (S) Returned to Committee Senate Education

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB424.htm

**HB429 FIREARMS** (ST. ONGE D) AN ACT relating to preserving of the right of Kentuckians to own and use firearms.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 237 to declare legislative intent; invalidate and nullify all federal laws and regulations restricting ownership or possession of firearms; direct the General Assembly to take all appropriate action to safeguard Kentuckian's rights to possess firearms in accordance with the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and Section 1 of the Constitution of Kentucky; amend KRS 527.040 to add persons who have been dishonorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States and persons illegally or unlawfully in the United States to the list of persons who shall not possess firearms.

Current Status: 2/24/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB429.htm

**HB444 CAMPUS SAFETY** (WAYNE J) AN ACT relating to campus safety.

Amend KRS 164.9489 to make the title of the statutory range, "The Michael Minger Life Safety Act."

Current Status: 3/24/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB444.htm

**HB445 REVENUE AND TAXATION** (RAND R) AN ACT relating to revenue and taxation.

Amend KRS 131.175 to make technical corrections.

Current Status: 4/10/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB445.htm

**HB462 CIGARETTE TAX** (STONE W) AN ACT relating to cigarette tax.

Create a new section of KRS 138.130 to 138.205 to allow the Department of Revenue to authorize wholesale sales of untax-paid cigarettes.

Current Status: 2/27/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB462.htm

**HB465 CONCEALED CARRY LICENSES** (LEE S) AN ACT relating to concealed carry licenses.

Amend KRS 237.110 to allow new residents of Kentucky who have valid concealed carry licenses from other states to waive the training requirements for Kentucky licenses and to use the out-of-state license in Kentucky for their first 120 days of residence.

*Current Status:* 2/27/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB465.htm

**HB478 NONRESIDENT PUPILS** (NELSON R) AN ACT relating to nonresident pupils and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 157.350 to identify a process to be used by school districts to settle nonresident student disputes; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 3/17/2014 - (H) WITHDRAWN

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB478.htm

**HB482 HEALTH CARE PROVIDER** (GREER J) AN ACT relating to the definition of "health care provider."

Amend KRS 304.17A-005 to amend the definition of "health care provider" to include psychologists and psychological practitioners, occupational therapists, behavior analysts, physical therapists, speech-language pathologists or audiologists, social workers, marriage and family therapists, and professional counselors licensed pursuant to state law.

Current Status: 3/20/2014 - floor amendment (1) filed

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB482.htm

**HB492 FINANCIAL AID** (KAY II J) AN ACT relating to postsecondary financial aid and making an appropriation therefor.

Amend KRS 164.7881 to permit high school seniors, beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year, and high school juniors and seniors, beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, to use their KEES awards to pay for dual credit courses; require that the funds they would have received as eligible postsecondary students be reduced proportionally over a four-, or in some cases, five-year period by an amount equal to the amount used for dual credit; amend KRS 164.7885 to conform; amend KRS 164A.055 to allow the Asset Resolution Corporation to adopt bylaws and rules for its business; designate the expenditures as necessary governmental expenses if KEES funds appropriated for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 are not adequate; specify that the use of KEES funds for dual credit shall not impact SEEK allocations; APPROPRIATION.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - (H) posted in committee House Education

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB492.htm

#### **HB496 CONTRACTS** (HOOVER J) AN ACT relating to contracts.

Amend KRS 336.130 to prohibit mandatory membership in or financial support of a labor organization as a condition of employment and to name this section as the "Kentucky Right to Work Act"; amend KRS 336.180 to conform; amend KRS 336.990 to make a violation of the Act a Class A misdemeanor, award damages, and provide injunctive relief; create new sections of KRS Chapter 336 to exempt existing contracts or agreements; require the Attorney General to investigate complaints and prosecute those who violate Section 1 of the Act; amend KRS 67A.6904, 67C.406, 70.262, 78.470, 78.480, and 345.050 to conform.

Current Status: 3/13/2014 - House Labor and Industry, (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB496.htm

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (BECHLER L) AN ACT proposing an amendment to section 42 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to compensation for members of the general assembly.

Propose to amend Section 42 of the Constitution of Kentucky to prohibit members of the General Assembly from receiving legislative pay for a special session that has been called by the Governor because the General Assembly adjourned a regular session without passing state budgets; submit to the voters with ballot question.

Current Status: 3/4/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and

**Intergovernmental Affairs** 

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB500.htm

**HB503 PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT** (DECESARE J) AN ACT relating to enrollment in public school districts.

Amend KRS 157.350 to delete exclusion of nonresident pupils from a school's average daily attendance; amend KRS 158.120 to require boards of education to adopt a nonresident pupil policy; amend KRS 159.010 and 159.020 to conform.

