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## **A Staff Summary Of Legislative Enactments**

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## Foreword

The 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly convened on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, and adjourned *sine die* Friday, March 28, 2025, having met for 30 legislative days.

During the 2025 Regular Session, the General Assembly took the following actions:

- A total of 1,080 bills were introduced, including 266 Senate bills and 814 House bills.
- A total of 361 resolutions were introduced including 231 Senate simple resolutions, 16 Senate joint resolutions, 21 Senate concurrent resolutions, 43 House simple resolutions, 33 House joint resolutions, and 17 House concurrent resolutions.
- The Governor vetoed 9 Senate bills, 19 House bills, and 2 House joint resolutions.
- The General Assembly overrode the vetoes of 9 Senate bills, 18 House bills, and 2 House joint resolutions.
- A total of 51 Senate bills, 2 Senate joint resolutions, 1 Senate concurrent resolution, 97 House bills, 9 House joint resolutions, and 2 House concurrent resolutions became law.

This informational bulletin summarizes the bills and resolutions that were delivered to the Governor and the Secretary of State. It was prepared by the staff of the Legislative Research Commission.

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## Senate Bills

### SB 1

AN ACT relating to the film industry.

Creates new sections of subchapter 12 of KRS Chapter 154 to establish the Kentucky Film Office within the Cabinet for Economic Development for administrative purposes only; establishes duties of the office; provides a salary cap for the executive director of the Kentucky Film Office; establishes the Kentucky Film Leadership Council to be administratively attached to the Kentucky Film Office; establishes duties and membership of the council; amends KRS 141.383 to change the date when any unused balance allocated for all approved companies with a continuous film production shall be made available for all approved companies with a motion picture or entertainment production from the first day of July to the first day of April; and amends various statutes to conform; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2025.

### SB 2

AN ACT relating to correctional facilities.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 197 to define terms; and prohibits hormone treatment or elective surgery for gender reassignment for prisoners.

### SB 3

AN ACT relating to student-athletes and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 164.6941 to define terms; amends KRS 164.6943 to allow an institution or association to limit earning compensation through a NIL agreement if agreed to in an institutional agreement between the student-athlete and the institution or affiliated organization; permits an institution or association to require compensation be consistent with the prevailing range of compensation; amends KRS 164.6945 to authorize a student-athlete to receive compensation from an institution or its affiliated corporation through a written institutional agreement; authorizes an institution or affiliated corporation to designate a media rights holder or other third parties with whom an institution's student-athletes may directly enter into NIL agreements with; amends KRS 164.6947 to provide affiliated corporation's employees with the same liability protections as institution employees as it relates to damages resulting from decisions and actions routinely taken in the course of intercollegiate athletics; deletes language providing that nothing in the section protects institutions from acts of gross negligence and certain misconduct; exempts a student-athlete's institutional agreements from disclosure under the Kentucky Open Records Act; amends KRS 164.6949 to include the waiver for actions brought on institutional agreements under KRS 45A.245; amends KRS 164.6951 to include prospective student-athletes in provisions concerning the reaffirming of NIL agreements or agency contracts when no longer participating in intercollegiate athletics; amends KRS 156.070 to include school property in the prohibition of a high school student-athlete's use of member school property; and amends various statutes to conform; EMERGENCY.

### SB 4

AN ACT relating to protection of information and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 42.722 to define terms relating to artificial intelligence; amends KRS 42.726 to require the Commonwealth Office of Technology to establish and implement policy standards for the use of artificial intelligence; creates a new section of KRS 42.720 to 42.742 to create the

Artificial Intelligence Governance Committee; tasks the committee with the establishment of responsible, ethical, and transparent procedures for the allowable use, development, and approval of artificial intelligence for any department, program, cabinet, agency, and administrative body that uses and accesses the Commonwealth's information technology and technology infrastructure; prioritizes personal privacy and protection of the data of individuals and businesses; requires public disclosure of the use of artificial intelligence in certain circumstances; protects disclosure of trade secrets; provides employee education and training; requires the Commonwealth Office of Technology to transmit annual reports on the use of artificial intelligence to the Legislative Research Commission and the Interim Joint Committee on State Government; requires the Commonwealth Office of Technology to promulgate administrative regulations; amends KRS 117.001 to define "electioneering communication," "information content provider," "interactive computer service," "sponsor," and "synthetic media"; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 117 to establish a cause of action for the use of synthetic media in an electioneering communication; establishes an affirmative defense that the electioneering communication includes a conspicuous disclosure; and provides that the sponsor of the electioneering communication may be held liable, but the medium and its advertising sales representative are not liable, except in certain circumstances; EMERGENCY.

#### MANDATED REPORT

#### SB 9

AN ACT relating to teacher benefit provisions and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 161.155 to require school districts to establish a policy by July 1, 2030, to provide up to 30 days maternity leave to each teacher and employee who gives birth; allows school districts to provide additional paid maternity or parental leave benefits; requires the state to pay the actuarial costs of sick leave to the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) for sick leave accrued as of June 30, 2025, plus up to 13 days accrued each year after June 30, 2025; requires school districts to pay the actuarial costs for future sick leave accruals in excess of 13 days each year; provides that actuarial costs for sick leave for associations and agencies listed under KRS 161.220(4)(d) and (f) will be paid by the employer rather than the state; requires each school district to annually report sick leave balances to TRS beginning with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025; amends KRS 161.220 to add certain employees of WeLeadCS to the definition of "member"; allows TRS to promulgate administrative regulations to facilitate payment and collection for purchased service credit; amends KRS 161.230 to allow TRS to establish a title holding company for certain investments; amends KRS 161.250 to provide that the deadline for a written appeal of a TRS decision is not subject to the jurisdiction of any court or appeal process; amends KRS 161.400 to require TRS to report in the annual actuarial valuation the total liabilities and costs of the sick leave program created by KRS 161.155, the annual leave program created by KRS 161.540(1)(f), and a breakdown of liabilities by employer; amends KRS 161.430 to allow agreements for commingled investments or real property outside the Commonwealth to be made in or governed by laws outside of the Commonwealth; amends KRS 161.470 to cease interest accrual on the retirement account of members convicted of a felony related to employment after the date of conviction; amends KRS 161.585 to allow a member appealing denial of disability and the member's legal counsel to have access to all written material submitted by the medical review committee to TRS and makes technical changes; amends KRS 161.600 to provide that the deadline for changes to a member's retirement application is not subject to the jurisdiction of any court or appeal process; amends KRS 161.624 to add filing and other deadlines for information the member

or beneficiary is responsible for obtaining; amends KRS 161.630 to provide that the deadline for electing a new optional plan of payment or for a change of beneficiary is not subject to the jurisdiction of any court or appeal process; amends KRS 161.635 to provide that voluntary employer contributions to the supplemental benefit component for members who enter TRS on or after January 1, 2022, may include an annual new teacher incentive contribution of \$1,000 per year of service for the first five years of service and makes a technical change; amends KRS 161.636 to make a technical change; amends KRS 161.643 to include new sick leave reporting requirements in the annual statutory reporting requirements for TRS employers; amends KRS 161.661 to provide that the deadline for filing an application for disability benefits is not subject to the jurisdiction of any court or appeal process; provides that failure to provide income and employment verification documentation or submission of false or fraudulent documentation will result in suspension or disqualification from disability benefits; allows a member and the member's counsel to be entitled to all written recommendations and reports submitted by the medical review committee; makes technical changes; amends KRS 161.680 to allow determination of errors resulting in over or underpayment to be determined by the TRS board or staff; repeals KRS 161.553, relating to the funding of past statutory benefits; amends various statutes to conform; and provides that the Auditor of Public Accounts shall perform a special audit paid by TRS funds of the sick leave and annual leave programs to ensure leave balances and costs are being reported correctly for the TRS and to determine if any entities are being provided retirement coverage in TRS through participating employers listed in statute; EMERGENCY.

#### **SB 10**

AN ACT relating to retiree health provisions of the County Employees Retirement System.

Amends KRS 78.5536, relating to the County Employees Retirement System, to extend the employee contribution used to fund retiree health benefits to include members who began participating in the system on or after July 1, 2003; increases the current hazardous employee contribution rate to two percent of pay for those eligible for the fixed-dollar retiree health subsidy; increases the nonhazardous and hazardous duty under age 65 retiree health subsidy to \$40 and \$50 per month for each year of service, respectively, for those members who meet the "career threshold" who began participating in the system on or after July 1, 2003, and who are eligible for a fixed-dollar retiree health subsidy not tied to the premium; makes technical amendments regarding the retiree health premium reimbursement program to conform to current policy; directs the Public Pension Oversight Board to continue to review the retiree health fund actuarial data and evaluate potential legislative options to address any future continued improvements in the funds; provides that the amendments to the employee contributions shall be effective July 1, 2026; provides that subsidies payable to impacted retirees shall begin on or after January 1, 2026, to coincide with the next health plan year; and for calculation of the retiree health subsidy increase, provides that the change shall prospectively be adjusted annually by the 1.5 percent increase as provided in statute and shall apply to service earned on or after July 1, 2003, by eligible members, including retirees; RETROACTIVE.

#### **SB 15**

AN ACT relating to minimum wage exceptions and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 337.010 to exempt baseball players who are compensated pursuant to the terms of a contract and a collective bargaining agreement that expressly provides for wages and working conditions from the definition of "employee"; EMERGENCY.

**SB 18**

AN ACT relating to insurance requirements for certain vehicle business licensees.

Amends KRS 190.033 to allow indemnifying bonds or insurance policies for certain vehicle business licensees to be issued by a nonadmitted insurer in accordance with the requirements of Subtitle 10 of KRS Chapter 304; and makes technical amendments.

**SB 19**

AN ACT relating to permitted uses of time during the school day.

Amends KRS 158.175 to require moments of silence or reflection at the start of each school day and establish guidelines; amends KRS 158.200 to detail the process by which local boards of education are authorized to permit pupils to attend moral instruction; requires individuals or groups seeking to provide moral instruction to submit a request to a board and establishes requirements for what is to be included in the request; requires superintendents to submit individuals providing transportation or moral instruction for criminal history and CA/N background checks; establishes that students attending moral instruction are counted in average daily attendance for SEEK funding; and repeals KRS 158.210, 158.220, 158.230, 158.240, 158.250, and 158.260.

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**SB 22**

AN ACT relating to licensed professionals.

Amends KRS 317A.020 to enhance penalties if a cosmetology board licensee knowingly employs or utilizes an unlicensed individual; amends KRS 317A.040 to allow a person other than a licensed cosmetologist to serve as the executive director of the Kentucky Board of Cosmetology; amends KRS 317A.100 to grant reciprocal licensure for an applicant from a United States territory; amends KRS 317A.120 to allow cosmetology board license applicants to retake the failed portion of an examination an unlimited number of times, with each retake at least one month after receiving actual notice of the failure; amends KRS 317A.130 to apply health and safety standards to all licensees; amends KRS 317.410 to define "mobile barber shop"; amends KRS 317.420 to require a Kentucky Board of Barbering license to operate a mobile barber shop; amends KRS 317.430 and 317.440 to direct the board to govern mobile barber shops and promulgate appropriate administrative regulations; instructs the board to establish an online system for licensees to report the location or change in location of a mobile barber shop; amends KRS 317.450 to require the board to issue a mobile barber shop license to any licensed barber who meets the board's administrative regulation requirements; amends KRS 317.570 to allow examinations at a Department of Corrections facility that operates a licensed barber school; and amends KRS 317.580 to require a mobile barber shop to have a sink with hot and cold running water.

**SB 23**

AN ACT relating to administrative regulations and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 13A.010 to define "full review"; amends KRS 13A.030, 13A.270, 13A.280, 13A.290, and 13A.300 to establish the procedures for the informational review of an administrative regulation by the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee or any other legislative committee; makes separate processes for full reviews compared to informational reviews; requires promulgating agencies to be present and cooperate with informational reviews; directs a legislative committee conducting an informational review to notify the promulgating administrative body at least five calendar days in advance; requires an administrative body to

request an administrative regulation deferral by 12 noon, eastern time, at least five calendar days prior to the scheduled review; allows deferrals of informational reviews under designated circumstances; and amends KRS 13A.335 and 67.767 to conform; EMERGENCY.

## **SB 24**

AN ACT relating to property and casualty insurance.

Amends KRS 304.47-010 to modify the definition of "statement"; makes technical amendments; amends KRS 304.47-020 to establish that statements that misrepresent the scope of damages associated with a property, casualty, or property and casualty insurance claim are fraudulent insurance acts; and provides an exception for offers or counteroffers by legal counsel in a disputed claim involving bodily injury.

## **SB 25**

AN ACT relating to oversight of government operations and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 103.200 to include multi-family housing development of 48 units or more in the definition of "building" related to revenue bonds; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 7A to define terms; establishes the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board of the Kentucky General Assembly to review, analyze, study, evaluate, provide legislative oversight, and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding any aspect of the Kentucky Medicaid program; establishes board membership, authority, and duties; amends various statutes to conform; amends KRS 227.200 to define terms; creates a new section of KRS 227.200 to 227.400 to allow for the creation of a local appeals board to hear appeals from final orders of fire chiefs and state fire marshals; establishes membership, procedures, and jurisdiction when no local appeals board is established; provides for appeal to the Circuit Court of jurisdiction; amends KRS 43.010 to define "deputy auditor" and "ombudsman"; amends KRS 43.030 and .040 to replace references to "assistant auditor" with "deputy auditor"; amends KRS 43.035 to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to provide information on contacting the Commonwealth Office of the Ombudsman at all Department for Community Based Services offices; requires the ombudsman to maintain confidentiality; authorizes the ombudsman to promulgate administrative regulations; establishes that expenses incurred by the ombudsman shall be charged to the entity that is the subject of the ombudsman's work; amends KRS 43.080 to make technical corrections; requires all state agencies to provide the Auditor of Public Accounts with access software; amends KRS 43.090 to establish the ombudsman's reporting and recommendation requirements; requires the Auditor to maintain confidentiality; amends KRS 43.990 to make technical corrections; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 43 to establish the organizational structure of the Auditor's office; requires employees and contract staff of the Auditor to submit to state and federal criminal background checks; permits the Auditor to enroll employees and contract staff in the rap back system; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 194A to require the cabinet to provide contact information for the ombudsman on its website; requires the cabinet to provide the ombudsman with read-only access to group email inboxes; amends KRS 209.140 to authorize the ombudsman to receive information obtained by department staff as a result of an investigation; permits the ombudsman to report de-identified data otherwise required to be made confidential; amends KRS 620.050 to authorize the ombudsman to receive reports of suspected child abuse, neglect, or dependency from the cabinet; permits disclosure of files, reports, and other documents used by a children's advocacy center to the ombudsman; permits the ombudsman to report de-identified data otherwise required to be made confidential; requires the cabinet to transfer control of a specific

phone number to the ombudsman and to bear all costs associated with the transfer; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 27A to establish the Court of Justice reserve account in the State Treasury; requires certain Restricted Funds in fiscal year 2024-2025 to be transferred to the Court of Justice Reserve Account; appropriates \$3,200,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 from the Court of Justice Reserve Account; amends KRS 45.812 to require an agency, corporation, or school district that is authorized to issue a general obligation bond by an appropriation of the General Assembly, or by or on behalf of any Kentucky school district, to report the costs associated with the issuance of the bond to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee and the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 12 to require departments and program cabinets to submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission each year that provides suggestions for improved government efficiency; amends 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 173, sec. 1 and the State/Executive Branch biennial budget and capital projects to revise and provide funding for various programs and projects and establish conditions for state government agencies, institutions, and programs receiving funding; and appropriates \$750,000 in General Fund moneys in fiscal year 2024-2025 to the Auditor of Public Accounts budget unit for the purpose of conducting a special audit of the Kentucky Communications Network Authority and the Kentucky Wired Network; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

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OVERRIDDEN IN PART

## **SB 26**

AN ACT relating to parental rights.

