General Assembly Action
2018 Regular Session

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Foreword

The Legislative Research Commission recently adopted a mission statement, vision statement, and values for the agency. Our mission, as legislative staff, is to provide nonpartisan research and support for the General Assembly and to encourage participatory democracy for the citizens of Kentucky. We publish this General Assembly Action in furtherance of this mission, by providing useful reference documents that can help the public better understand the results of each legislative session.

The 2018 Regular Session of the General Assembly convened on Tuesday, January 2, 2018, and adjourned sine die on Saturday, April 14, 2018, having met for 60 legislative days.

By the numbers:
• During the session, 873 bills and 702 resolutions were introduced, including 268 Senate bills and 605 House bills.
• Of the bills and resolutions introduced, 61 Senate bills, 142 House bills, and 12 joint and concurrent resolutions passed both chambers and were delivered to the Governor.
• The Governor vetoed one Senate bill and nine House bills, and exercised his line-item veto authority in three other House bills.
• The General Assembly overrode the vetoes of four House bills and one House bill with a line-item veto.
• Sixty Senate bills, 137 House bills, and six joint resolutions became law.
• Six concurrent resolutions expressed the will of the General Assembly.

General Assembly Action summarizes the bills and resolutions that were delivered to the Governor. As always, we invite you to contact the relevant committee staff—or my own office—with any questions you may have after reviewing this informational bulletin.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the Kentucky General Assembly.

David A. Byerman
Director

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## Bill Numbers to Acts Chapters

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Senate Bills

SB 3
AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to crime victims’ rights.
Proposes to amend the Constitution of Kentucky to create a crime victims’ bill of rights and submit to voters.

SB 5
AN ACT relating to pharmacy benefits in the Medicaid program, and declaring an emergency.
Amends KRS 205.647 to require that a pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) contracting with a Medicaid managed care organization (MCO) provide information to the Department for Medicaid that includes the total amount paid to it by the MCO and the total amount paid to it by an MCO which was not subsequently paid to a Kentucky-licensed pharmacy, require information about the average reimbursement paid by the PBM to licensed pharmacies with which it is affiliated, the average reimbursement paid to pharmacies with more than 10 locations, and the average reimbursement paid to PBMs with 10 or fewer locations, require reporting of any fees, charges, or other assessments required to be paid by a pharmacy with which it is affiliated, and any fees, charges, or other assessments required to be paid by pharmacies with 10 or fewer locations, and pharmacies with 10 or more locations, require reporting of all common ownership, shared managers, common members of boards of directors or of parent companies, subsidiary companies, or jointly held companies, require data to be for the most recent full calendar year and divided by month, exempt from Open Records Act as necessary, establish requirements for MCO contracts, including the authority of the DMS to set, create, or approve reimbursement rates, give authority to change rates at any time for any reason, require reimbursement rates to include dispensing fees which use applicable guidance by the CMS, require notification to DMS by a PBM of any proposed change of over 5 percent in product reimbursement rates and allow DMS to disallow changes, establish DMS’ authority to regulate maximum allowable cost, require DMS to approve any contract between an MCO and a PBM, require DMS to approve any contract, change in terms of a contract, suspension, or termination of a contract between a PBM, an entity contracting on behalf of a pharmacy, or a pharmacy, or pharmacist, require DMS to approve any fee established by an MCO, PBM, or contracting entity on a pharmacy, pharmacist, or Medicaid recipient, and allow DMS to promulgate administrative regulations and utilize information ascertained in setting, creating, or approving reimbursement rates; and amends KRS 304.9-440 to allow the Department of Insurance to suspend, revoke, or refuse a license to a PBM for referenced violations, and establish that a PBM is subject to the same penalties as an insurer; EMERGENCY.