*Current Status:* 3/4/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB503.htm

**HB504 WORKERS COMPENSATION** (GREER J) AN ACT relating to workers compensation.

Amend KRS 342.120 to require the Division of Workers' Compensation Funds to aggressively resolve outstanding liabilities through lump-sum settlements and if an injured worker chooses to receive a lump-sum payment, the worker may hire an attorney and his or her fees shall be paid from the special fund in an amount not to exceed 1% of the lump sum payment; amend KRS 342.122 to include funding the Division of Workers' Compensation Funds and the Occupational Safety and Health

Review Commission to entities funded by the assessment on workers compensation carriers' insurance premiums and cap the funding at the amount budgeted for the 2015-2016 fiscal biennium, to be reduced by 5% annually for fiscal years beginning on July 1, 2016; amend KRS 342.1223 to require the Workers' Compensation Funding Commission to make a quarterly report to the Interim Joint Committee on Labor and Industry on claims closure, current claims, claims received, assessment income, transfer of funds, and use of transferred funds; amend KRS 342.1224 to increase the commission from 7 to 9 members by adding a member nominated by the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers and the Kentucky League of Cities and appointed by the Governor.

Current Status: 3/11/2014 - (H) WITHDRAWN

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB504.htm

#### **HB507** WORKERS COMPENSATION (SINNETTE K) AN ACT relating to workers compensation.

Amend several provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act in KRS Chapter 342 to define and recognize temporary partial disability benefits and amend other statutes to comply; define medical provider; limit medical benefits to age 70 or five years after date of injury, whichever is later except for permanent total awards or awards involving prosthetic devices which continue for as long as the employee is disabled; allow attorney's fees or increased payments for medical fee disputes that are decided in favor of the claimant; amend the reopening statutes to allow for reopening for additional temporary total or partial benefits; permit claimants who have awards of \$60 or less per week to elect a lump sum and receive a one point higher discount rate than that set by the commissioner; require settlements for future medicals to be approved by the federal Medicare Secondary Payer Act; permit claimants to recover damages from an insurance carrier who commits an unfair claims settlement practice; increase attorneys' fees to a total of \$24,000; specify that administrative law judges do not approve attorney's fees; enumerate changes to the manner that income benefits are determined; increase the maximum for temporary total or partial income benefits from 100% of the state average weekly wage; increase the maximum of permanent partial income benefits from 75% to 85% of the state average weekly wage; increase and clarify multiplier language factors; provide that the time limit for permanent partial income benefits is determined by the impairment ratings; make other amendments to conform.

Current Status: 3/7/2014 - (H) posted in committee House Labor and Industry

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB507.htm

#### **HB520 ENERGY EFFICIENCY** (STEELE F) AN ACT relating to energy efficiency.

Amend KRS 57.770 to delete definitions for Green Globes Rating System and LEED; amend KRS 56.777 to increase membership on the High-Performance Buildings Advisory Committee from 15 to 16 by appointing a member of the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers; delete reference to use of Energy Star, Green Globes and LEED in building performance standards and require

standards and benchmarks to be developed to achieve 10 percent above the standard set by the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers; require standards or codes for construction projects for energy performance to recognize certain forest industry programs; amend KRS 56.782 to replace LEED and Green Globe with building rating systems or codes; amend KRS 157.455 to delete reference to LEED design and update the standard for the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers energy standard.

*Current Status:* 3/5/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Tourism Development and Energy

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB520.htm

#### **HB541 BLIGHTED PROPERTIES** (JENKINS J) AN ACT relating to blighted and deteriorated properties.

Amend KRS 99.705 to define "alternative entity" and "local government"; amend KRS 99.710 to expand the availability of spot condemnation to all forms of local government; allow the duties that could be fulfilled by a vacant property review commission to be assigned to an alternative entity with a similar mission; create a new section of KRS 99.705 to 99.730 to establish a tax delinquency diversion program for blighted property; amend KRS 99.700, 99.715, 99.720, 99.725, and 99.730 to conform; amend KRS 416.540 to define "government lien" and "local government" and make technical corrections; amend KRS 416.570 to provide that a petition filed for a condemnation instituted pursuant to KRS 99.700 to 99.730 include certification of the assessment made by the property valuation administrator, a list of all government liens against the property and the amount due, and an estimate of the expense necessary to bring the property up to code; amend KRS 416.580 to provide that the presumed fair market value of property in eminent domain proceedings brought under KRS 99.700 to 99.730 shall be the assessed value as established by the property valuation administrator reduced by the total amount of all government liens and the estimated cost of repairs necessary to bring the property up to code; provide that the presumption may be rebutted by the property owner through submission of an independent appraisal establishing a different fair market value; amend KRS 416.610 and 416.660 to conform; amend KRS 134.128 and 134.504 to reference the tax delinquency diversion program established by Section 8 of the Act.

Current Status: 3/25/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB541.htm

#### **HB546 RETIREMENT** (WAYNE J) AN ACT relating to retirement.

Amend KRS 21.540 to require the Legislators' Retirement Plan and Judicial Retirement Plan to follow the provisions of KRS Chapters 45A, 56, and 57 regarding procurement of services, goods, and property; provide that no funds of the Legislators' Retirement Plan or Judicial Retirement Plan shall be used to pay placement agents; amend KRS 61.645 to modify the minimum requirements for Gubernatorial appointees to the Kentucky Retirement Systems board of trustees with investment expertise; require the Kentucky Retirement Systems to follow the provisions of KRS Chapters 45, 45A, 56, and 57 regarding budgeting and