Amends KRS 199.011 to define "disability"; amends KRS 199.462 and 199.471 to establish that an application or petition for placement or adoption of children shall not be denied on the sole basis of a disability of the prospective caregiver or adoptive applicant without considering whether targeted adaptive or supportive services could enable the caregiver or applicant to provide essential care and protection for the child; amends KRS 199.473 to require the secretary to review any refusal of a placement of a child due to a disability of the applicant; requires retention of documentation of compliance; amends KRS 625.050 to establish that no petition for involuntary termination of parental rights may be filed on the sole basis of a disability of the parent unless the parent has been provided or rejected adaptive and supportive services; and amends KRS 625.090 regarding procedures for involuntary termination of parental rights involving a parent with a disability.

## **SB 27**

AN ACT relating to health care.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 214 that defines terms; establishes the Kentucky Parkinson's Disease Research Registry within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; directs the secretary of the cabinet to establish the Kentucky Parkinson's Disease Research Registry Advisory Committee and to make appointments; requires the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to designate Parkinson's disease and the identified Parkinsonisms as diseases that are required to be reported to the cabinet, establish a system of collection and dissemination of information on the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease in Kentucky through the registry, identify data points to be collected, establish a coding system to safeguard patients' privacy, and develop guidelines for sharing registry data for research purposes; requires the cabinet

to collect and receive data for the registry; authorizes the cabinet to enter into data-sharing contracts; requires all movement disorder centers and licensed movement disorder health care providers to submit Parkinson's disease reports to the cabinet beginning on January 1, 2026; requires facilities and providers to provide patients with notice of the submission of data to the registry and an opportunity to opt out of having their information shared; requires the cabinet to make the registry data available to researchers in compliance with the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects and other federal and state privacy laws and regulations; authorizes the sharing of data with other registries, agencies, and officers if confidentiality requirements are followed; provides that sharing of information in accordance with security and privacy requirements does not expose a person to liability; directs the cabinet to maintain an accurate record of all persons who have been granted access to registry data and make the record available to the public; establishes that nothing compels an individual to submit to any medical examination or supervision; prohibits researchers from contacting a patient or patient's family unless the cabinet has first obtained the patient's permission; requires the cabinet to submit a yearly program summary update to the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services and to establish a registry website where the public can access the report and other information on Parkinson's disease by October 1, 2027; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 311A that permits a skilled nursing facility and hospital that operates a nonemergency medical transportation service to transport residents, including transportation via a stretcher, after providing the contracted transportation broker with the opportunity to provide the transportation; prohibits Medicaid reimbursement for the transportation service provided; and permits a skilled nursing facility or hospital to become a contracted provider.

MANDATED REPORT

## **SB 28**

AN ACT relating to agricultural economic development and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 246 to define terms; establishes a six-member agricultural economic development board selected by the Commissioner of Agriculture from lists provided by the Kentucky Association for Economic Development, the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation, and the Agricultural Development Board; creates the agricultural economic development fund; establishes a new agricultural economic development program within the Department of Agriculture; allows direct grants of moneys, forgivable loans, certain low-interest revolving loans, or any combination as incentives; amends KRS 154.12-213 to require the Cabinet for Economic Development to coordinate with and seek guidance from the Commissioner of Agriculture; amends KRS 248.709 to authorize the Agricultural Development Board to make, purchase, or participate in the making or purchasing of insured mortgage or other types of loans to qualified applicants related to the incentive awards; amends KRS 246.030 to abolish the Department of Agriculture's Shows and Fairs Division; establishes the Farm Safety and Rural Health Division and the Division of Agricultural Economic Development; and amends KRS 247.220 to conform; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

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**SB 43**

AN ACT relating to identity documents.

Amends KRS 186.444, relating to the medical review board, to establish the number and qualifications of members; requires one member who is licensed in the area relevant to the case to be present to conduct an informal hearing; establishes procedures for cases before the medical review board; authorizes the medical review board to accept a statement from the person's licensed medical professional that the person does not have a condition that impairs his or her ability to operate a motor vehicle; amends KRS 186.570 to conform; amends KRS 131.1817 to remove the possible suspension of an operator's license for a person found to be a delinquent taxpayer; creates a new section of KRS 186.400 to 186.640 to define "identity document" and "third-party entity"; requires the Transportation Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to allow third-party entities to apply to the Transportation Cabinet to serve as application processors for certain identity documents; establishes minimum standards for third-party issuance and allows third-party entities to charge a fee for services provided; requires the Department of Kentucky State Police and the Transportation Cabinet to report to the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation by October 31, 2025, on the technological and budget needs of expanding access for driver testing and identity document issuance; and identifies the information required to be reported.

MANDATED REPORT

**SB 63**

AN ACT relating to street-legal special purpose vehicles.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 186 to define terms; requires street-legal special purpose vehicles be equipped with a roll bar or roll cage seatbelts as required by federal motor vehicle safety standards; excludes vehicles primarily engaged in farm or agricultural activities; allows street-legal special purpose vehicles to operate on a highway under certain circumstances; prohibits the use of street-legal special purpose vehicles on highways within the jurisdictional boundaries of a local government that does not have a local ordinance allowing their use; prohibits street-legal special purpose vehicles from traveling a distance greater than 20 miles on a highway displaying centerline pavement markings; requires street-legal special purpose vehicles to be registered and comply with all requirements of KRS Chapter 186; allows a local government to adopt an ordinance to permit the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on highways; requires an applicant for registration of a street-legal special purpose vehicle to certify safety equipment requirements are met; requires street-legal special purpose vehicles be inspected by a certified inspector prior to submission of an application for title; amends KRS 186.050 to set the registration fee for a street-legal special purpose vehicle at \$10; amends KRS 186A.115 to set the inspection fee for street-legal special purpose vehicles at \$25; requires the owner or operator of a street-legal special purpose vehicle to insure the vehicle in the same form and amounts set forth for motorcycles; directs the Transportation Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations; and amends various statutes to conform.

**SB 64**

AN ACT relating to key infrastructure assets and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 511.100, relating to trespass upon key infrastructure assets, to include electrical highway infrastructure, cable, telephone, and broadband facilities; and amends KRS 512.020, relating to criminal mischief in the first degree, to include damaging or taking possession of a key infrastructure asset; EMERGENCY.



**SB 65**

AN ACT relating to deficient administrative regulations and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 13A to nullify two administrative regulations relating to Medicaid services after those administrative regulations were found deficient during the 2024 legislative interim and later withdrawn by the agency; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 13A to nullify three administrative regulations, two relating to the Division of Mine Permits and one relating to the conduct of credit unions, after those administrative regulations were found deficient during the 2025 Regular Session of the General Assembly; EMERGENCY.  
VETOED

**SB 68**

AN ACT relating to education.

Amends KRS 158.645 to change the required learning capacities of Kentucky public school students; amends KRS 158.6451 to provide that schools shall expect a high level of academic achievement and shall develop students' ability to think critically and independently; amends KRS 156.010 to include career and technical education and STEM education; amends KRS 157.065 to remove the reporting requirement relating to participation in breakfast programs; amends KRS 424.250 to require each district to publish a copy of the budget to the district's website; amends KRS 158.4414 to change the effective date of the Kentucky guardian program in school districts to the 2026-2027 school year; and repeals KRS 157.061 and 158.856.

**SB 69**

AN ACT relating to allied animal health professional licenses.

Amends KRS 321.181 to define terms; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 321 to establish new allied animal health professional licenses for equine dentistry and animal chiropractic practice; establishes procedures for legacy candidate licensure; excludes administration of medication from AAHP equine dental provider services; creates the allied animal health professional advisory committee; amends KRS 321.187 regarding retention of original patient records; and amends various statutes to conform.

**SB 73**

AN ACT relating to sexual extortion.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 531 to establish the crime of sexual extortion as a Class A misdemeanor; provides for enhancements to penalties; allows prosecution for homicide under KRS Chapter 507 or assault under KRS Chapter 508 when a victim attempts or commits suicide under certain circumstances; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to establish a civil cause of action for sexual extortion; amends KRS 17.500 to include sexual extortion in the definition of "sex crime"; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 158 to require superintendents of local school districts to require principals to notify students in grades four and above in an age-appropriate manner and parents and guardians of all students of the crime of sexual extortion; requires local school boards to require posters be displayed in schools with students in grades six and above with an age-appropriate description of sexual extortion and contact information for entities offering assistance to victims; requires the Department of Education to publish recommendations for information to be included in posters; and amends KRS 164.2518 to require postsecondary institutions to display posters with a description of sexual extortion and contact

information for entities offering assistance to victims in residential facilities and buildings containing instructional spaces, student services, or academic support services.

**SB 76**

AN ACT relating to contracts for the improvement of real estate.

Amends KRS 371.160 to increase the threshold for the creation of escrow accounts for real estate improvement contracts from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000; and amends KRS 371.405 to prohibit the waiver by contract of any provision of KRS 371.160.

**SB 77**

AN ACT relating to education.

Amends KRS 161.028 to allow the head of an educator preparation program of an independent not-for-profit college or university to serve as a member of the Education Professional Standards Board; amends KRS 164.295 to establish performance criteria for a comprehensive university to submit a proposal for a new doctoral program; establishes criteria for the Council on Postsecondary Education to consider when reviewing a proposal for a new doctoral program submitted by a comprehensive university that may require additional general fund appropriations; requires that a comprehensive university be responsible for any specialized resources necessary to evaluate a proposal for a new doctoral program submitted by the comprehensive university; requires that the proposed program be included in the council's budget request for the next biennial budget; requires the council to review the proposal and issue a recommendation to the General Assembly on the proposal; requires the council to review any new program approved at least once every five years; requires proposals for a new doctoral program that would not require additional general fund appropriations to be submitted in accordance with a process established by the council; includes instructions for how proposals for programs studied as part of 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 199 should be handled; and requires the council to ensure that the doctoral degree program approval process for the University of Louisville and University of Kentucky is consistent with certain procedures for comprehensive universities.

**SB 84**

AN ACT relating to judicial review of state agency action.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 13A to establish that an administrative body shall not interpret a statute or administrative regulation with the expectation that the interpretation will be granted deference by the reviewing court; establishes that the interpretation of a statute or administrative regulation by an administrative body is not entitled to deference by a reviewing court; amends KRS 13B.150 to conform; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 446 to establish the legal standard for judicial review of agency action.

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**SB 87**

AN ACT relating to aviation.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 183 to allow an air board that operates a commercial airport serving more than 1,000,000 passengers annually to utilize small purchase procedures established by the Federal Aviation Administration for purchases that do not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold identified in 2 C.F.R. sec. 200.88 and to purchase goods and services directly

from vendors who maintain agreements with the General Services Administration and exempt these transactions from the requirements of KRS 45A.345 to 45A.460 and 424.260 only for purchases identified in KRS 82.084; amends KRS 82.084 to conform; amends KRS 183.525, relating to the Kentucky aviation economic development fund, to require the Transportation Cabinet to report annually to the General Assembly through the Legislative Research Commission on expenditures from the fund; amends KRS 189.990 to increase fines for violations of the chapter; amends various statutes to make technical corrections; repeals KRS 183.085, relating to an unmanned aviation facility map for commercial airports; directs the Council on Postsecondary Education, in coordination with the Transportation Cabinet, to conduct a study on the establishment of a program at a public postsecondary education institution leading to a credential recognized by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for employment within the field of air traffic control or air traffic safety, and to evaluate the potential for an FAA Academy to be established; requires the Council on Postsecondary Education to notify public postsecondary education institutions with the capacity to support a program; and requires the approval and establishment of a program at a public postsecondary education institution by June 30, 2026.

MANDATED REPORT

### **SB 89**

AN ACT relating to environmental protection and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 224.1-010 to change the definition of "water" or "waters of the Commonwealth" and to define "wellhead protection area"; amends KRS 224.1-300 to make technical corrections; amends KRS 350.010 to define "long-term treatment"; and amends KRS 350.060 to establish the means of calculating the additional bond amount required for a permit or permit increment for which the Energy and Environment Cabinet determines long-term treatment is required; EMERGENCY.

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### **SB 100**

AN ACT relating to tobacco, nicotine, or vapor product licensure.

Amends KRS 438.305 to define terms; creates new sections of KRS 438.305 to 438.350 to establish the Division of Tobacco, Nicotine, and Vapor Product Licensing within the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; gives department investigators the authority to inspect any licensed premises without first obtaining a search warrant; requires any retailer that sells alternative nicotine products, tobacco products, or vapor products to obtain a tobacco, nicotine, and vapor products license issued by the department; establishes transitional licensing; establishes penalties for retailers that sell alternative nicotine products, tobacco products, or vapor products without a license; establishes conditions under which a license may be revoked; allows a licensee to request a hearing after the revocation of a license within 30 days; prohibits a retail establishment from selling nitrous oxide to persons under 21 years of age; prohibits a retailer that holds a tobacco, nicotine, or vapor product license from selling any form of nitrous oxide; establishes penalties for retailers that sell nitrous oxide; amends KRS 438.310 to establish penalties for retailers and store clerks who sell to individuals under the age of 21; amends KRS 438.313 to prohibit a distributor from distributing alternative nicotine products, tobacco products, or vapor products to any retailer whose license has been revoked; amends various sections of KRS Chapter 438 to remove references of the tobacco noncompliance database and reporting system; amends KRS 438.337 to

allocate 100 percent of license and application fees to the department; allocates 50 percent of fines collected to go toward a youth program that educates the youth on the dangers of vaping and tobacco use; directs the department to make a list of licensees available on its website; amends KRS 438.340 to direct the department to promulgate administrative regulations to establish a procedure for administering citations, issuing orders, and filing appeals; amends KRS 438.350 to establish conditions upon which a person under the age of 21 may be required to perform community service or attend a tobacco cessation program; amends various sections of KRS 438.305 to 438.350 to remove any reference to safe harbor certification; requires each citation for selling unauthorized vapor products to be specific to the premises of the retail establishment where the violation occurred; prohibits a wholesaler from providing vapor products to an unlicensed retailer; amends fines for retailers that sell unauthorized vapor products; directs the Department for Public Health to administer a youth program that targets the dangers of vapor products; requires manufacturers to provide information necessary to establish the definition of "authorized nicotine vapor product" to a wholesaler or retailer distributing or selling the manufacturer's product; amends various statutes to conform; and repeals KRS 438.307; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2026; EMERGENCY.