SB 6
AN ACT relating to the safe disposal of controlled substances.
Amends KRS 218A.170 to require a pharmacist or a pharmacist’s designee to inform persons verbally, in writing or by posted signage of methods for the sequestration or deactivation and disposal of specified unused, unwanted, or expired controlled substances anytime a controlled substance is dispensed, permit a pharmacist or a pharmacist’s designee to make available for purchase or distribution at no charge a nontoxic composition for the sequestration or deactivation...
and disposal of specified unused, unwanted, or expired controlled substances when a controlled substance is dispensed, encourage manufacturers or distributors to enter into consignment-reimbursement contracts for inventory, require a practitioner who dispenses a specified controlled substance to inform all persons who receive a prescription about the importance of proper and safe disposal of unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drug and make available for purchase or distribute at no charge a nontoxic composition for the sequestration or deactivation and disposal of specified unused, unwanted, or expired controlled substances, exempt veterinarians from the Act’s provisions, specify that the Medicaid program is not required to provide payment when a practitioner or a pharmacist offers to sell or distribute a nontoxic composition for the sequestration or deactivation and disposal of specified unused, unwanted, or expired controlled substances anytime a controlled substance is sold or distributed, and establish a penalty for violations of the Act.

SB 7

AN ACT relating to advisory entities in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and making an appropriation therefor.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 211 to establish the Kentucky Rare Disease Advisory Council, list members to be appointed by the Governor, state the duties of the council, require a report of council activities, create a rare disease trust fund to be administered by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to finance the operation of the council and support rare disease research and treatment, require a report on expenditures from the fund, and require the council to cease to exist on December 1, 2028, unless otherwise reestablished by the General Assembly; amends KRS 79.080, 216.577, and 216.935 to change the Kentucky Health Facilities and Health Services Certificate of Need and Licensure Board to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; amends KRS 200.480 to require the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs to report upon request; amends KRS 211.670 to delete reference to KRS 211.665; and repeals KRS 194A.090, 211.665, and 211.674; APPROPRIATION. VETOED.

SB 19

AN ACT relating to sex offenses.

Amends KRS 510.050, 510.060, 510.080, 510.090, 510.110, and 510.120 to increase penalties for sex crimes against a victim who is a person with an intellectual disability; and amends KRS 510.020 to clarify that persons with an intellectual disability or mental illness may be capable of consent.

SB 30

AN ACT relating to crime victims’ rights.

Repeals and reenacts or repeals, reenacts, and amends various sections of the Crime Victims’ Bill of Rights to change statutory definition of “victim” and require that restitution to the victim be made when possible; repeals KRS 421.540; and provides for a delayed contingent effective date of November 6, 2018, upon ratification of a proposed constitutional amendment providing protection of crime victims’ rights.

SB 37

AN ACT relating to operator’s licenses for certain inmates and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 186.417 and 186.412 to require the Transportation Cabinet to promulgate
administrative regulations to allow the issuance of operator’s licenses to current federal and state inmates who are engaged in work release programs or reentry initiatives and establish minimum components of the regulation; make technical corrections; amends KRS 186.412 to include federal prisoners under current provisions allowing state prisoners to receive operator’s licenses and personal ID cards upon release; EMERGENCY.

SB 48
AN ACT relating to child marriage.
Amends KRS 402.020 to establish a new minimum age for marriage; amends KRS 402.030 to establish the right of an individual who married as a minor to have their marriage declared void by a court having general jurisdiction if the marriage was obtained by duress; amends KRS 402.080 to require that an application for a marriage license be made in person; amends KRS 402.210 to require both parties to a marriage to be present and to present documentary proof of age to a county clerk to obtain a marriage license, prohibit the issuance of a marriage license if either party to the marriage is 17 years of age unless the minor party presents to the clerk a court order that grants the party permission to marry and removes the party’s disability of minority status, and prohibit individuals under the age of 17 years from marrying; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 402 to establish the process for a 17-year old to petition a court for permission to marry and the criteria for granting the petition; and repeals KRS 402.260.

SB 56
AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.
Amends KRS 230.225 to make ex officio members of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission nonvoting members.