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the procurement of services, goods, and property; require Kentucky Retirement Systems to disclose on their Web site and upon request investment fees in addition to investment holdings and commissions; require Kentucky Retirement Systems to disclose on their Web site and upon request all contracts and offering documents for services, goods, or property purchased or utilized by the systems; provide that no funds of the Kentucky Retirement Systems shall be used to pay placement agents; amend KRS 161.250 to require Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System to disclose on their Web site and upon request investment fees in addition to investment holdings and commissions; require Kentucky Teachers' Retirement Systems to disclose on their Web site and upon request all contracts and offering documents for services, goods, or property purchased or utilized by the systems; amend KRS 161.340 to require the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System to follow the provisions of KRS Chapters 45, 45A, 56, and 57 regarding budgeting and the procurement of services, goods, and property; amend KRS 161.430 to provide that Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System board, staff, and investment advisors shall adhere to the CFA Institute codes of conduct; provide that no funds of the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System shall be used to pay placement agents; establish a noncodified section to require the Public Pension Oversight Board to study and provide a report by December 1, 2014, as to whether or not legislative action should be taken to separate the administration of the County Employees Retirement System from the Kentucky Retirement Systems; establish a noncodified section to require the Public Pension Oversight Board to study and provide a report by December 1, 2014, as to whether or not legislative action should be taken to transfer administration of the Judicial Retirement Plan and the Legislators' Retirement Plan to the Kentucky Retirement Systems; provide that the amendments of this Act requiring the state-administered retirement systems to be subject to state procurement laws and banning the use of system assets to pay placement agents shall apply to contracts established or renewed on or after August 1, 2014; provide that amendments of this Act modifying the requirements for gubernatorial appointments to the KRS board with investment expertise shall apply to appointments or reappointments made on or after the effective date of this Act.

Current Status: 3/5/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB546.htm

#### **HB548 OPEN RECORDS** (GRAHAM D) AN ACT relating to open records.

Amend KRS 61.874 to allow an agency to charge for records on a per page basis if the record is in a format that could be printed.

Current Status: 3/7/2014 - (H) WITHDRAWN

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB548.htm

#### **HB551 LOCAL OPTION SALES AND USE TAX** (THOMPSON T) AN ACT relating to local option sales and use tax.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 65 to establish the parameters and requirements for the levy of local option sales and use taxes, if a proposed constitutional amendment allowing such a levy is approved; create a new section of KRS Chapter 139 to

establish tax administration provisions; provide that the provisions of the Act will be effective on January 1 2015, only if the proposed constitutional amendment is approved by the voters of the Commonwealth at the November 2014 general election; if the proposed amendment is not approved, the Act is void.

Current Status: 4/15/2014 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day; w/HCS 1, HFA 1,2T

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB551.htm

**WORKERS COMPENSATION FUNDING COMMISSION** (MONTELL B) AN ACT relating to workers compensation funding commission and special fund.

Amend KRS 342.120 to require the Division of Workers' Compensation Funds to engage in an aggressive attempt to settle special fund claims; amend KRS 342.122 to eliminate all funding provided to the Labor Cabinet from special fund assessments; amend KRS 342.1224 to increase the number of board members and require appointees from the Kentucky League of Cities and Kentucky Association of Manufacturers.

Current Status: 3/5/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Labor and Industry

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB557.htm

**HB578 PRESCRIPTION DRUGS** (KAY II J) AN ACT relating to health benefit plans which include a tiered formulary for prescription drugs.

Create new sections of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to define terms; require health benefit plans that provide coverage for prescription drugs subject to a tiered formulary to ensure that any copayment or coinsurance applicable to specialty drugs not exceed \$100 per month for up to a 30-day supply and that the copayment or coinsurance for specialty tier drugs shall not exceed \$200 per month in the aggregate; require an exceptions process for tiered formulary plans that allows an insured to request an exception to the tiered cost-sharing structure, including coverage of a non-preferred drug under the cost sharing, applicable for preferred drugs if the prescribing physician determines that the preferred drug would not be as effective or would have an adverse effect, or both, for the insured, and denial of a cost-sharing exception shall be subject to an external review; prohibit placing all drugs of the same class in a specialty tier; require the commissioner to promulgate administrative regulations to implement this section; provide that nothing in the section requires coverage of any drugs not otherwise required by law, specific utilization management techniques, or ceasing utilization of tiered cost-sharing structure; provide that nothing in the section is to be construed to require a pharmacist to substitute a drug without the written consent of the prescribing physician; provide that the new sections apply to health benefit plans issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2015.

Current Status: 3/5/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Banking and Insurance

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB578.htm

**HB581 INCOME TAX** (STEELE F) AN ACT relating to income tax.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to create a new tax on retirees of the Kentucky Employees Retirement Systems.

Current Status: 3/5/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB581.htm

**HB584 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (STUMBO G) AN ACT proposing to amend section 226 of the Constitution related to gaming.

Propose to amend Section 226 of the Constitution of Kentucky to allow the General Assembly to authorize other forms of gaming by general law; submit to voters with question.

Current Status: 3/14/2014 - (H) posted in committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and

**Intergovernmental Affairs** 

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HB584.htm

**HCR179 TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM TASKFORCE** (HOOVER J) A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION establishing the Kentucky Teacher's Retirement System Taskforce.