**SB 103**

AN ACT relating to the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Amends KRS 151B.195 to require the executive director of the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation to establish a preference for in-state providers so long as the preference does not deny an individual a necessary service that may be available outside Kentucky, to promulgate administrative regulations to establish procedures and standards for service fee memoranda and fees for services, and to submit an annual report of the office's activities to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission that includes a complete operating and financial statement of the office.

MANDATED REPORT

**SB 104**

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Public Employees' Deferred Compensation Authority.

Amends KRS 18A.230 to define "self-directed brokerage account" (SDBA); amends KRS 18A.235 to authorize the board of trustees of the Kentucky Public Employees Deferred Compensation Authority (KY Deferred Comp) to purchase fiduciary liability insurance and reimburse its trustees, officers, and employees for legal expenses relating to performance of their duties; amends KRS 18A.245 to allow KY Deferred Comp to offer SDBAs to its participants, contract with SDBA vendors, and promulgate administrative regulations relating to SDBAs for its participants; requires the plans offered by KY Deferred Comp to conform to federal laws and regulations; amends KRS 18A.255 directing that KY Deferred Comp and its board of trustees are not liable for a participant's investment in a SDBA; establishes the fiduciary duties of the board of trustees; exempts the trustees from legal action for monetary damages unless the person bringing the action proves by clear and convincing evidence that a trustee's breach or failure to perform the trustee's fiduciary duty is a willful, wanton, or reckless act; amends KRS 18A.260 to require assets held by KY Deferred Comp to be invested consistent with its statutory authority; and limits investments in a SDBA to securities registered with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

## **SB 120**

AN ACT relating to education.

Amends KRS 156.070 to require child dependency, neglect, and abuse information to be included in any interscholastic athletics participation consent form; requires any training for interscholastic athletics administrators and coaches to include information about mandatory reporting duties for child dependency, neglect, and abuse; prohibits pupils in grades seven and eight from participating in high school varsity lacrosse for boys and coed teams; amends KRS 158.195 to require each public school with students in grades 6 through 12 to display a printed abstract of certain child labor laws, including limited and prohibited occupations and work hour restrictions for minors; and requires the information to be posted on the school's website.

## **SB 129**

AN ACT relating to property.

Amends KRS 99.727 to define terms; allows diverted tax delinquency purchasers to purchase certificates of delinquency related to vacant and abandoned property included in a tax delinquency diversion program; establishes requirements for a county attorney related to the sale of the certificates of delinquency and for a third-party purchaser registering as a diverted tax delinquency purchaser; requires a county clerk to conduct a sale of a certificate of delinquency if conditions are met; requires the Department of Revenue to maintain a list of applicants issued a certificate of registration and promulgate administrative regulations for the purchase and sale of certificates of delinquency; amends KRS 134.128 to conform; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 100 to define terms; in counties containing consolidated local governments, requires certain development projects in zones that have traditionally been reserved for single-family homes to be treated as amendments to a zoning map and to meet the procedural requirements for approval set out in KRS Chapter 100; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 383 to define terms; in counties containing a consolidated local government property, prohibits owners from leasing accessory dwelling units or multi-family housing units in zones that have traditionally been reserved for single-family homes unless the property owner resides on the lot; amends KRS 154.30-050 and 154.30-060 to exempt from certain reports and certifications those projects that have a residential use that comprises at least 50 percent of the total finished square footage of the project; amends KRS 65.111 to prohibit collection of an emergency response fee from a landlord if the response was not the result of the landlord's failure to maintain the building; amends KRS 67C.147 to exclude the central business district from the requirements related to the urban services districts differential tax; and creates a new section of KRS 100.401 to 100.419 to prohibit a planning commission from waiving or amending binding elements without the approval of the legislative body.

## **SB 130**

AN ACT relating to gift cards.

Amends KRS 434.560 to define terms; creates a new section of KRS 434.550 to 434.730 to create the offense of tampering with a gift card; and amends KRS 434.580 and 434.650 to prohibit theft, receipt, and fraudulent use of a gift card.

**SB 133**

AN ACT relating to sanctioning bodies for boxing and wrestling exhibitions.

Amends KRS 229.011 to redefine "exhibition"; and amends KRS 229.045 to require sanctioning bodies to provide notice to the Boxing and Wrestling Commission of all combat sports exhibitions not covered under KRS Chapter 229.

**SB 136**

AN ACT relating to transportation and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 186A.035 to outline procedures and forms for transfers of vehicles held in joint ownership; amends KRS 186A.115 to allow a person presenting a vehicle for inspection to present a current operator's license from Kentucky or another state; amends KRS 186A.120 to require county clerks to ensure that all applications and the supporting documents for a first certificate of registration or title and plate are complete; requires county clerks to process and send applications to the cabinet within three days of receipt; amends KRS 186A.060 to require that vehicles owned by businesses registered by the Kentucky Secretary of State's office are registered using a Federal Employer Identification Number; requires that applicants for vehicle registration provide a Kentucky operator's license or Social Security number; provides that if the owner of a vehicle operating principally in Kentucky lives out-of-state, the vehicle shall be registered using the owner's Social Security number and operator's license; amends KRS 186A.170 to require the Department of Vehicle Regulation title examiners to verify that application forms and supporting documents are complete; sets forth the process if there is a discrepancy; requires title examiners place approval in KAVIS after the applicant has passed the required examinations; amends KRS 186A.190 to allow for electronic submission of liens, security interests, and satisfactions and establish procedures; allows the use of electronic signatures; requires the Transportation Cabinet to remove a lien from the certificate of title in AVIS if the lien expires and is not renewed; amends KRS 186A.195 to allow the use of electronic signatures on title lien statements; amends KRS 186A.145 to exempt from the prohibition against transferring a vehicle in cases involving delinquent ad valorem taxes transfers between individuals when the delinquent taxes are owed by a previous owner not party to the transaction; amends KRS 186A.100 to require the use of temporary motor vehicle tags on vehicles sold in Kentucky that are being transported to another state for registration; allows county clerks to keep an electronic record of temporary tags; amends KRS 186A.017 to set time frames for county clerk processing of title applications filed through the electronic system; amends KRS 186A.220 to allow motor vehicle dealers to dealer assign all-terrain vehicles; creates a new section of Subtitle 20 of KRS Chapter 304 to permit an insurer to use any nationally accepted used car guide available to the insurer when determining the retail value of wrecked, destroyed, or damaged vehicles until required administrative regulations are effective; requires the commissioner to promulgate emergency and ordinary administrative regulations by June 1, 2025, that identify the nationally accredited used car valuation guide or tools that are to be used by insurers; amends KRS 235.130 to allow a county clerk to accept an affidavit of ownership to process the application of a boat title; amends KRS 186.403 to allow persons who meet the requirements of the REAL ID ACT of 2005, as amended, and has been admitted to the United States as a nonimmigrant pursuant to a compact of free association between the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, or the Federated States of Micronesia to obtain a voluntary travel ID or a standard instruction permit, operator's license, or personal identification card; amends KRS 186.412, 186.4121, 186.4122, 186.4123, and 186.4125 to conform and to set forth documentation requirements; amends KRS 186.456 to provide that the

Kentucky State Police pilot testing program may provide operator's license skills testing at least one day per month in up to 10 counties without permanent, full-time, driver licensing testing; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 186A to require lienholders, by July 1, 2026, to use the electronic title application and registration system to process lien documents, with specified exceptions; and amends various statutes to conform; repeals KRS 186A.165; EFFECTIVE, in part, July 1, 2025; EMERGENCY, in part.

**SB 145**

AN ACT relating to retail installment contracts.

Amends KRS 190.100 to authorize holders of retail installment contracts that utilize installment periods that are under 28 days to have a shorter waiting period prior to charging a delinquency and collection fee; and amends KRS 371.270 to increase the flat rate penalty for delinquency to \$15 and eliminate further requirements.

**SB 162**

AN ACT relating to unemployment insurance.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 341 to require the Education and Labor Cabinet to refer suspected unemployment insurance fraud cases to the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet, the county attorney or the Commonwealth's attorney, and, if applicable, the United States Department of Justice, within 30 days of the suspected fraud determination; and requires a legal disposition finding the employee or contractor guilty under the evidentiary standard and burden of proof pursuant to KRS 500.070 to terminate employment.

**SB 169**

AN ACT relating to administrative subpoenas.

Amends KRS 500.120 to include social networking companies, mobile payment services, and cloud storage services as account holders subject to an administrative subpoena under various criminal statutes.

**SB 176**

AN ACT relating to the Legislative Research Commission and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 6.905, 7.200, 7A.110, 7A.185, 7A.220, 13A.020, 15A.063, 45.790, 45A.705, 158.647, and 248.723 to require legislative members of statutory committees to be appointed in January of each odd-numbered year; requires vacancies to be filled within 30 days; requires the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to appoint co-chairs; amends KRS 7A.180 to rename the Investments in Information Technology Improvement and Modernization Projects Oversight Board to the Information Technology Oversight Committee; defines "application," "cybersecurity system," and "legacy system"; and amends KRS 7A.190 to require state agencies to report on information technology systems or applications not later than July 15, 2025, and again not later than April 15, 2027, and biennially thereafter; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2027; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

**SB 178**

AN ACT relating to the Education and Labor Cabinet reorganization.

Amends KRS 151B.015 to establish the Department for Disability Determination Services and its divisions in the Education and Labor Cabinet; establishes the Division of Program Policy and Support within the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation; establishes the Office of Industry and Apprenticeship Services, which shall include the Division of Apprenticeship and the Division of Workforce Talent; and amends various statutes to conform; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2025.

**SB 179**

AN ACT relating to nuclear energy development, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to establish the Nuclear Energy Development Grant Program to be administered by the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority; establishes the nuclear energy development grant administration subcommittee and provide for its duties; limits individual grant awards from the Nuclear Energy Development Grant Program to \$2,000,000 per grant; amends KRS 164.2802 to require the director of the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority to publicize and encourage application to the Nuclear Energy Development Grant Program; requires the evaluations and scores of grant applications and grant awards made from the program to be included in the annual report that the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority submits to the Legislative Research Commission; amends 2024 Kentucky Acts ch. 173, sec. 1(207), at page 1766, to allow \$8,000,000 of the amount appropriated to the University of Kentucky budget unit for the Center of Applied Energy Research's administration and support of the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Authority and the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission for fiscal year 2025-2026 to be used for the Nuclear Energy Development Grant Program and requires that \$2,000,000 be used for a Laser and Photonics Technology Program at the Pigman College of Engineering in Paducah, Kentucky; and repeals KRS 154.12-340; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

**SB 181**

AN ACT relating to children.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 160 to define terms; directs each local board of education to designate one or more programs or applications as a traceable communication system that shall be the exclusive means for school district employees and volunteers to communicate electronically with students; requires each principal to provide parents written or electronic notification within the first 10 days of the school year of each electronic school notification and communication program designated within the traceable communication system; provides that a parent may submit written consent for a designated school district employee or volunteer to communicate electronically with a student outside of the traceable communication system; excludes communications between a school district employee or volunteer and a family member that is a student; establishes a mandatory duty to report violations for school employees and volunteers; requires principals, superintendents, and the commissioner of education to notify parents of allegations of unauthorized electronic communication involving their children; requires principals, superintendents, and the commissioner of education to report alleged violations to the Educational Professional Standards Board (EPSB); requires principals, superintendents, the commissioner of education, and EPSB to investigate designated allegations of unauthorized electronic communication; establishes the methods of disciplinary action for a violation; amends



KRS 161.120 to provide that the identity of complainants alleging unauthorized electronic communication, sexual contact, or other sexual misconduct and minors involved in the complaint shall remain confidential; provides that EPSB will have 120 days to conduct the initial review of complaints alleging unauthorized electronic communication, sexual contact, or other sexual misconduct; amends KRS 158.1415 to exclude age-appropriate child sexual abuse instruction from the prohibition of human sexuality instruction for students in the fifth grade or lower; amends KRS 620.040 to establish a timeline to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to physically locate a child who has been reported to be at risk of harm or an immediate safety concern; amends KRS 605.120 to require that the report by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services that tracks and analyzes data on relative and fictive kin caregiver placement be conducted annually and posted to the cabinet website for public access; and amends various statutes to conform.

### **SB 183**

AN ACT relating to the fiduciary duties owed to the state-administered retirement systems.

Amends KRS 21.450, 61.650, 78.790, and 161.430, relating to the fiduciary duties owed to the state-administered retirement systems, to define "shareholder-sponsored proposal," "economic analysis," and "proxy adviser"; requires a proxy adviser under contract with a state-administered retirement system to conduct and document an economic analysis prior to voting on or recommending a vote on a shareholder-sponsored proposal that is inconsistent with the recommendation of the board of directors of the issuer of shares in order to demonstrate that a vote against management's recommendation is solely in the interest of the retirement plan members and beneficiaries; and makes technical corrections.

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### **SB 190**

AN ACT relating to charitable gaming.

Amends KRS 238.540 to allow a charitable gaming volunteer to serve at up to six charitable gaming events or sessions per week; and amends KRS 238.545 to allow a licensed charitable organization to conduct up to three bingo sessions per week of up to 15 total hours per week; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2025.

### **SB 201**

AN ACT relating to workers' compensation.

Amends KRS 342.0011 to modify the definition of "physician" to include audiologists holding a doctorate in audiology; amends KRS 342.213 to require the commissioner of the Department of Workers' Claims to certify to the Workers' Compensation Nominating Committee that filling an administrative law judge position is necessary 150 days prior to the expiration of the term; provides that the nominating committee may recommend the retention of a Workers' Compensation Board member and that each newly appointed member of the board shall not assume office until 30 days after confirmation; amends KRS 342.215 to provide that any board member appointed to fill an unexpired term shall assume office immediately for the remainder of the term; amends KRS 342.230 to provide that a newly appointed administrative law judge shall not assume his or her office until June 1 following Senate confirmation and that any newly appointed administrative law judge appointed to fill any unexpired term shall immediately assume the office for the remainder of the term; and amends KRS 342.315 to add the University of

Pikeville as a medical school for the commissioner to contract with for workers' compensation medical evaluations.