SB 57
AN ACT relating to terrorism.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to allow a person injured by an act of terrorism to file a claim for damages against the terrorist, and establish that damages awarded under this section are remedial, supplemental, and not exclusive; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 525 to establish a crime of terrorism as a capital offense punishable by imprisonment for life without probation or parole and prohibit a person convicted of terrorism from being released early; and designates as Andy’s Law.

SB 61
AN ACT authorizing a Murray State University capital project, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.
Authorizes and appropriates $12,500,000 in Other Funds and $2,000,000 in Restricted Funds for the restoration of J.H. Richmond Residential Hall at Murray State University; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

SB 68
AN ACT relating to dissolution of marriage.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 403 to clarify that a victim of domestic violence is not required to pay the legal fees of the abusive spouse in a divorce action when the spouse is incarcerated for crimes against the petitioner; designates as Jeanette’s Law.
SB 70
AN ACT authorizing a University of Louisville capital project, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Authorizes and appropriates $8,000,000 for the construction of a television broadcast/production studio at the University of Louisville; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

SB 71
AN ACT relating to health education.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require inclusion of abstinence education in any human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases curriculum.

SB 73
AN ACT relating to school districts.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to establish a pilot program for performance-based professional development projects, require the local board of education to determine the parameters for the pilot program, and require the Kentucky Department of Education to study the completed pilot projects and report its findings by August 1, 2022; and amends KRS 158.070 to allow additional members on the school district calendar committee and require the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate regulations to prescribe the conditions and procedures for the nontraditional instruction program.

SB 78
AN ACT relating to electricians.

Amends KRS 227A.060 to require the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction to administer its electrician licensing examination, permit an applicant to sit for the electrician licensing examination if the applicant has four years of experience, two years of experience plus an acceptable training course in electrical work, or two years of experience plus two years of a minimum four-year training course in electrical work, revoke the license of any electrician who fails to complete the remaining two years of the four-year training course within four years after becoming a licensed electrician, create a nonrenewable one-year provisional electrician license for Kentucky residents, require an applicant for a provisional license to have at least six years of verifiable experience with 2,080 annual work hours since age 16, and establish how a current or former provisional license holder may become a licensed electrician; and authorizes, in a noncodified section, lapsed electrician licenses originally issued under KRS 227A.080 before the repeal of that statute to be reissued until July 31, 2020, upon passing the relevant examination and paying a $100 fee.

SB 86
AN ACT relating to capital projects.

Amends KRS 45.750 to increase the dollar minimum from $600,000 to $1,000,000 for the definition of “capital projects” for entities other than institutions of higher education; amends KRS 7A.010 to increase the dollar minimum from $600,000 to $1,000,000 for all capital projects other than movable equipment and for all information technology systems; and amends KRS 45.750 to increase the dollar minimum from $600,000 to $1,000,000 for all information technology systems.
SB 88  
AN ACT relating to city mandates.  

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 6 to prohibit the General Assembly from imposing requirements on cities that require city expenditures or tax levies without fully funding the requirement or making the requirements contingent on city legislative body approval, exempt requirements that are the result of a federal mandate, and ensure that the provisions do not affect the obligations under KRS 6.950 to 6.975, KRS 78.510 to 78.852, or any other retirement system or plan.

SB 91  
AN ACT relating to city financial accountability.  

Amends KRS 91A.040, relating to city audits, to no longer require that paper copies of audits be sent to the Department for Local Government (DLG), increase the threshold for cities to have audits every other year from 1,000 persons to 2,000 persons, require the audit or financial statement, as applicable, to be transmitted to DLG no later than October 1 following the close of the fiscal year, maintain more stringent audit standards where may be required by law, allow enforcement of law by action in Circuit Court, create a process by which cities may apply to DLG for an extension of time to complete an audit or financial statement, set out a penalty for not completing an audit in a timely manner, stipulate that the audit conducted during every odd-numbered fiscal year includes both fiscal years since the prior audit, and require that audit of local government economic assistance funds to be included in an annual or biennial audit as appropriate; amends KRS 424.220 to stipulate who the appropriate officer is to cause the publication of required financial statements; amends KRS 42.460 to conform; and amends KRS 424.190 to conform to providing only an electronic copy of the audit report or financial statement to the Department for Local Government.