Establish the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System Task Force; provide that the purpose of the task force is to study issues regarding the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System and to develop consensus recommendations concerning the benefits, investments, and funding of the system; name the membership of the task force; require the task force to meet at least monthly before submitting its findings and recommendations; require its findings and recommendations to be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2014; and provide that the Legislative Research Commission has authority to alternatively assign the issues identified in the Resolution to interim joint committees or subcommittees thereof.

Current Status: 3/4/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/HC179.htm

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (BOWEN J) AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to administrative regulations.

Create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky to permit the General Assembly by general law to prohibit the adoption of administrative regulations that it has found to be deficient.

*Current Status:* 2/11/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and

**Intergovernmental Affairs** 

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB1.htm

**SB2 DEBT** (STIVERS R) AN ACT relating to debt.

Amend KRS 48.010 to define terms; create a new section of KRS Chapter 48 to establish limitations on the issuance of general fund supported debt; amend KRS 56.063 to conform; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2015.

Current Status: 1/13/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB2.htm

**SB6 PUBLIC RETIREMENT** (MCDANIEL C) AN ACT relating to the disclosure of public retirement information.

Amend KRS 61.661, 161.585, and 21.540 to require the Kentucky Retirement Systems, Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, and the Judicial Form Retirement System, to disclose upon request the names, status, projected or actual benefit payments, and other retirement information of each member or recipient of a retirement allowance of the systems.

Current Status: 1/13/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB6.htm

**SB7 NURSES** (HORNBACK P) AN ACT relating to nurses.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 314 to establish a Collaborative Prescribing Agreement Joint Advisory Committee; set membership of the committee at 3 advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) who prescribe nonscheduled legend drugs and 3 physicians who currently or previously signed a collaborative agreement with an APRN for prescribing nonscheduled legend drugs (CAPA-NS); authorize the committee to recommend items to the nursing and medical boards, including a common CAPA-NS form; establish methods to assist APRNs who need a physician to sign a CAPA-NS in emergency and non-emergency situations; require the committee to forward complaints to the appropriate licensing board without discussing or reviewing any complaint or actions by the practitioner; declare that each board retains jurisdiction over its licensees and committee members; attach the committee to the nursing board, while each board is responsible for the expenses of its members; alternate committee meetings between the facilities of the two boards; amend KRS 314.042 to set out specific requirements for a CAPA-NS agreement similar to those already established for controlled substance collaborative agreements; allow an APRN to discontinue or be exempt from the CAPA-NS requirement in limited circumstances after the APRN has prescribed under a CAPA-NS for 4 years in a certified population focus; clarify that an APRN cannot be required to maintain a CAPA-NS after the 4 years, but may choose to continue a

CAPA-NS indefinitely; direct an APRN to notify the nursing board if the APRN will be prescribing without a CAPA-NS; permit an APRN from another state seeking licensure by endorsement to prescribe without a CAPA-NS if that APRN either had a collaborative prescribing agreement with a physician or prescribed independently for at least 4 years; require an APRN who has prescribed for less than 4 years when the new requirements take effect to complete the 4 years before being eligible to prescribe without a CAPA-NS.

*Current Status:* 2/13/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR** *State Bill Page:* http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB7.htm

#### **SB14 EMINENT DOMAIN** (HIGDON J) AN ACT relating to eminent domain.

Amend KRS 278.502 to allow eminent domain to be used only in cases where the condemnor is a utility regulated by the Public Service Commission.

Current Status: 1/13/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB14.htm

**SB16 COMPUTER PROGRAMMING** (GIVENS D) AN ACT relating to computer programming languages in public schools.

AN ACT relating to computer programming languages in public schools.

Current Status: 3/24/2014 - (H) Returned to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB16.htm

**SB21 EMINENT DOMAIN** (HIGDON J) AN ACT relating to eminent domain and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 278.502 to limit the scope of the eminent domain authority created by that section; declare amendments retroactive to October 1, 2013; EMERGENCY.

Current Status: 1/13/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB21.htm

**SB25 KNIVES** (WEBB R) AN ACT relating to knives.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to prohibit any unit of local government from having local knife control ordinances, to establish limitations on local action, to require repeal of any local knife ordinance, and provide that parties may sue to enjoin

violations.

*Current Status:* 1/13/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB25.htm

**SB27 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (MCDANIEL C) AN ACT proposing to amend Section 95 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to the election of state officers.

Propose to amend Section 95 of the Constitution of Kentucky to hold the election of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, Attorney General, Secretary of State and Commissioner of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics in even-numbered years, every four years, beginning in 2016; provide transitional calendar; submit to the voters for ratification or rejection.

Current Status: 3/25/2014 - (H) Returned to Committee House Elections, Constitutional Amendments, and

**Intergovernmental Affairs** 

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB27.htm

**SB30 STUDENTS WITH DIABETES** (DENTON J) AN ACT relating to safety in schools for students with diabetes.

Amend KRS 158.838 to permit student self-treatment of diabetes symptoms in school settings; require schools to have two staff employees trained in diabetes symptom responses; require training to be consistent with training programs and guidelines developed by the American Diabetes Association; exempt trained staff from licensed health professional requirements; prohibit schools from preventing students from attending due to having diabetes or a seizure disorder.