**SB 202**

AN ACT relating to regulated beverages and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 241.010 to define "cannabinoid" and "cannabis-infused beverage"; limits cannabis-infused beverages to five milligrams of intoxicating adult-use cannabinoids per 12 ounce serving; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 243 to grant the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control authority over the distribution and retail sale of cannabis-infused beverages; directs the department to adopt and exclusively enforce the Department for Public Health's administrative regulations relating to cannabis-infused beverages; requires the department to promulgate its own administrative regulations on or before July 1, 2026; limits retail sales to package sales in wet territory; enforces age restrictions identical for those for alcoholic beverages; allows manufacturers to self-distribute and direct ship cannabis-infused beverages; requires both a cannabis-infused beverage retail package license and a quota retail package license to sell cannabis-infused beverages at retail; makes a cannabis-infused beverage distributor license either a primary or a supplemental license; amends KRS 243.027 and 243.028 to allow shipment of cannabis-infused beverages with a direct shipper's license; amends KRS 243.030 to charge cannabis-infused beverage licensing fees; amends KRS 243.110 to make cannabis-infused beverage retail package licenses compatible with only a quota retail package license; declares that cannabis-infused beverage distributor licenses are compatible with distributor's or wholesaler's licenses; amends KRS 217.039 to establish that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services regulates and licenses cannabis-infused beverage manufacturers; confirms that the Department for Alcoholic Beverage Control regulates cannabis-infused beverage retailers and distributors; directs the University of Kentucky Cannabis Center to report on its work relating to cannabis products to the Legislative Research Commission by January 31, 2026; requires the department to report on cannabis beverages by November 1, 2026; allows wholesalers, distributors, or retailers to sell any inventoried cannabis beverage products exceeding the authorized limits until June 1, 2025; allows licensees to sell cannabis-infused beverages at fairs, festivals, and other similar types of events in wet territory in the same manner as a distiller until January 1, 2026; and amends various statutes to conform; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

**SB 207**

AN ACT relating to education.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to establish a procedure for a local board of education to submit a waiver request to the Kentucky Board of Education to waive a statute or administrative regulation; sets the terms and limitations of a waivers; authorizes the identification of schools of innovation and establishes parameters for the status; establishes procedures for the renewal of approved waivers; provides the conditions and procedure for rescinding waivers by the state board; requires the promulgation of administrative regulations to adopt necessary forms and procedures to process waiver requests; creates a new section of KRS 156.395 to 156.476 to direct KDE to create an instructional materials depository and outline requirements; requires school districts to adopt and use high quality instructional materials and programs from the state-approved list; amends KRS 156.395 to define terms; amends KRS 156.405 to establish the State Quality Curriculum Task Force; sets membership and responsibilities of task force and instructional

materials reviewers; amends KRS 156.433 to permit the chief state school officer to purchase instructional materials for distribution to public school students; amends KRS 158.6453 to require the Education Professional Standards Board to require teacher preparation programs to align curriculum with state's academic content standards; amends various statutes and repeals various statutes to conform; and provides that the Sections 1 to 10 of this Act may be cited as the School Innovation Act; EFFECTIVE, in part, July 1, 2026.

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### **SB 237**

AN ACT relating to public safety.

Amends KRS 15.382, relating to peace officer professional standards certification, to provide that a person who has previously been employed as a peace officer in another state and who meets certain criteria, shall not be required to pass a physical agility test; amends KRS 15.530 to define terms; amends KRS 15.552 to remove hiring date restriction and allow a fully trained part-time telecommunicator credit toward the full-time training academy if conditions are met; amends KRS 15.560 to require all part-time telecommunicators to complete telecommunicator overview training within 12 months of the hire date; amends KRS 164.952 to remove the limitation on the number of retired police officers a public postsecondary education institution may employ without paying into the retirement system; and makes technical corrections; EFFECTIVE, in part, July 1, 2026.

### **SB 244**

AN ACT relating to the operations of the Department of Law.

Amends KRS 15.010 to establish the Department of Child Support Services and the Office of Data Privacy in the Department of Law; amends KRS 15.111 to conform to existing law and recognize that the Office of Administrative Hearings is created under the Department of Law; amends KRS 15.802, 44.030, 156.060, 186.570, 237.110, 248.664, and 403.135 and various sections of KRS Chapters 405, 406, and 407 to conform with the transfer of the child support enforcement programs to the Department of Child Support Services in the Department of Law; and amends various sections of KRS Chapters 199, 205, 211, 216, and 216B to conform with the duties assigned to the Office of Administrative Hearings in the Department of Law; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2025.

### **SB 245**

AN ACT relating to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 150.022 to require that a Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission member whose reappointment confirmation is declined by the Senate shall vacate his or her seat upon the date of sine die adjournment of the session in which the confirmation was declined; EMERGENCY.

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## **Senate Concurrent Resolutions**

### **SCR 43**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION expressing Kentucky's support for the Crisis Recovery Support Network coordinated by the Southern Regional Education Board, expressing support for Kentucky's participation in the network, and recognizing the network as a trusted support for Kentucky schools, districts, and postsecondary institutions to know they may call upon if the need arises.

Expresses support for the Southern Regional Education Board's Crisis Recovery Support Network.

## **Senate Joint Resolutions**

### **SJR 26**

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Department for Medicaid Services to provide the Legislative Research Commission with a report regarding pharmacy payment parity.

Directs the Department for Medicaid Services to provide the Legislative Research Commission with a report regarding pharmacist payment parity; and requires the report to be submitted by August 1, 2025.

MANDATED REPORT

### **SJR 55**

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing Kentucky's public postsecondary institutions to combat antisemitism.

Directs the governing board of public postsecondary education institutions to adopt policies to combat antisemitism; requires implementation until June 30, 2028; establishes the requirements for the policies; requires each institution to report data collected through policies to the Council on Postsecondary Education; and requires the Council on Postsecondary Education to compile and report data to the Legislative Research Commission.

MANDATED REPORT

## House Bills

### HB 1

AN ACT relating to the individual income tax rate.

Reduces the individual income tax rate from four percent to 3.5 percent for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026.

### HB 2

AN ACT relating to the taxation of currency and bullion currency and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 139 to create a violation when an official notice published by the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet or the commissioner of the Department of Revenue instructs that taxpayers should continue to collect and remit sales and use tax on currency or bullion currency; allows the taxpayer to file an action for refund in Circuit Court; entitles a prevailing taxpayer to interest, injunctive relief, attorney's fees and costs, and liquidated damages of \$1,000 for each day that the violation occurred; specifies the intent of the General Assembly to waive sovereign, governmental, and qualified immunity; provides for personal and joint and several liability; and makes claims for tax refunds RETROACTIVE to August 1, 2024; EMERGENCY.

### HB 4

AN ACT relating to initiatives regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 164 to define terms; prohibits a public postsecondary education institution from providing differential treatment or benefits on the basis of an individual's religion, race, sex, color, or national origin; from influencing the composition of the student body or scholarship recipients on the basis of religion, race, sex, color, or national origin; from implementing a student housing assignment plan on the basis of religion, race, color, or national origin with designated exceptions; from expending any resources on diversity, equity, and inclusion, the promotion of discriminatory topics, or bias incident investigations; from soliciting statements on an applicant's experience with or views on religion, race, sex, color, or national origin; or from requiring a course or training of which the primary purpose is to indoctrinate participants with a discriminatory concept; directs the Auditor of Public Accounts to conduct a compliance audit to determine whether an institution spent money in violation of this Act at least once every four years and set forth the procedure to cure or appeal a violation; prohibits a public postsecondary education institution from requiring any individual to endorse or condemn a specific ideology or viewpoint; prohibits the Council on Postsecondary Education from providing differential treatment or benefits on the basis of an individual's religion, race, sex, color, or national origin or from expending any resources on diversity, equity, and inclusion or discriminatory topics; establishes exclusions for legal compliance; requires each governing board of a public postsecondary education institution to ensure compliance with specific sections of this Act no later than June 30, 2025; authorizes the Attorney General to bring an action for a writ of mandamus to compel the council or a public postsecondary education institution to comply; requires each public postsecondary education institution to submit and publish a certified annual report on diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives required by law to the Legislative Research Commission by October 1 each year; provides that a public postsecondary education institution or the council cannot claim a federal, state, judicial, contractual, or accreditation mandate as a defense to an

action filed by the Attorney General under this Act unless the initiative upon which the complaint is founded is listed and clearly and accurately described in the public institution's annual report filed in accordance with this Act; amends KRS 164.020 to prohibit the Council on Postsecondary Education from approving a degree, certificate, or diploma program that includes a requirement for a course or training of which the primary purpose is to indoctrinate participants with a discriminatory concept; directs the Council on Postsecondary Education to consider certain enumerated conditions when considering the elimination of an existing program; amends various statutes to conform; creates a new section of KRS 335B.020 to 335B.070 to prohibit a licensing authority from requiring a diversity, equity, and inclusion training as a prerequisite for an initial or renewal license or from using an applicant's or licensee's lack of diversity, equity, and inclusion training as a reason to discipline an applicant or licensee or deny, suspend, or revoke a license; declares any diversity, equity, and inclusion training requirement imposed prior to the effective date of the Act void; amends KRS 335B.010 to define terms; directs each public postsecondary education institution and the Council on Postsecondary Education to discontinue designated programs and follow designated procedures when implementing this Act; provides specific instructions for public postsecondary education institutions and the Council on Postsecondary Education to follow in implementing this Act; and directs public postsecondary education institutions and the council to submit a report on implementation of this Act.

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#### **HB 6**

AN ACT relating to administrative regulations and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 13A.010 to redefine "major economic impact"; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 13A to establish limitations on the authority of an administrative body to promulgate administrative regulations; and amends various statutes to conform; EMERGENCY; EFFECTIVE March 31, 2025.

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#### **HB 10**

AN ACT relating to the rights of real property owners.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 383 to allow a property owner or his or her authorized agent to request a law enforcement officer immediately remove a person unlawfully occupying real property under certain circumstances; provides criminal and civil immunity to law enforcement officers, property owners, and the authorized agents of property owners acting in good faith; creates a civil cause of action for wrongful removal; requires the Department of Kentucky State Police to create a form for the petition to remove unlawful occupants; amends KRS 512.010 to define "squatter"; and amends KRS 512.020 and 512.030, relating to the offense of criminal mischief, to specifically include damage to real property caused by a squatter.

#### **HB 15**

AN ACT relating to instruction permits and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 186.450 to allow persons who are at least 15 years of age to apply for a motor vehicle instruction permit; establishes that an instruction permit is valid for four years; amends KRS 186.452 to require a permit holder to attain the age of 16 before applying for an intermediate license; amends KRS 186.454 to require that the holder of an intermediate license attain the age

of 17 before applying for an operator's license; and amends KRS 186.410 and 159.051 to conform; EMERGENCY.

**HB 19**

AN ACT relating to privacy protection.

Amends KRS 500.130 to define terms; prohibits a person operating an unmanned aircraft system for recreational or professional use from conducting surveillance on private property and publishing unauthorized images; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to establish a civil cause of action; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 413 to establish a statute of limitations for the civil action.

**HB 24**

An ACT relating to conservation.

Amends KRS 65A.010 to add specificity to the definition of "special purpose governmental entity" to include soil and water conservation services; amends KRS 262.097 to conform; amends KRS 262.280 and 262.763 to exempt soil and water conservation districts and watershed conservancy districts, respectively, from the requirements set forth in KRS 65A.030 and increase the threshold for annual audits; and amends KRS 262.910 to allow the Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easement board to approve an application to erect structures, roads, and pathways on restricted land for the purpose of training federal agency personnel if conditions are met.

**HB 27**

AN ACT relating to planned communities.

Amends KRS 381.800, relating to political yard signs, to establish that the provisions apply to all planned communities and any provision to the contrary is void.

**HB 30**

AN ACT relating to public employee benefits.

Amends KRS 61.598 to exempt from the pension spiking provisions any increases in rates of pay authorized or funded by the legislative or administrative body of an employer or mandated in a collective bargaining agreement approved by the legislative body of the employer that are provided to members of the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, County Employees Retirement System, or State Police Retirement System; and amends KRS 16.198 to require the Kentucky State Police to promulgate administrative regulations to establish vacation, bereavement, and sick leave for Trooper R Class and commercial vehicle enforcement R Class employees at the same rate as that of an officer with less than five years of service.

**HB 38**

AN ACT relating to orders of protection.

Amends KRS 403.763 and 456.180 to establish that a third or subsequent violation of an order of protection issued under KRS 403.763(4)(a), 456.180(4)(a), 508.155, or 510.037 shall be a Class D felony if it involves the use or attempted use of physical force or threat of physical harm; and amends KRS 403.735 and 456.050 relating to a continuance of an emergency protective order to allow the petitioner to be excused from future court appearances until the respondent has been served.

**HB 45**

AN ACT relating to campaign finance.

Amends KRS 121.015, relating to campaign finance, to define terms; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 121 to establish reporting and record retention requirements for political issues committees and persons making independent expenditures; prohibits political issues committees from knowingly and willfully soliciting or accepting contributions from prohibited sources; establishes certification requirements for treasurers of political issues committees and donors making contributions and independent expenditures; defines activity that creates a presumption of a violation; prohibits foreign nationals from making a donation, contribution, or expenditure, soliciting another person to make a donation, contribution, or expenditure, or participating in another person's decision to influence a ballot measure; establishes a cause of action for accepting or soliciting contributions from prohibited sources and failing to certify, report, or retain records; establishes a right of privacy in donations to tax-exempt organizations; establishes a penalty for a state or local governmental entity, court, or officer of the court that violates the right of privacy; amends KRS 121.175 to include fundraisers in the definition of "allowable campaign expenditures"; allows members of the General Assembly to use campaign funds to contribute directly to another candidate, slate of candidates, political party, or caucus campaign committee until his or her campaign funds have been exhausted and the account has been closed, provided contribution limits are not exceeded; amends KRS 121.180 to provide that nothing in the subsection prohibits a candidate or slate of candidates from contributing campaign funds directly to another candidate or slates of candidates for state or federal office ; amends KRS 121.190 to subject other types of general public political advertising to "paid for" disclosure requirements; and requires a "paid for by" disclosure for advertisements advocating or opposing a ballot measure.

**HB 48**

AN ACT relating to education.