SB 96  
AN ACT relating to operations within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.  

Amends KRS 79.080, 216.577, and 216.935 to replace references to the Kentucky Health Facilities and Health Services Certificate of Need and Licensure Board with Cabinet for Health and Family Services; amends KRS 199.8941 to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to consult with the Early Childhood Advisory Council on the promulgation of administrative regulations to administer an existing program of monetary incentives for child-care centers and the existing quality-rating system for child-care centers, and to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to conduct an annual review of the child-care incentive program in consultation with the Early Childhood Advisory Council; amends KRS 199.8943 to require the Kentucky Department of Education, in consultation with the Early Childhood Advisory Council, to promulgate administrative regulations to implement the quality-based graduated early childhood rating system for publicly funded preschools, and require the Early Childhood Advisory Council to consult with the Kentucky Department of Education and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services on their annual report on implementation of the quality-based graduated early childhood rating system to the Interim Joint Committee on Education and the Interim Joint Committee on Health and Welfare; amends KRS 200.480 to require that the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs report to the Governor and the General Assembly upon request instead of biennially; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to allow the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to amend material previously incorporated by reference in administrative regulations
governing the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program through technical amendment if the amendment is prescribed by the United States Department of Agriculture; amends KRS 205.560 to remove smoking cessation treatment intervention programs from the list of medical services to be covered by Medicaid; amends KRS 205.561 to require that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services report to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission on the dispensing of prescription medication to eligible persons upon request instead of every three years; amends KRS 205.690 to require that the Secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services report to the General Assembly upon request instead of during each regular session; amends KRS 205.712 to permit the Department for Income Support, Child Support Enforcement to amend forms mandated by the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement and previously incorporated by reference in administrative regulations by technical amendment; amends KRS 199.990, 205.713, 205.802, 211.670, and 405.11 to conform; and repeals KRS 194A.090, 199.380, 199.390, 199.400, 199.410, 209.400, 209.410, 209.420, 211.665, 211.674, 213.143, 218A.150, and 218A.160.

SB 97
AN ACT relating to municipal annexation.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 81A to provide standing to certain individuals to contest annexation of otherwise unpopulated territory, grant the city standing to contest the failed annexation election under KRS 120.250, and set a limit of 2 years to contest the annexation of territory; and amends KRS 65.012 to change referendum petition signature requirements to include a business or other organization as a petitioner.

SB 98
AN ACT relating to entertainment destination center licenses.

Amends KRS 243.030 to create one entertainment destination center alcohol license for local governments and another for other licensees.

SB 101
AN ACT relating to education and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 160.380 to reduce the vacancy notice required from a superintendent to the chief state school officer from 30 days to 15 days; amends KRS 156.240 to require electronic publication of the complete school laws of the state; amends KRS 160.180 to require school board candidates to file a transcript evidencing completion of the twelfth grade or certified results of a twelfth grade equivalency examination; amends KRS 160.210 to require a chief state school officer to require and receive the affidavit and transcript required by KRS 160.180 prior to making an appointment to a school board vacancy; amends the definition of “relative” in KRS 160.380; amends KRS 160.180 to amend the political and civil office prohibitions on local school board members; and amends KRS 160.180 to change member eligibility requirements to exclude persons holding any elective federal, state, county, or city office; EMERGENCY.

SB 104
AN ACT relating to natural gas pipeline safety.

Amends KRS 278.992 to ensure state penalties for violations of the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act conform with federal penalties; amends KRS 367.4903 to define “commission” as the Public Service Commission for the Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act of 1994; amends KRS 367.4909 to require underground facility operators to report to the commission excavation
damage to an underground facility used in the transportation of gas or hazardous liquid; amends KRS 367.4911 to conform; and amends KRS 367.4917 to authorize the commission to enforce and assess civil penalties and seek injunctive relief for damages to an underground facility used in the transportation of gas or hazardous liquid.