Current Status: 1/13/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Education

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB30.htm

**SB31 UNITED NATIONS AGENDA** (SCHICKEL J) AN ACT relating to the prohibition against implementing the United Nations Agenda 21.

Create a new section of Subchapter 1 of KRS Chapter 224 to prohibit a state agency or political subdivision of the state from implementing any part of the United Nations Agenda 21 that is contrary to the United States or Kentucky Constitution, or being a member of or expending any public funds on a group or organization that will implement any part of the United Nations Agenda 21.

Current Status: 2/13/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB31.htm

**SB33 CASINO GAMING** (SEUM D) AN ACT proposing a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to casino gambling.

Propose creating a new section to the Kentucky Constitution to allow casino gambling at no more than seven locations and dedicate ten percent of the revenue to promote equine interests, dedicate the Commonwealth's revenue from gaming to job creation, education, human services, health care, veterans' bonuses, local governments, and public safety.

Current Status: 1/13/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB33.htm

**SB34 ENDOW TAX CREDIT** (PARRETT D) AN ACT relating to the Endow Kentucky tax credit and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 141.438 to increase the total amount of Endow Kentucky tax credits that may be awarded each fiscal year from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000 beginning in fiscal year 2014-2015; EMERGENCY.

*Current Status:* 1/13/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB34.htm

**SB58 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (MCDANIEL C) AN ACT proposing to amend Sections 53, 91, 93, 95, and 245 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to the Treasurer.

Propose to amend Sections 53, 91, 93, 95, and 245 of the Constitution of Kentucky to abolish the office of Treasurer; submit to the voters for their approval or disapproval.

Current Status: 4/15/2014 - received in Senate w/Letter

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB58.htm

**SB60 DEADLY WEAPONS** (SCHICKEL J) AN ACT relating to deadly weapons.

Amend KRS 237.110 to allow firearms safety instructors to issue certificates of completion rather than the Department of Criminal Justice Training and to prohibit administrative regulations which would require concealed deadly weapon license applicants to clean guns in class; amend KRS 244.125 to prohibit alcohol consumption while in possession of a loaded firearm when on premises licensed to sell alcoholic beverages by the drink; amend KRS 237.128 and 237.132 to conform.

Current Status: 2/24/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Judiciary

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB60.htm

**SB63 WORKERS' COMPENSATION** (MCDANIEL C) AN ACT relating to the workers' compensation special fund and Funding Commission.

Amend KRS 342.120 require the Division of Workers' Compensation Funds to engage in an aggressive attempt to settle special fund claims; amend KRS 342.122 and eliminate all funding provided to the Labor Cabinet from special fund assessments.

Current Status: 3/25/2014 - (H) Returned to Committee House Labor and Industry

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB63.htm

**SB68 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** (HARPER ANGEL D) AN ACT relating to domestic violence.

Amend KRS 403.720 to include persons in dating relationships within the coverage of Kentucky's domestic violence laws; amend KRS 403.735 to require the court, when a petition involves a minor, to improve conditions that cause the least disruption to education if the parties attend the same school system.

Current Status: 1/15/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB68.htm

**SB70 ENERGY CONSERVATION** (HUMPHRIES S) AN ACT relating to energy conservation measures for state buildings and properties.

Amend KRS 56.770 to clarify definitions for state government buildings and state property related to energy conservation; amend KRS 56.772, 56.774, 56.780, and 42.580 to conform.

**Current Status:** 4/9/2014 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR** 

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB70.htm

**SB81 EMPLOYEE MISCLASSIFICATION** (SCHICKEL J) AN ACT relating to employee misclassification.

Amend KRS 336.010 to define "contractor," "person," "prime contractor," "secretary," and 'subcontractor"; amend KRS 336.040 to require the Labor Cabinet to be the determining authority in issues related to employee misclassification; create a new section of KRS Chapter 336 to establish criteria for determining whether a person is an independent contractor, exempting a prime contractor for a subcontractor's misclassification of an employee, and exempting independent contractors from certain benefits;

amend KRS 336.050 to require the secretary to develop a training program on classification of employees; amend KRS 336.990 to establish a penalty for misclassification of employees; amend KRS 342.640 to delete provisions relating to newspaper delivery persons.

*Current Status:* 3/27/2014 - received in Senate w/Letter *State Bill Page:* http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB81.htm