Amends KRS 156.557 to increase the time period between mandatory summative evaluations for tenured certified school staff from once every three years to once every five years; provides that additional summative evaluations may be performed at the discretion of the individual's immediate supervisor but shall not be imposed as a uniform requirement across the system; amends KRS 158.060 to provide teachers access to their employment contract upon request; amends KRS 156.095 to require the Department of Education to create, and for local school districts to implement, a four year recurring professional development training schedule that includes all required professional development trainings; provides that all certified school employees shall complete designated trainings within 12 months of initial hire and at least once every four years thereafter; consolidates state-required certified school personnel trainings; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 158 to relocate language currently contained in KRS 158.060 related to the display of designated hotline information and the publication of and school lessons on evidence-based suicide prevention awareness information; amends KRS 158.070 to remove language regarding professional development trainings consolidated elsewhere; amends KRS 161.031 to remove the mandate for an induction program for new teachers; requires a report identifying school districts that do not implement an induction program for new teachers; requires the Department of Education to conduct a review of the reporting requirements imposed upon public schools and public school districts; amends KRS 156.070 to prohibit the Kentucky Board of Education from adopting any new reporting requirement not expressly authorized by federal law or state statute; requires the department to submit to the appropriate Interim Joint Committee



on Education, a report recommending reporting requirements to be incorporated into statute during the 2026 Regular Session; requires the Department of Education to submit two reports to the Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee on continuous school and district improvement plans and on the Cognia software used for school and district planning, including to establish the minimum contents of the reports by August 1, 2025, and October 1, 2025, respectively; requires that any submission request contained in that software not expressly linked to a requirement imposed by federal law or state statute be discontinued unless extended by an act of the General Assembly during the 2026 Regular Session; delays the effective date of the termination of any reporting requirement not expressly required by federal law or state statute until after the 2026 Regular Session; and provides that the Act may be cited as the Red Tape Reduction Act.

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#### **HB 54**

AN ACT relating to building trade professions.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 198B to allow on-the-job training equivalencies of internship and cooperative placement hours to count toward those hours needed to obtain licensure; requires on-the-job training equivalencies to be directly related; and requires the department to utilize current regulations governing licensure attainment to determine eligibility and applicability.

#### **HB 72**

AN ACT relating to limited X-ray machine operators.

Amends KRS 311B.020 to redefine "limited X-ray machine operator" and "medical imaging technologist"; and allows a limited X-ray machine operator to only perform limited diagnostic radiography.

#### **HB 73**

AN ACT relating to employers of the Teachers' Retirement System.

Amends KRS 161.220 to add WeLeadCS, a virtual computer science career academy for Kentucky high school students, to the list of participating employers of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS); and amends KRS 161.400 to require the TRS consulting actuary to provide a breakdown of actuarial liabilities by each participating employer in the annual actuarial valuation.

#### **HB 90**

AN ACT relating to maternal health and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 216B to define "freestanding birthing center"; requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to promulgate administrative regulations to establish licensure standards for freestanding birthing centers; establishes criteria for a medical director; establishes requirements for obtaining written informed consent; requires a written patient transfer agreement with a hospital that provides obstetric services and with an emergency medical transportation service; exempts a center with no more than four beds from certificate-of-need requirements for establishing and licensing a freestanding birthing center; states intent not to limit or expand liability of a center or health care provider or facility; requires medical malpractice insurance for freestanding birthing centers; prohibits abortions in freestanding birthing centers; amends KRS 216B.015 to include freestanding birthing centers in the definition of "health facility"; amends various statutes to conform; requires the cabinet to promulgate updated

administrative regulations by December 1, 2025; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 216 to require all hospitals offering obstetric services and freestanding birthing centers to offer, to provide, or to make referrals for perinatal palliative care; amends KRS 311.720 to define terms; amends KRS 311.723 to establish medical procedures not constituting an abortion; amends KRS 311.772 to conform; provides that certain sections of the Act may be cited as the Mary Carol Akers Birth Centers Act; and provides that certain sections of the Act may be cited as the Love Them Both Act of 2025; EMERGENCY.

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#### **HB 114**

AN ACT relating to landowner liability for recreational use permission.

Amends KRS 150.645, relating to landowner liability, to provide that an owner, lessee, or occupant of premises who gives permission to another person to rock climb, boulder, or rappel on the premises shall not be liable for any injury to any person or property caused by the negligent acts of any person to whom permission is granted except for willful and malicious failure on behalf of the owner, lessee, or occupant; and amends KRS 411.190 to modify the definitions of “land” and “recreational purpose.”

#### **HB 131**

AN ACT relating to firefighters' work schedules.

Amends KRS 95.500 to allow, absent a collective bargaining agreement, specified fire personnel to have schedules consisting of 48 hours on duty followed by 96 hours of off duty time and schedules of on duty for 24 hours, off duty for 72 hours, on duty again for 48 hours, and then off duty again for 72 hours; specifies that collective bargaining agreements maintained by a city or urban-county government may control work hours in lieu of the specified schedules; stipulates that any change in a work schedule made pursuant to this subsection shall not result in a decrease in the compensation of firefighters, exclusive of unscheduled overtime; and makes technical corrections.

#### **HB 132**

AN ACT relating to home and hospital instruction.

Amends KRS 158.033 to allow a student admitted to an inpatient facility to receive home and hospital instruction effective on the day of admittance.

#### **HB 136**

AN ACT relating to corrections.

Amends KRS 439.3103 to require the Department of Corrections to include in its report certain data on time served by incarcerated individuals and on individuals released from the department's custody on supervision; authorizes the Department of Corrections to promulgate administrative regulations; and requires the Department of Corrections to procure a new inmate communications contract by January 1, 2026; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2026.

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**HB 137**

AN ACT relating to air quality monitoring.

Amends KRS 77.155 and 224.20-110 to require that for purposes of enforcing compliance with the requirements established by an air pollution control board, the Energy and Environment Cabinet, or the federal Clean Air Act, either the most current data collection methods approved or promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or a method or test that produces defensible, quality-assured data that is accepted by the EPA be used; provides that data collected using a method that does not meet those requirements shall not be admissible or considered in an enforcement proceeding initiated by the air pollution control board, an air pollution control officer, the cabinet, or a private citizen; and amends KRS 77.160 to conform.

**HB 152**

AN ACT relating to a Medicaid supplemental payment program for public ground ambulance providers.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to require the Department for Medicaid Services to submit a Medicaid preprint to establish a supplemental payment program for public ground ambulance providers.

**HB 157**

AN ACT relating to special license plates.

Amends KRS 186.162, relating to special license plates, to establish a friends of Kentucky agriculture special license plate, for which a portion of the initial and renewal fee is dedicated to the agricultural program trust fund established under KRS 246.247; and amends KRS 186.166 to require perpetual production of the plate.

**HB 160**

AN ACT relating to manufactured housing.

Amends KRS 100.348 to include additional language regarding legislative purpose of the statute; redefines “qualified manufactured home” to remove date of manufacture but require that the manufactured home must be installed within five years of it being built and have all parts related to transport removed; requires compliance with KRS 227.570; prohibits a local government from adopting or enforcing zoning regulations that treat manufactured homes differently from single-family homes; allows only regulation of certain architectural features of manufactured homes and requires that those same standards be applied to single family homes; allows a local government to permit the placement of a manufactured home with smaller dimensions if a larger manufactured home could not be situated on the lot; and allows cities located in a county containing a consolidated local government that cannot enact zoning regulations to enact their own compatibility standards; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2026.

**HB 164**

AN ACT relating to adoption.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 199 to authorize posthumous adoption; establishes requirements and procedures for the adoption proceeding; prohibits the receipt of any inheritance or other financial benefit due to the establishment of the legal relationship with the adopted child; and provides that the Act may be cited as Braylon's Law.

**HB 184**

AN ACT relating to insurance.

Amends KRS 304.3-705 to extend the insurance regulatory sandbox program until December 31, 2030; amends KRS 304.3-735 to extend the commissioner's reporting requirement; creates a new section of Subtitle 33 of KRS Chapter 304 to define terms; establishes rights and requirements relating to netting agreements and qualified financial contracts in a delinquency proceeding against an insurer; and amends KRS 304.33-050, 304.33-170, 304.33-240, 304.33-260, 304.33-290, 304.33-300, 304.33-310, and 304.33-330 to conform.

**HB 188**

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle driveaway plates.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 281, relating to motor vehicle carriers, to establish a driveaway plate as a new type of license plate to be issued by county clerks and the Transportation Cabinet; specifies associated fees and restrictions; and amends KRS 281.631 to conform.

**HB 190**

AN ACT relating to advanced educational opportunities.

Amends KRS 158.6453 to define "advanced coursework"; requires each local board of education to develop a district plan for advanced coursework and accelerated learning; establishes minimum requirements for the plan; establishes permissive components of the plan; authorizes the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations related to the district plan; directs the Department of Education to establish recommendations; and amends KRS 160.348 to direct each school-based decision making council, or principal if none exists, to adopt designated policies relating to advanced coursework and accelerated learning.

**HB 191**

AN ACT relating to interment at state veterans' cemeteries.

Amends KRS 40.315 to expand interment eligibility in Kentucky state veterans' cemeteries to include eligible National Guard and Reserve service members and their families; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2026.

**HB 193**

AN ACT relating to dual credit scholarships.

Amends KRS 164.786 to require an "approved dual credit course" to be in the statewide general education core; provides that scholarships shall be awarded in order of application date; deletes the requirement for 50 percent return of funds upon unsuccessful course completion; revises the scholarship to include career and technical dual credit courses contained in KRS 164.787; and amends KRS 164.787 to require the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to report annually to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Education on the Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program and to make conforming changes.

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**HB 196**

AN ACT relating to coal mining.

Amends KRS 351.010 to define “emergency medical technician” and “mine emergency technician”; and amends KRS 351.127 to establish tiers for the number of emergency medical or mine emergency technicians required based on the number of miners working on the production shift.

**HB 201**

AN ACT relating to theft by failure to make required disposition of property.

Amends KRS 514.070, relating to theft by failure to make required disposition of property, to include the conduct of a person holding the property of another under a rental agreement longer than the period agreed upon and depriving the owner of its use for future rentals.

**HB 208**

AN ACT relating to technology in public schools.

Amends KRS 158.165 to require local boards of education to adopt a policy to, at a minimum, prohibit student use of a personal telecommunications device during instructional time with specific exceptions; excludes any device a student is authorized to use under specified federal laws from the definition of "personal telecommunications device"; amends KRS 156.675 to include social media in prohibited material to be made inaccessible through school technology; and provides the scope of social media to be prohibited.

**HB 210**

AN ACT relating to dental benefit plans.

Creates a new section of KRS 304.17C-130 to 304.17C-138 to establish requirements for insurers of dental benefit plans relating to assignment of benefits; requires providers to comply with assignment provisions; amends various statutes to conform; and directs that provisions apply to policies, plans, and contracts issued or renewed on or after the effective date of the Act; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2026.

**HB 216**

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 246 to allow employees of the Department of Agriculture, except those employed within the Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy, to participate in, apply for, or receive funds, awards, or contracts administered by the department's Kentucky Office of Agricultural Policy; and amends KRS 11A.040 to conform; RETROACTIVE; EMERGENCY.

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**HB 219**

AN ACT relating to sexual assault emergency response training.

Amends KRS 216B.400 to require hospitals that offer emergency services to develop and provide training for emergency department staff on sexual assault emergency response requirements, protocols, and resources; and amends KRS 314.011 and 403.707 to conform.

**HB 233**

AN ACT relating to the prevention of harmful practices associated with property and casualty insurance.

Amends KRS 367.620 to define terms; amends KRS 367.622 to establish the right to cancel a real estate goods or services contract within five business days after an insurer's notice of noncoverage; amends KRS 367.624 to establish notice requirements for real estate goods or services contracts; amends KRS 367.626 to establish cancellation and other requirements for real estate goods or services contracts; amends KRS 367.627 and 367.628 to establish penalties and requirements relating to real estate goods or services trade practices associated with property and casualty insurance; creates a new section of KRS 367.620 to 367.628 to provide a construction clause; amends KRS 371.160 and 371.425 to conform; and provides that the Act applies to contracts entered on or after the effective date of the Act.

**HB 234**

AN ACT relating to airport police.

Amends KRS 16.220, relating to firearms confiscated by the Department of Kentucky State Police and sold at public auction, to add airport safety and security departments to the list of agencies that are eligible to receive grant funds from the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security for purchasing body armor and other necessary equipment.

**HB 240**

AN ACT relating to primary school.

Amends KRS 158.305 to require kindergarten and first grade students to be given a universal screener within the final 14 instructional days of the school year; beginning with the 2025-2026 school year; allows a student to remain in kindergarten and requires a student to remain in first grade for an additional year if he or she did not meet grade level benchmarks in reading on the universal screener, did not master the reading academic standards, or is not properly prepared for the next grade, as determined by the school; limits placement authority of a student eligible for special education and related services to the admissions and release committee; provides that a student who previously remained an additional year in kindergarten cannot be required to remain an additional year in first grade; provides that a student can only be required to remain in first grade for one additional year; requires the school to reevaluate the reading improvement plan of any student remaining in kindergarten or first grade; and allows a student provided an additional year in kindergarten or first grade to advance through the primary program when it is determined to be in the student's best interest.

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**HB 241**

AN ACT relating to education and declaring an emergency.

Allows local school districts to make up days missed by adding instructional time to student attendance days notwithstanding the requirement for the student instructional year to have 170 student attendance days; allows the commissioner of education to grant up to five disaster relief student attendance days; allows the commissioner of education to waive up to five student attendance days if a school district adds time to the instructional day and is unable to provide the required 1,062 hours of instruction by June 4, 2025; requires a local board of education seeking to

revise its calendar to submit a plan for approval to the Department of Education; allows instructional time made up and days waived to count as employee contracted days; provides that districts that used 10 or fewer nontraditional instruction days and chose not to use any disaster relief student attendance days or waived days shall have the district's average daily attendance calculated by deducting five low attendance days in addition to the five days deducted under KRS 157.320(1); amends KRS 157.320 to define "virtual program"; amends KRS 157.360 to require that the maximum class size loads for middle and secondary classroom teachers in virtual programs is not to exceed 300 pupil hours per day; exempts virtual programs from the requirement for kindergarten aids to be provided for each 24 full-time equivalent kindergarten students; amends KRS 158.120 to establish a statewide nonresident pupil enrollment limitation for districts' virtual programs; requires each school district to report in the student information system the number of nonresident pupils enrolled in the district's virtual programs; requires the department to track nonresident student numbers; excludes siblings, dependents of a member of the Armed Forces, and pupils with an evidenced medical condition from the statewide nonresident cap; requires that no further nonresident pupil enrollments are to occur after June 30, 2028; amends 158.100 to allow a school district to establish a virtual program; requires a district operating a virtual program to adopt policies to address a student's failure to complete state-mandated assessments; and establishes limitations for virtual program enrollment in qualifying districts based on academic performance; EMERGENCY.

#### **HB 242**

AN ACT relating to child dependency, neglect, and abuse reports.

Amends KRS 620.050 to allow identified persons or entities to have access to confidential information related to child dependency, neglect, and abuse reports for the purpose of a bona fide research, quality improvement, or evaluation project; and establishes criteria.