#### **SB83 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** (SCHICKEL J) AN ACT relating to alcoholic beverages.

Amend KRS 241.010 to define "commercial airport," "cider," "malt beverage," and "weak cider"; amend KRS 242.123 to delineate a reference to a special local option election in a city of the second class; amend KRS 243.030 to split the distiller's license into Class A and Class B licenses; amend KRS 243.033 to clarify that caterer's licenses may be used in limited restaurant moist territory and in the manner of an NQ4 drink license; amend KRS 243.042 to allow a qualified historic site to serve alcoholic beverages by the drink on a riverboat moored at its licensed premises; amend KRS 243.050 to add the holder of a license located in a commercial airport among those licensees who may be granted an extended hours supplemental license; amend KRS 243.072 and 243.075 to include county alcohol license fees and permit local regulatory license fees for limited restaurant territory or for a city of the third or fourth class under KRS Chapter 242; amend KRS 243.082 to clarify the duties and privileges of an NQ1 license; amend KRS 243.084 to authorize NQ2 retail drink licenses for hotel and restaurant dining facilities that seat at least 50 people and that derive at least 50% of their food and alcoholic beverage receipts from the sale of food; amend KRS 243.120 to assign a distiller's Class A license to distillers that produce more than 50,000 gallons of distilled spirits per year, and a distiller's Class B license to those that produce 50,000 gallons or less per year; amend KRS 243.200 to add the duties and privileges of a transporter's license; amend KRS 243.250, 244.125, and 244.295 to set the restaurant food threshold at 50% of food and beverage receipts rather than food and beverage income; amend KRS 243.320 to allow a nonbeverage alcohol licensee to produce, possess, and use alcohol in the manufacture of nonbeverage fuel ethanol; amend KRS 243.353 to make technical changes; amend KRS 243.360 to exempt an applicant for a micro out-of-state distilled spirits and wine supplier's license from the requirement to advertise the intention to apply for a license; amend KRS 244.290 and 244.480 to replace outdated terms; amend KRS 244.585 to compel a malt beverage distributor to file its territorial agreements only upon request of the department; amend KRS 243.034, 243.170, and 243.230 to conform; repeal KRS 243.083 and 243.205.

Current Status: 4/2/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB83.htm

#### **SB85 MENTAL HEALTH** (WESTERFIELD W) AN ACT relating to mental health.

Amend KRS 202A.400, relating to the duty to take precautions against a patient's violent behavior, to expand the definition of

"patient" to include persons currently under the care or treatment of mental health professionals.

Current Status: 4/14/2014 - received in Senate w/Letter

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB85.htm

**SB86 ASSET RESOLUTION CORPORATION** (GREGORY S) AN ACT relating to Asset Resolution Corporation.

Amend KRS 164A.055 to allow the Asset Resolution Corporation to adopt bylaws and rules for its business.

Current Status: 4/7/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB86.htm

**SB87 SCHOLARSHIP** (HUMPHRIES S) AN ACT relating to Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship and making an appropriation therefore.

Amend KRS 164.7881 to permit high school seniors, beginning with the 2014-2015 academic year, and high school juniors and seniors, beginning with the 2015-2016 academic year, to use their KEES awards to pay for dual credit courses; require that the funds they would have received as eligible postsecondary students be reduced proportionally over a four-, or in some cases, five-year period by an amount equal to the amount used for dual credit; amend KRS 164.7885 to conform; designate the expenditures as necessary governmental expenses if KEES funds appropriated for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 are not adequate.

*Current Status:* 2/11/2014 - (H) Referred to Committee House Education

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB87.htm

**SB100 CONCEALED DEADLY WEAPONS** (GREGORY S) AN ACT relating to concealed deadly weapons and making an appropriation therefore.

Amend 237.110 to allow both paper and electronic applications and renewals for concealed carry licenses; establish a \$70 application fee and a \$25 fee for duplicate licenses requested electronically; change the period for State Police to either issue or deny a license from 60 days for paper applications to 14 days for electronic applications; change the number of requests made to other states for license reciprocity from twice per year to once per year; APPROPRIATION.

Current Status: 4/15/2014 - floor amendments (7-title) (8) and (9-title) filed

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB100.htm

#### **SB106 CONCEALED WEAPONS** (CARPENTER J) AN ACT relating to concealed weapons.

Create a new section of KRS 403.715 to 403.785 to allow a person protected by an emergency protective order or a domestic violence order to carry, if authorized by the issuing court, a concealed deadly weapon for a period of up to 90 days after the sheriff has performed a criminal background check and fingerprinted and photographed the person.

Current Status: 3/25/2014 - (H) Returned to Committee House Judiciary

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB106.htm

### **SB116 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY** (MCDANIEL C) AN ACT relating to intellectual property.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 367 to establish a bad-faith assertion of patent infringement as a violation of Kentucky's consumer protection chapter and authorize the utilization of the remedies available for those violations in addition to private remedies established in the bill.

Current Status: 3/25/2014 - (H) Returned to Committee House Judiciary

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB116.htm

#### **SB117 SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES** (DENTON J) AN ACT prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment.

AN ACT prohibiting smoking in public places and places of employment.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 438 to define terms; prohibit indoor smoking in businesses, places of employment, and other listed public places; exempt private residences, unless used for child care or adult day care; permit smoking in designated nonenclosed areas; require posting of "no smoking" signs at specified locations; permit local governments to adopt stricter regulations by ordinance; provide for enforcement by all peace officers and designated health department and local government employees; provide for the issuance of uniform citations for violations; require that employers and others not discriminate against persons reporting violations; provide for fines for violation; provide that fines go to the agency whose employee issued the citation; provide that no court costs or other fees be charged for violations; exempt certain research and manufacturing laboratories and agricultural buildings; amend KRS 344.040, relating to unlawful practices by an employer, to add reference to state law, local ordinance, or local board of health regulation relating to smoking; amend KRS 431.450, relating to uniform citations, to provide for issuing citation forms to health departments; authorize the Department of Kentucky State Police to create and issue uniform smoking violation citations; repeal various statutes permitting smoking in public buildings.