#### **HB 251**

AN ACT relating to the evaluation of educator preparation programs.

Amends KRS 158.840 to require the Education Professional Standards Board, rather than the Council on Postsecondary Education, to ensure teacher education programs provide highly skilled teachers; and requires the board to report to the Legislative Research Commission every three years and regularly report program data to an external evaluator.

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#### **HB 261**

AN ACT relating to retired certified public accountants.

Amends KRS 325.290 to allow retired certified public accountants (CPAs) to offer certain uncompensated services to the public; requires retired CPAs who wish to offer limited services to complete a continuing professional education waiver based on retirement before practicing; and amends KRS 325.330 to conform.

#### **HB 262**

AN ACT relating to certified public accounting firms.

Amends KRS 325.380 to eliminate limitations on the naming rights of small certified public accounting firms upon the death or retirement of an owner.

**HB 263**

AN ACT relating to teacher scholarships.

Amends KRS 164.773, relating to the Student Teacher Stipend Program, to specify that an eligible student is a Kentucky resident as determined by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (authority) and is student teaching at a Kentucky public school or certified nonpublic school; requires the authority to disburse stipend funds to eligible students directly or through the participating institution; allows the authority to establish criteria for an eligible student who is student teaching outside of Kentucky but is otherwise eligible; amends KRS 164.769 to remove expected family income from the selection criteria for the teacher scholarship; and amends KRS 164.7889 to conform.

**HB 298**

AN ACT relating to schools identified for comprehensive support and improvement in schools.

Amends KRS 160.346 to require the Kentucky Department of Education to annually identify schools for comprehensive support and improvement (CSI); requires the audit of a CSI school to include an assessment and recommendation regarding the principal's capacity to lead the turnaround effort; removes the required use of a turnaround vendor by a CSI school; requires the superintendent and principal of a school identified for comprehensive support and improvement to collaborate with the Department of Education to create a turnaround training and support team; requires a local board of education to approve the turnaround team; requires the department to establish professional learning for teachers in a CSI school; and requires the superintendent of the district in which the CSI school is located to adopt evidence-based curriculum and select high-quality instructional materials for the school.

**HB 303**

AN ACT relating to military healthcare personnel.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to allow any college or university that is a part of the postsecondary education system as defined in KRS 164.001 or a private accredited college or university to develop academic career pathways and integrated academic bridge programs to prepare military healthcare personnel for licensure in various healthcare-related fields.

**HB 305**

AN ACT relating to health care.

Amends KRS 164.0401 to add physician assistant license, dietitian license, and nutritionist certificate to the definition of "eligible healthcare credential"; amends KRS 164.0403 to limit healthcare training scholarship awards to applicants enrolled in a state registered nursing aide training and competency evaluation program, and prohibit employment restrictions for recipients of those scholarships; amends KRS 216B.020 to delete sunset provisions for ambulance service exemptions from a certificate of need; amends KRS 311A.030 to prohibit time limits for an ambulance service to apply for licensure; permits the Board of Emergency Medical Services to require application progress reports by administrative regulation; and exempts an ambulance service issued a certificate of need on or after July 14, 2022, from obtaining a new certificate of need to apply for licensure.



### **HB 306**

AN ACT relating to the licensing of professional engineers.

Amends KRS 322.040 to allow an individual to qualify for licensure as a professional engineer if he or she has graduated from a fire protection engineering technology program of four years or more accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology; requires a fire protection engineering technology graduate to take 45 college semester credit hours on engineering science or engineering design to attain engineer licensure and six additional years of progressive experience in engineering or teaching; includes engineering instructors who teach at designated fire protection engineering technology programs; and instructs the board to promulgate administrative regulations to establish requirements for consideration of engineering topics.

### **HB 313**

AN ACT relating to dates of recognition.

Amends KRS 2.112 to designate June of each year as "Kentucky History Month" in Kentucky.

### **HB 315**

AN ACT relating to the acquisition of agricultural land.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 247 to define terms; prohibits a nonresident alien, foreign business, foreign agent, trustee, or fiduciary associated with the government of any proscribed country referenced in 22 C.F.R. sec. 126.1 from the purchase, lease, or acquisition of agricultural land in Kentucky or participation in programs administered by the Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Development Board, and Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation; allows any entity that has a national security agreement with the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States to purchase, lease, or acquire up to 350 acres for agricultural research or experimental purposes; allows a nonresident alien, foreign business, foreign agent, trustee, or fiduciary to own, purchase, hold, or develop agricultural land for nonagricultural use provided that the development is completed within five years of acquiring the land; allows an existing foreign-owned business to purchase adjacent agricultural land to expand the operations of the business; requires that a copy of the report required under the provisions of the Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act be filed with the Department of Agriculture; requires the Department of Agriculture to report evidence of noncompliance to the Office of the Attorney General; requires the Office of the Attorney General to investigate the evidence; allows the Office of the Attorney General to enforce provisions; requires that agricultural land found in violation be escheated to the state and be subject to judicial foreclosure; and sets requirements for disbursement of the proceeds of the sale.

### **HB 321**

AN ACT relating to planning and zoning.

Repeals, reenacts and amends KRS 147A.027 as a new section of KRS Chapter 100 to require the initial orientation training that planning commissioners and board of adjustment members take to occur between one year prior to appointment and one year following appointment and to include at least one hour of training on the impact of planning and zoning policies and procedures on housing supply and accessibility; requires planning professionals, zoning administrators, administrative officials, and each planning professional's deputies and assistants to

take at least one hour of the same initial orientation training relating to housing; requires all officials to report completion of orientation training within 30 days; requires planning commissioners, board of adjustment members and planning professionals, zoning administrators, administrative officials, and each planning professional's deputies and assistants to take one hour of continuing education each cycle relating to housing; requires all officials to report completion of continuing education training within 30 days; and amends KRS 100.347 to limit who is authorized to appeal a final action concerning planning and zoning to owners of real property within the zone where the property that is the subject of the final action is located.

**HB 342**

AN ACT relating to financial literacy.

Amends KRS 158.1411 to require one credit in financial literacy for students entering grade nine during or after the 2026-2027 school year; directs minimum topics to be covered in the course; directs that the financial literacy course be accepted as an elective course graduation requirement; requires local superintendents, in consultation with the local board of education, school-based decision council, and principal, to determine curricula for course offerings; allows local districts to consult with the Kentucky Financial Empowerment Commission; and requires the Department of Education to identify through the system for uniform academic course codes which courses meet the requirements for the financial literacy course.

**HB 346**

AN ACT relating to air quality programs and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 224.20-50 to define "emergency stationary internal combustion engine"; establishes a standard for assessment of emissions fees by the Energy and Environment Cabinet and air pollution control districts; retroactively applies emissions fees assessment requirements for emissions fees assessed in the calendar year 2023; requires the Energy and Environment Cabinet to refund any emissions fees paid for calendar year 2023 emissions in contravention of the same; and prohibits the Energy and Environment Cabinet from assessing or reassessing any new fees for calendar year 2023 emissions; RETROACTIVE, in part; EMERGENCY.

VETOED

VETO OVERRIDDEN

**HB 369**

AN ACT relating to police department members.

Amends KRS 95.495 to stipulate that the annual leave designated for police officers subject to the section may be accrued over a year's time as established in the personnel policy of the department.

**HB 390**

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle insurance.

Amends KRS 186A.040 to define terms; requires the Department of Vehicle Regulation to establish an accessible online insurance verification system; establishes requirements and timelines for making the system accessible and promulgating administrative regulations; establishes requirements and guidelines for the department and the system; establishes requirements for insurers to cooperate with the department and to submit insurance information relating to personal motor vehicles; provides option for insurers to submit insurance status

information for commercial motor vehicles; creates a technical advisory committee to make recommendations to department; establishes duties and other requirements for the committee; requires the department to submit certain drafts to the committee and to publish a final detailed guide; prohibits civil or administrative liability for insurers complying with information submission and access requirements; requires the department to make certain notifications and to revoke an owner's motor vehicle registration if proof of insurance is not indicated; establishes requirements for submitting proof of insurance to the department; amends confidentiality requirements for information obtained by the department; requires the Commonwealth Office of Technology and the Department of Insurance to provide support and assistance to the department; amends KRS 186.040 to apply a motor vehicle registration reinstatement fee to revocations by the department for failure to maintain insurance; directs the reinstatement fee for failure to maintain insurance into an agency fund for the accessible online insurance verification system; amends KRS 186.180 to provide that a revoked registration for failure to maintain insurance may be reinstated if the owner pays the reinstatement fee and submits proof of insurance; amends KRS 304.39-087 to provide for expiration of existing reporting system for personal motor vehicles; amends KRS 304.39-117 to require insurance cards for commercial motor vehicles to clearly indicate commercial or fleet coverage; amends various statutes to conform and make technical amendments; and establishes requirements for the Department of Insurance and the Department of Vehicle Regulation relating to technical advisory committee appointments and first meeting; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2027.

### **HB 391**

An ACT relating to honey.

Amends KRS 217.187 to increase the yearly yield of pure and unadulterated Kentucky honey sold from 150 gallons to 500 gallons before requiring a person to process the honey in a certified honey house or seek a permit from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

### **HB 398**

AN ACT relating to occupational safety and health.

Amends KRS 338.062 to prohibit the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board, the secretary, the secretary's designee, the commissioner, and the commissioner's authorized representative from adopting, promulgating, or enforcing any occupational safety and health administrative regulation that has not been promulgated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration or the United States Department of Labor, or that is more stringent than the corresponding federal provision; amends KRS 338.091 to allow the Franklin Circuit Court to award actual expenses against the Department of Workplace Standards; requires the Department of Workplace Standards to promulgate regulations that comply with the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. sec. 2412; provides that the commencement of a proceeding under this section operates as a stay of an order of the review commission; amends KRS 338.111 to make technical corrections; amends KRS 338.121 to require that the alleged violation date be included in the notice and the employee's representative be notified; creates time limits for filing a complaint and issuing a citation; amends KRS 338.141 to require that each citation include reference to the provision of the rule or regulation violated; requires a citation or notice for any de minimis violation be issued promptly after inspection; prohibits issuance of a citation or a notice of a de minimis violation more than six months after the violation; defines "de minimis violation"; prohibits a citation from being classified as a repeated violation when issued more than three

consecutive years from the final order date of the previous citation; requires the correction time period be tolled until conclusion of the action; and amends KRS 338.991 to prohibit any employer who receives a notice of de minimis violation from being assessed a civil penalty.

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VETO OVERRIDDEN

### **HB 399**

AN ACT relating to interference with a legislative proceeding.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 519 to define terms; creates the crime of interference with a legislative proceeding in the first degree; creates the crime of interference with a legislative proceeding in the second degree; provides that interference with a legislative proceeding in the first or second degree shall not be construed to prohibit assembly in traditional public forums; amends KRS 431.015 to allow a peace officer to make an arrest for a violation of interference with a legislative proceeding in the first or second degree; and requires a peace officer to remove violators from a legislative building when requested by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, President of the Senate, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, or the chair of a committee of the General Assembly.

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VETO OVERRIDDEN

### **HB 415**

AN ACT relating to the application of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304.

Creates a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to establish application of the subtitle to types of insurance, coverages, and benefits; and authorizes the insurance commissioner to exempt other types of similar or limited insurance, coverage, or benefits from the subtitle.

### **HB 421**

AN ACT relating to colorectal cancer screenings.

Amends KRS 304.17A-257 to require coverage for all colorectal cancer examinations and laboratory tests specified in the United States Multi-Society Task Force on Colorectal Cancer guidelines for certain covered persons; requires coverage for all United States Food and Drug Administration-approved bowel preparation prescribed in connection with a colorectal cancer examination or test; prohibits prior authorization requirements for colorectal cancer examinations and laboratory tests; provides an exemption from the cost sharing prohibition for Health Savings Account-qualified High Deductible Health Plans under certain circumstances; provides that the colorectal cancer examination and laboratory test coverage section applies to health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2026; establishes construction of certain provisions for purposes of federal law and requires state officials to comply; and requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or the Department for Medicaid Services to obtain federal approval, if necessary and comply with notice requirements; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2026.

### **HB 422**

AN ACT relating to administrative regulations.

Amends various sections of KRS Chapter 13A to establish administrative regulation filing, deferral, deficiency, and notification requirements; directs the Commonwealth Office of Technology to add any requesting agency to the centralized state government website to inform

the public about regulation filings; requires promulgating agencies to join the registration website; amends KRS 13A.030 to establish the procedures for the informational review of an administrative regulation by the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee or any other legislative committee; and amends KRS 13A.040 to conform.

#### **HB 424**

AN ACT relating to employment at public postsecondary education institutions.

Amends KRS 164.360, 164.230, and 164.830 to require that each board of regents of the six state comprehensive universities appoints a university president; permits a board to delegate appointment and removal of faculty to the college or university president; removes employment contract duration limits for employees of comprehensive universities and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System; permits removal of certain employees for failure to meet performance and productivity requirements regardless of status; requires faculty evaluations to be completed at least once every four years; and requires the board of each state university and the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to approve a performance and productivity evaluation process for presidents and all faculty members by January 1, 2026.

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VETO OVERRIDDEN

#### **HB 430**

AN ACT relating to school transportation and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 189.540 to require the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate and enforce administrative regulations to govern the operation of passenger vehicles leased or privately contracted by the district to transport students; authorizes the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations to require regular instruction of pupils in school bus safety; establishes an exemption from pupil instruction requirements with certain conditions for any school district that transports 48 or fewer pupils in the district's gross average daily attendance of transported pupils; requires an operator of a passenger vehicle that is owned, leased, or privately contracted by the district to transport students to possess a valid Class D operator's license; and amends KRS 156.153 to limit the inspection requirement for non-school bus passenger vehicles that are not for daily use to once every three months; EMERGENCY.

#### **HB 437**

AN ACT relating to alcoholic beverages.

Amends KRS 241.090, 241.110, 241.170, and 241.230 to require certain alcoholic beverage control administrators and investigators to be certified by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council in accordance with KRS 15.380 to 15.404 to have the power to make arrests; amends 244.290 to allow a licensee that is authorized to sell distilled spirits and wine by the drink at retail to sell distilled spirits and wine by the drink on Sundays; and amends KRS 244.480 to allow a licensee that is authorized to sell malt beverages by the drink at retail to sell malt beverages on Sundays.

#### **HB 441**

AN ACT relating to reemployment after retirement in the Teachers' Retirement System.