Current Status: 2/7/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB117.htm

#### **SB130 OPEN RECORDS** (DENTON J) AN ACT relating to open records.

Amend KRS 61.882 to require an agency head, upon a final court determination of willful withholding of records, to pay costs awarded out of his or her personal fund, to vacate his or her position with the agency for five years, and to forfeit his or her pension benefits.

Current Status: 2/12/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB130.htm

**SB135 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (HORNBACK P) AN ACT proposing to amend Section 181 of the Kentucky Constitution related to local levees of state and used taxes.

Propose to amend Section 181 of the Constitution of Kentucky to authorize the General Assembly to confer upon the proper authority of any city or county the power to levy a local option sales and use tax, subject to specifically enumerated conditions and limitations; submit to the voters for approval or disapproval; supply ballot language.

Current Status: 2/13/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB135.htm

#### **SB136 WORKERS COMPENSATION** (BUFORD T) AN ACT relating to workers compensation.

Amend several provisions of the Workers' Compensation Act in KRS Chapter 342 to define and recognize temporary partial disability benefits and amend other statutes to comply; define medical provider; limit medical benefits to age 70 or five years after date of injury, whichever is later except for permanent total awards or awards involving prosthetic devices which continue for as long as the employee is disabled; allow attorney's fees or increased payments for medical fee disputes that are decided in favor of the claimant; amend the reopening statutes to allow for reopening for additional temporary total or partial benefits; permit claimants who have awards of \$60 or less per week to elect a lump sum and receive a one point higher discount rate than that set by the commissioner; require settlements for future medicals to be approved by the federal Medicare Secondary Payer Act; permit claimants to recover damages from an insurance carrier who commits an unfair claims settlement practice; increase attorneys' fees to a total of \$24,000; specify that administrative law judges do not approve attorney's fees; enumerate changes to the manner that income benefits are determined; increase the maximum for temporary total or partial income benefits from 100% of the state average weekly wage; increase the maximum of permanent partial income benefits from 75% to 85% of the state average weekly wage; increase and clarify multiplier language factors; provide that the time limit for permanent partial income benefits is determined by the impairment ratings; make other amendments to conform.

Current Status: 2/13/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB136.htm

#### **SB137** WORKERS' COMPENSATION (CARROLL J) AN ACT relating to workers' compensation.

Amend KRS 342.320 to double the maximum amount of attorney fees in original and reopened worker's compensation claims and add potential fees for post-award income benefits; amend KRS 342.730 to require worker's compensation income benefits to be paid until age 70 or 5 years after the injury whichever is later.

Current Status: 3/17/2014 - (S) reassigned to committee Senate Appropriations and Revenue

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB137.htm

#### **SB140 CIVIL RIGHTS** (MCGARVEY M) AN act relating to civil rights.

Amend KRS 344.010 to include definitions for "sexual orientation" and "gender identity"; amend KRS 344.020, relating to the purpose of the Kentucky's civil rights chapter, to include a prohibition on discrimination because of sexual orientation and gender identity; amend KRS 344.040, 344.050, 344.060, 344.070, and 344.080, relating to prohibited discrimination in various labor and employment practices, to include sexual orientation and gender identity; amend KRS 344.025, 344.100, 344.110, and KRS 18A.095 to conform; amend KRS 344.120 and 344.140, relating to prohibited discrimination in places of public accommodation and advertisements therefor, to include sexual orientation and gender identity; amend KRS 344.170, 344.180, 344.190, 344.300, and 344.310, relating to the state and local human rights commissions, to include prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in the scope of their powers and duties; amend KRS 344.360, 344.680, 344.370, and 344.380, relating to prohibited discrimination in certain housing, real estate, and other financial transactions, to include sexual orientation and gender identity; amend KRS 344.367, relating to prohibited discrimination in certain insurance sales, to include sexual orientation and gender identity; amend KRS 344.400, relating to prohibited discrimination in certain credit transactions, to include sexual orientation and gender identity; amend KRS 344.400, relating to prohibited discrimination in certain credit transactions, to include sexual orientation and gender identity; amend KRS 344.400, relating to prohibited discrimination in certain credit transactions, to include sexual orientation and gender identity; and make various technical amendments.

Current Status: 2/14/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB140.htm

#### **SB142 RETIREMENT BENEFITS** (MCDANIEL C) AN ACT relating to retirement benefits spiking.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 21 to provide that members of the Legislators' Retirement Plan or Judicial Retirement Plan who retire on or after January 1, 2015, shall be limited to a 10% growth in the creditable compensation earned during their last five years of employment if that compensation is used to calculate their retirement benefits; provide that only creditable