Amends KRS 161.605, relating to the Teachers' Retirement System, by removing language requiring superintendents to make every reasonable effort to hire other qualified applicants for

teaching and nonteaching positions before hiring a retiree; increases the percentage of retired members that an employer can employ full-time from three percent to 10 percent; increases the number of retired members that a local school district may employ under the critical shortage provision from one percent of total active members employed by the school district or two members to 10 percent or four members; removes Kentucky Virtual High School from the list of schools the Department of Education operates; removes the pension waiver program; requires the system to continue to provide health coverage and benefits to TRS retirees reemployed by an employer who does not participate in a state-administered retirement system except as required by the Medicare Secondary Payer Act; makes technical changes; amends KRS 156.106 to remove language requiring superintendents to make every reasonable effort to hire qualified applicants for critical shortage areas; and directs that current participants in the pension waiver program may continue to participate.

**HB 443**

AN ACT relating to the Hal Rogers Parkway.

Amends KRS 177.317 to direct the Transportation Cabinet to include Kentucky Route 80 in the counties of Perry, Knott, and Floyd as part of the Hal Rogers Parkway and to establish timelines for updating maps and signage.

**HB 444**

AN ACT relating to commercial driver's licenses.

Amends KRS 281A.170 to allow a holder of a CDL who is under the age of 21 to receive a hazardous materials endorsement to transport hazardous materials in intrastate commerce; and amends KRS 281A.185, relating to commercial driver's licenses, and establishes a reporting requirement for the court to the licensing agency when a conviction occurs to be recorded on the driver's record and to trigger any disqualifying action.

**HB 455**

AN ACT relating to elections.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 15 to establish the Unit of Election Investigations and Security within the Office of the Attorney General; establishes powers, duties, and procedures; and requires an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission.

MANDATED REPORT

**HB 462**

AN ACT relating to the correction of marriage documents.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 402 to allow a county clerk to correct a marriage application or marriage license upon receipt of an affidavit executed by both parties to the marriage; provides examples of errors and omissions that a clerk may correct; allows persons to obtain a corrected marriage license by court order if they choose; makes a person who intentionally submits a material false statement subject to the penalties in KRS 523.030; and amends KRS 209A.045 to permit any funds collected from amending marriage licenses to be remitted to the domestic violence shelter fund.

### **HB 473**

AN ACT relating to consumer data privacy.

Amends KRS 367.3613 to exempt information collected by a health care provider that maintains protected health information in accordance with HIPAA and information included in a limited data set as described in 45 C.F.R. sec. 164.514(e); and amends KRS 367.3621 to make a technical change to include a data protection impact assessment of processing of personal data for the purposes of profiling where the profiling presents a foreseeable risk of an unlawful disparate impact on consumers.

### **HB 493**

AN ACT relating to the towing and storage of motor vehicles.

Amends KRS 281.630 to establish a towing and storage facility certificate; requires applicants for a towing and storage facility certificate to file a rate sheet with the application and renewal for the certificate; amends KRS 281.631 to set an annual motor carrier license fee of \$10 for tow trucks not actively registered with the unified carrier registration; amends KRS 281.928 to require an entity requesting a vehicle in a storage facility to be held pending a civil or criminal investigation to notify the owner within five days of a hold being initiated and within two days of a hold being released; amends KRS 281.930 to set limits on charges for storage on vehicles held for civil or criminal investigation; allows an entity requesting a hold to approve an insurer to store a vehicle at the insurer's secure facility; requires vehicle to be released to the owner, insurer, or representative of the insurer if conditions are met; makes technical changes; amends KRS 281.926 to require towing companies and storage facilities to have one rate sheet that is applicable to all customers; establishes that any charge deemed excessive from a towing company or storage facility in relation to a property, casualty, or property and casualty insurance claim is a fraudulent insurance act; makes technical amendments; amends KRS 281.010 to define "towing and storage facility certificate"; and amends KRS 281.990 to set penalties for violations of KRS 281.920 to 281.936.

### **HB 495**

AN ACT relating to healthcare services and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to prohibit the expenditure of Medicaid funds on cross-sex hormones and gender reassignment surgery; establishes that Executive Order 2024-632 is of no force or effect as of the effective date of this Act; and establishes that any administrative regulation, executive order, or directive that is identical or substantially the same as Executive Order 2024-632 is of no force or effect as of the effective date of this Act through January 1, 2028; EMERGENCY, in part.

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VETO OVERRIDDEN

### **HB 501**

AN ACT relating to pharmaceutical drugs.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 315 that establishes requirements for pharmacists when dispensing prescriptions in the event of a practitioner's death; and amends RS 2025 HB 495/VO Section 1 to limit the prohibition on Medicaid expenditures for cross-sex hormones to instances of the cross-sex hormones being prescribed or administered primarily or solely for the treatment of gender dysphoria.

**HB 520**

AN ACT relating to law enforcement records.

Amends KRS 61.878, relating to open records, to require records of law enforcement agencies compiled in the process of detecting and investigating statutory or regulatory violations to be exempt from public inspection if the disclosure of information could pose an articulable risk of harm to the agency or its investigation by revealing the identity of informants or witnesses not otherwise known.

**HB 524**

AN ACT relating to the Commonwealth's property and casualty insurance fund and declaring an emergency.

Amends various sections of KRS Chapter 56 to rename the state fire and tornado insurance fund to the Commonwealth's property and casualty insurance fund; makes technical corrections; extends the reinsurance requirements for the Commonwealth's property and casualty insurance fund; and amends various statutes to conform; EMERGENCY.

**HB 537**

AN ACT relating to the opioid abatement trust fund.

Amends KRS 15.293 to include money received by order of a court in connection with any settlement, judgment, or bankruptcy against any entity or individual engaged in the manufacturing or distribution of opioids in the opioid abatement trust fund; removes expired citation references to specific defendants; requires the Attorney General to promulgate administrative regulations prescribing the mechanism for distribution of funds received under specified circumstances; and amends KRS 15.291 to conform.

**HB 544**

AN ACT relating to disaster relief, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 39A to establish the State Aid Funding for Emergencies 4860 (SAFE 4860 fund) to provide financial support for those directly impacted by severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, and landslides that occurred in Kentucky beginning on February 14, 2025, in counties named in a certain presidential declaration of a major disaster; requires reporting beginning May 15, 2025, by the Office of State Budget Director and Department of Education; reallocates certain appropriations; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

**HB 545**

AN ACT relating to authorizing the payment of certain claims against the state which have been duly audited and approved according to law and have not been paid because of the lapsing or insufficiency of former appropriations against which the claims were chargeable or the lack of an appropriate procurement document in place, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Appropriates funds for the payment of claims against the Commonwealth; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.



### **HB 546**

AN ACT relating to transportation, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 176 to define terms relating to Local Assistance Road Program funding; requires the Transportation Cabinet to establish procedures whereby cities and counties can submit projects for consideration in the Local Assistance Road Program; limits projects to those that are rehabilitative in nature and do not expand capacity or the design of the original road and limits state funding for any individual project to \$500,000; requires each highway district to assign a score to each project evaluating the project's impact on safety, congestion, asset management, cost, and priority level within each highway district; sets deadlines for local government submission of projects and cabinet submission of projects with evaluative scores; establishes a graduated local funding match requirement based on the county population ranking developed by the Cabinet for Economic Development under KRS 154.21-015; requires the cabinet to report quarterly to the Legislative Research Commission on the activity relating to projects awarded grants; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 177 to state legislative findings regarding the I-69 Ohio River Crossing Project; requires the Transportation Cabinet, by July 1, 2025, to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the state of Indiana to use tolling revenues to finance the I-69 Ohio River Crossing Project; and amends various sections of the 2024-26 Transportation Cabinet budget (2024 Kentucky Acts ch. 180) regarding the state supported construction program, grant anticipation revenue bonds, the county priority projects program, and funding for mega projects; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED IN PART

VETO OVERRIDDEN

### **HB 552**

AN ACT relating to economic development.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 7 to establish the Kentucky-Ireland Trade Commission of the General Assembly; establishes the commission's purpose, membership, responsibilities, and reporting requirements; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 45A, the model procurement code, to define terms; excludes the renewal or extension of a license agreement between the Finance and Administration Cabinet and a state marina operator from compliance with the model procurement code under KRS Chapter 45A; makes technical corrections; amends KRS Chapter 91A.360 to allow the appropriate chief executive officer or officers of a local tourist and convention center to appoint to the commission persons representing local restaurants, hotels, or motels residing within the city or county of the commission if no formal local city or county restaurant association, hotel and motel association, or chamber of commerce is in existence; makes technical corrections; amends KRS 91A.390 to remove the tax rate cap for the transient room tax levied by a local government body with a multicounty tourism and convention commission; expands the purposes for which this additional transient room tax revenue is authorized to be used; and amends KRS 154.90-010 to increase the number of members on the Northern Kentucky Convention Center Corporation from seven to 11 by requiring the Governor and the county judge/executives of Kenton, Campbell, and Boone Counties to each appoint one additional member.

APPOINTMENTS

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VETO OVERRIDDEN

**HB 555**

AN ACT relating to local government financial practices.

Amends KRS 91A.040 to change the population thresholds for exceptions to annual municipal audits to a single exception for municipalities with less than 3,000 people; changes the revenue exception from \$150,000 to \$500,000; requires auditor to be a certified public accountant or the Auditor of Public Accounts; allows the Department for Local Government to consider any evidence in assessing whether to allow an extension from the deadline for annual audits; permits the department to grant extensions up to 18 months; amends KRS 91A.040, 65.003, and 65.920 to indicate that the provision requiring the withholding of state funds from a city, county, or consolidated local government due to noncompliance with the statutes should not be construed to permit the withholding of nondiscretionary payments to the city, county, or consolidated local government for the provision of services to the state or any agency of the state; amends KRS 154.40-060 to allow a city government that appoints members to the board of the corporation that runs the Eastern Kentucky Exposition Center to elect to have the corporation included in its audit; allow a city government and the board to jointly elect to have its required annual audit be performed by an independent auditor; requires any independent audit to be forwarded to the Auditor of Public Accounts; amends various statutes to conform; amends KRS 68.020 to permit a county treasurer to make authorized payments by means of electronic funds transfers; makes technical changes; and amends KRS 68.275 to permit a standing order for county payments to include payments made to vendors regularly providing services to the county.

**HB 566**

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation and declaring an emergency.

Amends various sections of KRS Chapters 230 and 238, relating to the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation, to define "Kentucky quarter horse purse fund," "proof of wagers," "unclaimed pari-mutuel winning ticket," and "unredeemed pari-mutuel voucher"; requires an annual audit of the corporation by a qualified auditing entity and reduces audits by the Auditor of Public Accounts to once every four years, both beginning with fiscal year 2026-2027; grants the corporation flexibility in promulgating administrative regulations; authorizes the corporation to participate in state agency master agreements; prohibits banning or reducing charitable games or charitable gaming activities approved as of July 1, 2025; creates staggered initial terms for members of the corporation's board of directors; adds two board members, one representing charitable gaming and the other representing the quarter horse industry; appoints all three charitable gaming board members immediately; makes those associated with the corporation subject to KRS Chapter 11A and KRS Chapter 230; permits the board to remove the corporation president; establishes qualifications of the corporation's chief financial officer; requires the Office of Charitable Gaming to make formal recommendations to the president on charitable gaming matters; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 230 to direct state financial officers to transfer existing moneys and future receipts to designated accounts; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 230 to disburse unredeemed pari-mutuel voucher funds held by tracks; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 230 to set up quarter horse development and purse funds; amends KRS 230.400, 230.445, 230.446, 230.770, 230.800, 230.802, and 230.804 to modify all equine development, breeder incentive, and purse funds into corporation accounts, with at least 90 percent of each fund going directly to the fund's primary purpose; allows the corporation to use up to 10 percent from each fund for its administration and operation; amends KRS 230.811 to pay sports wagering

license fees directly to the corporation; amends KRS 230.817 to allow the corporation to use 10 percent of the sports wagering administration fund for its administration and operation; requires quarterly and annual reports on the fund's status; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 238 to conditionally maintain existing excess charitable gaming licenses; combines racing and charitable gaming security and investigators into one group; allows investigators to acquire criminal justice training certification under KRS Chapter 15; establishes the corporation's authority over all aspects of charitable gaming, including its employees, agency structure, licensing, and administrative regulations; amends KRS 238.535 to allow a licensed local school district to conduct charitable gaming; authorizes any common schools or organizations affiliated with those schools within a local school district to conduct charitable gaming under the local school district's license; maintains reporting, records retention, and net receipt requirements; amends KRS 238.570 to set the charitable gaming fee; amends KRS 18A.115 to exempt all corporation employees from the classified service; amends KRS 238.550 to allow charitable organizations to make bank deposits up to five days after a charitable event; amends KRS 393A.040, relating to unclaimed property, to remove references to unclaimed pari-mutuel winning tickets; amends various statutes to conform; repeals KRS 230.270, 238.520, and 238.522; directs the corporation to evaluate and propose its licensing structure to the Interim Joint Committee on Licensing and Occupations by October 1, 2025; and makes sections relating to the corporation board and funds effective immediately and all other sections effective July 1, 2025; EMERGENCY.  
VETOED

#### **HB 605**

AN ACT relating to economic relief for local communities of the Commonwealth and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 154.14-020, relating to the GRANT Program, to redefine terms and define "qualifying federal entity"; amends KRS 154.14-030 to make technical changes; amends KRS 154.14-040 to modify the dates of the Cabinet for Economic Development's review of grant applications and provide that obligation of funds shall be no more than 12 months with a possible six month extension; amends KRS 154.14-050 to make technical changes and allow community support evidence to come from the grant applicant or a majority of applicants for a regional project; amends KRS 154.14-060 to make technical changes and authorize the cabinet to transfer up to 10 percent of the funds remaining in the two categories of funds with notice to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue or applicable standing committee; amends KRS 154.14-070 to make technical changes; and repeals KRS 154.14-010 and 154.14-080; EMERGENCY.

#### **HB 606**

AN ACT relating to economic development.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to allow two or more local governments to enter into an interlocal agreement for the development of real estate as part of a regional economic development project; establishes requirements for a regional economic development project; allows the territory used in the regional economic development project to be organized into a taxing district; permits the levy of a special ad valorem tax and the imposition of an occupational license fee; establishes requirements for the special ad valorem tax and occupational license fee; requires the establishment of a board to manage the affairs of the taxing district; requires reporting by the board and the Department for Local Government; and amends 2025 RS HB 775/EN to

include public property owned, operated, or controlled by the Commonwealth in the definition of "venue" for purposes of a sales tax incentive.

#### MANDATED REPORT

### **HB 618**

AN ACT relating to alcoholic beverages.