compensation earned on or after July 1, 2014, shall be subject to the creditable compensation growth limitations; exempt lump-sum payments for compensatory time from the compensation growth limitation; exempt from the compensation growth limitation those years of compensation where in the immediately preceding fiscal year the member had 5 weeks of paid worker's compensation benefits or 5 weeks of unpaid maternity, FMLA, or approved sick leave; exempt bona fide promotions or salary advancements from the compensation growth limitation; define "bona fide promotion or salary advancements" as a professional advancement in substantially the same line of work held by the member in the 4 years immediately prior to the 5-year period or a change in employment position based upon training, education or expertise; provide that a bona fide promotion or salary advancement does not include situations where a legislator or judge takes a position of employment with a different employer participating in any of the state-administered retirement systems; provide that the Judicial Form Retirement System shall refund contributions and interest on contributions, for any reductions in creditable compensation provided by this section; provide that the Judicial Form Retirement System shall determine what constitutes a bona fide promotion or salary advancement and allow the member to appeal a decision of the system to the full board of trustees; amend KRS 61.598 to provide that members of the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, the County Employees Retirement System, and the State Police Retirement System, who retire on or after January 1, 2015, shall be limited to a 10% growth in the creditable compensation earned during their last five years of employment if that compensation is used to calculate their retirement benefits; provide that only creditable compensation earned on or after July 1, 2014, shall be subject to the creditable compensation growth limitations; exempt lump-sum payments for compensatory time from the compensation growth limitation; exempt from the compensation growth limitation those years of compensation where in the immediately preceding fiscal year the member had 5 weeks of paid worker's compensation benefits or 5 weeks of unpaid maternity, FMLA, or approved sick leave; exempt bona fide promotions or salary advancements from the compensation growth limitation; provide that the Kentucky Retirement Systems shall refund contributions and interest on contributions, for any reductions in creditable compensation provided by this section; provide that the Kentucky Retirement Systems shall determine what constitutes a bona fide promotion or salary advancement and allow the member to appeal a decision of the system to the board; remove provisions charging employers for creditable compensation growth greater than 10% during the employee's last five years of employment; amend KRS 6.525, 16.645, 61.645, and 78.545 to conform.

Current Status: 4/15/2014 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB142.htm

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT** (BLEVINS W) AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky to create a Kentucky Pardon Board and amend Sections 145, 150, and 240 of the Constitution of Kentucky to conform.

Propose to create a new Section 77A of the Constitution of Kentucky to create a Kentucky Pardon Board; propose to amend Sections 145, 150, and 240 of the Constitution of Kentucky to conform; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection.

Current Status: 2/26/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB156.htm

**SB158 CAMPUS SAFETY** (HUMPHRIES S) AN ACT relating to campus safety.

Amend KRS 164.9489 to make the title of the statutory range "The Michael Minger Life Safety Act."

Current Status: 4/7/2014 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB158.htm

**SB160 REDISTRICTING** (PARRETT D) AN ACT relating to redistricting.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 5 to establish the Kentucky Committee on Legislative Redistricting, which shall be composed of state university faculty appointed by presidents of Kentucky's state universities; create a new section of KRS Chapter 5 to require the Kentucky Committee on Legislative Redistricting to develop redistricting plans for state legislative and U.S. Congressional districts; create a new section of KRS Chapter 5 to require the Kentucky Committee on Legislative Redistricting to submit the redistricting plans to the Legislative Research Commission, which shall refer the plans to the Interim Joint Committee on State Government; allow the General Assembly to enact or reject the redistricting plans, but not to alter or amend them; if the General Assembly does not enact the plans, allow them to be returned to the Kentucky Committee on Legislative Redistricting, which may incorporate changes requested by the General Assembly, but shall not be required to incorporate changes; require the Kentucky Committee on Legislative Redistricting to submit to the General Assembly new redistricting plans, which the General Assembly shall enact but not alter or amend.

Current Status: 2/26/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State and Local Government

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB160.htm

**SB171 LOBBYING** (JONES R) AN ACT relating to lobbying.

Amend KRS 6.611 to change the definition of "employer" to include persons hiring anyone who has any contact with the legislative branch of state government relating to a legislative matter and "legislative matter" to include administrative regulations; amend KRS 6.821 to require legislative agents to disclose all amounts paid to legislative agents for specific legislative or executive matters; require legislative employers to disclose all amounts paid by the employer to the legislative agents for specific legislative or executive matters; delete the requirement that legislative employers disclose prorated cumulative compensation paid to legislative agents; amend KRS 11A.110 to require statements filed with the Executive Branch Ethics Commission to be on the commission's Web site; amend KRS 11A.216 to include the issues for which expenditures were made in

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the reporting requirements for executive agency lobbyists.

Current Status: 3/5/2014 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative

Regulations

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB171.htm

#### **SB189 GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS** (WESTERFIELD W) AN ACT relating to government contracts.

Create a new section of KRS 45A.690 to 45A.725 that establishes standards and rules for contingency fee personal service contracts for legal services; require the Attorney General to make written findings of the need for a contingency fee contract; set limits on the amount of the contingency fee, require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to post information regarding the contract on its Web site; require the contractor to maintain certain records; require the Finance and Administration Cabinet and the Attorney General to submit a report on all contingency fee contracts to the Government Contract Review Committee by September 1 of each year; amend KRS 45A.695 to require the Attorney General to participate in discussions with contingency fee offerors to determine their qualifications; require the Attorney General to of contingency fee personal service contract for legal services before the contract may be awarded.

Current Status: 3/25/2014 - (H) Returned to Committee House State Government

State Bill Page: http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/14RS/SB189.htm

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