Amends various sections of KRS Chapter 243 to allow a licensee to purchase alcoholic beverages directly from a retailer, only to sell by the drink for consumption on the licensed premises or off-premises pursuant to KRS 243.081; amends KRS 243.036 to allow a licensed auctioneer to hold a special temporary alcoholic beverage auction license; establishes duties, privileges, and limitations for alcoholic beverage auctions and auctioneers; suspends the auctioneer's special temporary alcoholic beverage auction license if the person ceases to be a licensed auctioneer; requires an auctioneer to file a quarterly sales report; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 330, relating to auctioneer licensing, to allow a licensed auctioneer to hold a special temporary alcoholic beverage auction license under designated circumstances; amends KRS 243.110 and 243.238 to allow the holder of an NQ3 retail drink license or a quota retail drink license to also hold a limited nonquota package license; and amends KRS 243.033 to conform.

### **HB 622**

AN ACT relating to fiscal matters and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 45A.030 to expand the definition of "contract"; amends KRS 45A.035 to make technical corrections; amends 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 173 related to the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority Loan Pool; amends 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 173 related to the Economic Development budget unit; amends 2024 Ky. Acts ch. 175 related to school resource officers; allows the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet to request up to \$20,000,000 related to the Capitol Campus Renovation-Phase 2; repeals Section 21 of 2025 RS HB 695/VO; amends 2025 RS HJR 32/GA related to the School Facility Assistance Fund; amends 2025 RS HJR 40/VO related to the availability of certain funds for County Priority Projects; and amends KRS 141.383 to allow certain unused balances to be available for all approved companies with a motion picture or entertainment production on the first day of April 2025, and on April 1 of each calendar year thereafter; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY, in part.

#### VETOED IN PART

### **HB 662**

AN ACT relating to personally identifiable information.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 61 to define terms; prohibits the disclosure of personally identifiable information of judicial officers or their immediate family members by a government agency if a written request not to disclose the information has been made; requires a government agency to remove personally identifiable information of a judicial officer or immediate family member within 72 hours of receiving a written request for its removal; establishes a civil cause of action for injunctive or declaratory relief for unauthorized disclosure; amends KRS 304.17A-540 to remove requirement of name and medical license number on insurance denial letters provided to enrollees; amends KRS 304.17A-545 to remove requirement of medical director's signature on insurance denial letters; amends KRS 304.17A-617 to remove requirement of medical license number on internal appeal determination letters provided to enrollees; allows medical providers to retain access to that information; and amends KRS

304.17A-607 to remove requirement of medical license number on written notice of review decisions provided to enrollees.

**HB 664**

AN ACT relating to the operation of a motor vehicle and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 189 to define terms; allows peace officers to issue citations at the time of an offense to operators of motor vehicles detected by an automated speed enforcement device traveling more than 10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit in a highway work zone when a bona fide worker, a peace officer, and a marked vehicle are present; directs the Transportation Cabinet to install signage with lights that are flashing when an automated speed enforcement device is active; directs the Transportation Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations relating to automated speed enforcement; amends KRS 189.2327 to conform; amends KRS 610.010 to lower the age at which the juvenile section of the District Court does not have exclusive jurisdiction over minors who commit motor vehicle offenses; and provides that Sections 1 and 2 of the Act may be cited as the Jared Lee Helton Act of 2025; EMERGENCY, in part.

**HB 682**

AN ACT relating to utility relocation.

Amends KRS 177.035 to include cable operators and broadband providers in the definition of "utility" to allow for reimbursement of costs associated with relocation of their facilities.

**HB 684**

AN ACT relating to elections.

Amends KRS 117.045 to allow a lesser number of precinct officers when the State Board of Elections has approved a county board of elections' precinct consolidation plan; amends KRS 117.065 to require the county board of elections to notify local boards of education of its intent to use school buildings as voting places by December 1 prior to elections; requires the county board of elections to specify which school buildings will be used and the expected dates and times; amends KRS 117.066 to allow a county board of elections to request an amendment to its previously submitted precinct consolidation plan if it is at least 56 days before a special election; amends KRS 117.076 to allow caregivers of voters qualified to cast an excused in-person absentee ballot due to age, disability, or illness to cast an excused in-person absentee ballot; amends KRS 117.085 to allow the county clerk to issue voters a mail-in absentee ballot in person; allows county clerks to issue another mail-in absentee ballot to voters; amends KRS 117.086 to allow the county clerk to dispose of video surveillance of ballot drop-boxes or receptacles after 60 days, upon compliance with the Kentucky Open Records Act, or upon the closure of an investigation or any litigation, including appeals; amends KRS 117.228 to remove a credit or debit card as a secondary form of identification to confirm a voter's identity; amends KRS 117.255 to remove the requirement that the county board of elections make the determination of whether a voter requires permanent voting assistance; requires that voters requesting assistance on a permanent basis swear or affirm that the voter requires assistance; amends KRS 117.265 to change the deadline to file to run as a write-in candidate to the same deadline as the certification of candidates; prohibits certified lists of write-in candidates from being posted; allows voters to review a copy of the certified list of write-in candidates; amends KRS 117.275 to remove language regarding certain voting equipment; amends KRS 117.295 and 117.383 to allow the county clerk to dispose of video surveillance of voting equipment and hand-to-eye audits, respectively, after 60 days or upon

compliance with the Kentucky Open Records Act or the closure of an investigation or any litigation, including appeals; amends KRS 118.125 to require that the two voters signing a candidate's notification and declaration are of the same party and from the same district or jurisdiction as the candidate at the time of signing; requires that the notification and declaration oath for a candidate include that candidate's date of birth; amends KRS 118.165 to provide a time by which candidates shall file nomination papers; amends KRS 118.205 to require that a candidate's district number, if applicable, and email address or post office box address, rather than his or her residence, be listed with the county clerk's and Secretary of State's office; amends KRS 118.215 to require that a candidate's email address or post office box address, office sought, and district number, as applicable, be provided to the county clerks rather than his or her residence; amends KRS 118.315 to provide that a petitioner for the nomination of a candidate may be counted for every petition he or she has signed; amends KRS 118.387 to require all county clerks and the Secretary of State to display a candidate's email address or post office box address, office sought, and district number, if applicable, rather than his or her residence on their website; provides that political affiliations are only required to be listed online for partisan candidates; amends KRS 118.425 to establish the deadline for the certification of the total number of votes to the Secretary of State following the hand-to-eye audit; amends KRS 118A.140 to require the Secretary of State to record a candidate's email address or post office box address, office sought, and district number, if applicable, rather than his or her residence; amends KRS 119.165 to modify the provision prohibiting certain persons convicted of a felony from voting; amends KRS 158.070 to establish that school districts are not required to close if school buildings are used as voting places; and amends various statutes to conform.

VETOED

VETO OVERRIDDEN

### **HB 694**

AN ACT relating to Teachers' Retirement System benefit funding.

Creates a new section of KRS 161.220 to 161.716, relating to the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), to require that once the TRS retiree health fund has an actuarial funding level of at least 100 percent, then the employer funding for retiree health shall be used to pay down the unfunded liability of the TRS pension fund; requires that if the actuarial funding level of the TRS retiree health fund falls below 95 percent, then the employer funding shall be restored to the retiree health fund until the retiree health fund is 100 percent funded; amends KRS 161.420 to conform; amends KRS 161.540 and 161.550 to provide that the TRS board of trustees shall not recommend changes to the General Assembly to reduce employee or employer funding for retiree health until the pension and retiree health funds are fully funded; and amends KRS 161.675 to provide that the TRS board of trustees shall not reduce board adopted charges under the shared responsibility provisions for health benefits for retirees under the age of 65 until the pension and retiree health funds are each 100 percent funded.

VETOED

VETO OVERRIDDEN

## **HB 695**

AN ACT relating to the Medicaid program and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 205.5372 to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to obtain authorization from the General Assembly prior to making any change to eligibility, coverage, or benefits in the Medicaid program; establishes the process for obtaining authorization; establishes exceptions to the authorization requirement; amends KRS 205.460 and 205.520 to conform to the requirement that the cabinet obtain authorization from the General Assembly prior to making any change to eligibility, coverage, or benefits in the Medicaid program; amends KRS 205.5371 to make the community engagement waiver program mandatory; authorizes and directs the cabinet to submit a waiver application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services within 90 days after the effective date of this act to establish the mandatory community engagement waiver program; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to establish the Kentucky Medicaid pharmaceutical rebate fund; directs moneys in the fund to be expended in accordance with federal law; amends KRS 205.525 to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to provide the Legislative Research Commission with a copy, summary, and statement of benefits of any waiver renewal application or state plan amendment application concurrently with submitting the application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; repeals, reenacts, and amends KRS 205.6328 to establish quarterly reporting requirements for the Department for Medicaid Services and Medicaid managed care organizations; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to require the Department for Medicaid Services to retain all records required to be retained under 42 C.F.R. sec. 431.17(c) for at least seven years; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to require the Department for Medicaid Services to monitor utilization rates and expenditures on all behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services; requires the department to submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission identifying any service for which utilization or expenditures increase by more than 10 percent over the previous 12 months; creates new section of KRS Chapter 205 to permit the Department for Medicaid Services to administer the Medicaid program under a fee-for-service, managed care, or other Medicaid delivery model permitted under federal law; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 194A to direct the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to notify the Legislative Research Commission of any barriers that may exist to implementing Medicaid-related legislation under consideration by the General Assembly; creates various new sections of KRS Chapter 7A to define terms and establish the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board, the board's membership, and the board's duties and powers; directs the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to reinstate all prior authorization requirements for behavioral health services that were in effect on January 1, 2020; directs the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to procure new Medicaid managed care contracts with an effective date of no later than January 1, 2027; establishes that any managed care organization that fails to comply with 2024 Ky Acts ch. 175, Part I, G., 3., a., (2) and b., (7) during state fiscal year 2025-2026 shall be ineligible for a new Medicaid managed care contract; and directs the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to develop a scorecard for behavioral health and substance use disorder treatment services which shall be publicly available on each managed care organizations website no later than December 31, 2025; EMERGENCY.

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VETOED

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**HB 701**

AN ACT relating to blockchain digital assets.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 369 to define terms relating to blockchain technology; allows individuals to use digital assets and wallets; provides guidelines for operation of a node; amends KRS 286.11-007 to exclude development or deployment of a blockchain protocol, exchange of digital assets, and operation of a node from money transmitter license requirements; and amends KRS 292.340 to provide that staking as a service shall not be deemed to be offering or selling a security.

**HB 775**

AN ACT relating to fiscal matters.

Amends KRS 65.490 to remove the minimum square-mile requirement for a development area; amends KRS 65.494 to define terms; allows certain new development areas to be created within an existing development area; amends KRS 131.250 to require electronic filing of returns and electronic payments of tax beginning July 1, 2026, for certain brewers; amends KRS 132.010 and 136.010 to remove date limitations for certain property included within the definition of "real property"; amends KRS 132.140, 138.208 and 157.362 to require that the property tax reductions on distilled spirits be based on the assessed value instead of the applicable tax rates; amends KRS 141.020 to allow the individual income tax rate to reduce by twenty-five one hundredths for two fiscal years and tenths thereafter, rather than only by one-half of a percentage point; amends KRS 141.381 to extend the current training incentives for 10 years to April 15, 2037; amends KRS 148.851, 148.853, 148.855, and 148.859 to allow incentives for certain tourism attractions and lodging facility projects; amends KRS 154.30-050, 91A.390, 154.30-010, and 154.30-030 to allow a revised project to reapply under certain provisions; amends KRS 241.010 to define terms; amends KRS 243.720, 243.730, 243.790, 243.850, and 243.884 to impose an excise tax and a wholesale sales tax on cannabis-infused beverages; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 246 to state that the General Assembly is committed to research and development of an alternative fuels policy and a full evaluation of Kentucky's jet fuel tax policy; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 139 to allow a sales tax refund to certain facility operators and sponsoring entities of entertainment events; amends KRS 131.190 to mandate the Department of Revenue report on certain sales tax refunds; amends KRS 154.60-040 to define terms; expands the Selling Farmer Tax Credit Program to cover sales to actively engaged farmers and increases the caps for sales to beginning farmers; provides penalties for buyers who do not meet the requirements of the program; adds a sunset provision; amends KRS 141.3841 to conform; amends KRS 141.010 to update the Internal Revenue Code reference date; amends KRS 243.027, 243.030, and 243.040 to require a license and fee to be paid by a cannabis-infused beverage manufacturer, distributor, direct shipper, and retailer; amends KRS 154.20-220 to allow incentives for certain data centers locating in areas with certain populations; amends 2025 RS HB 566/EN, Section 3, to require the first audit conducted to cover fiscal year 2024-2025; prohibits the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation from authorizing certain locations for play of electronic charity game tickets; allows the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation to promulgate administration regulations in contemplation of statutes granting authority to the corporation; prohibits refunds related to certain real property; and applies the certain real property provisions retroactively to property assessed on or after December 31, 2022; EFFECTIVE, in part, July 1, 2025.



### **HB 783**

AN ACT relating to temporary motor vehicle tags.

Amends KRS 186A.100, 186A.105, and 186A.110 to amend the processes for motor vehicle dealers' applications for, and use of, temporary tags for motor vehicles sold by the dealer; allows county clerks to keep certain records relating to temporary tags in electronic format; enumerates prohibited activities of a dealer, salesperson, or agent in relation to the application and issuance of temporary tags; amends KRS 186A.990 to set the penalty for theft, fraudulent production, copying, or acquiring of a temporary tag in an unauthorized manner as a Class D felony; subjects motor vehicle dealers, salespersons, and agents who violate the laws governing temporary tags to additional penalties in KRS 190.990; amends KRS 190.990 to establish penalties for motor vehicle dealers, salespersons, and agents; and amends KRS 186.990 to expressly include temporary tags under the penalties for using stolen registration plates.

### **House Concurrent Resolutions**

#### **HCR 20**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the Legislative Research Commission to study access to sexual assault nurse examiners.

Directs the Legislative Research Commission to study access to sexual assault nurse examiners; and requires the report to be submitted to the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services and the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary by December 1, 2025.

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#### **HCR 22**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION declaring that nuclear power generation is a clean and dispatchable means of providing baseload electricity to the residents and businesses of the Commonwealth.

Declares that nuclear power generation is a clean and dispatchable means of providing baseload electricity to the residents and businesses of the Commonwealth.

### **House Joint Resolutions**

#### **HJR 5**

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating names for various roads and bridges.

Directs the Transportation Cabinet to designate memorial highways and bridges throughout the state and erect appropriate signage; and urges the Transportation Cabinet to petition the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials to designate certain highways as United States Highway 111.

**HJR 15**

A JOINT RESOLUTION to return for permanent display on the New State Capitol grounds the granite Ten Commandments monument given to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 1971 by the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Directs the Historic Properties Advisory Commission to return to permanent display on the New State Capitol grounds the granite Ten Commandments monument given to the Commonwealth of Kentucky in 1971 by the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

**HJR 30**

A JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the release of funds.

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VETOED IN PART  
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VETOED IN PART  
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A JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the release of funds.

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