SB 106
AN ACT relating to blow drying services.

Amends KRS 317A.010 to define “blow drying services” and “limited beauty salon”; amends KRS 317A.050 to establish who may be licensed to perform blow drying services in a licensed limited beauty salon, create accompanying fees, require 450 hours of cosmetology school instruction to obtain a blow drying services license, direct a blow drying services provider whose license has expired for over five years to retake both the practical and theory examinations; and amends KRS 317A.062 to set various fees for a license to conduct blow drying services and a license to operate a limited beauty salon and state that the cosmetology board has until December 31, 2018, to promulgate administrative regulations that establish the educational curriculum required for blow drying services licensure.

SB 108
AN ACT relating to child support enforcement of health care coverage.

Amends KRS 403.211 to update the definition of health care coverage to include fee for service, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, and other types of private health insurance and public health care coverage under which medical services could be provided to a dependent child and deletes language from the definition of cash medical support to comply with changes in child support enforcement requirements in federal law.

SB 109
AN ACT relating to crimes and punishments.

Amends KRS 510.010 to include penetration by body parts in definitions of “sexual intercourse” and “deviate sexual intercourse” for purposes of describing the crimes of rape and sodomy.

SB 110
AN ACT relating to quota licenses for alcohol and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 241 to codify the retail package quota license system for alcoholic beverages for wet counties; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 241 to codify the retail package quota license system for alcoholic beverages for wet cities; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 241 to specify the department’s process for verifying quota numbers; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 241 to allow a city to petition for a quota increase and establishes criteria for the board to consider; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 242 to outline petition requirements; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 243 to notify quota license holders that quotas may be increased; and amends KRS 241.065 to conform with population data; EMERGENCY.

SB 112
AN ACT relating to telehealth.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to require the cabinet to regulate telehealth, set requirements for the delivery of telehealth services to Medicaid recipients, direct the Cabinet for
Health and Family Services to require specialty care to be provided by a Medicaid provider and requires coordination with a patient’s primary care provider, require coverage of telehealth at the same rate provided for in-person services unless agreed to otherwise with the provider or established differently by the Department for Medicaid Services, permit telehealth services provided under Medicaid to be subject to a deductible, copayment, or coinsurance requirement, prohibit the cabinet from requiring providers to be physically present with a recipient, prohibit prior authorization, medical review, or administrative clearance if not required for the in-person service, prohibit demonstration of necessity for telehealth services, prohibit requiring providers to be part of a telehealth network, require a Medicaid provider to be licensed in Kentucky to receive reimbursement, and provide that Medicaid not be required to provide coverage for services that are not medically necessary or pay for transmission costs; amends KRS 205.510 to define telehealth; amends KRS 205.559 to add reference to telehealth definition; amends 304.17A-005 to redefine “telehealth”; amends KRS 304.17A-138 to require health benefit plan coverage of telehealth to the same extent as though provided in person unless the telehealth provider agrees to a lower reimbursement rate, prohibit health benefit plans from requiring providers to be physically present with a patient, prohibit prior authorization, medical review, or administrative clearance if not required for the in-person service, prohibit demonstration of necessity for telehealth services, prohibit requiring providers to be part of the telehealth network, require a Medicaid provider to be licensed in Kentucky to receive reimbursement, and provide that health benefit plans not be required to provide coverage for services that are not medically necessary or pay for transmission costs; amends KRS 342.315 to reference definition of telehealth; amends KRS 18A.225 to require any fully insured health benefit plans or self-insured plans issued or renewed after July 1, 2019, to comply with KRS 304.17A-138; creates a new section of KRS 311.710 to require a physician to be present in the same room with the patient when performing an abortion and prohibit the use of telehealth in the performance of an abortion; amends KRS 311.990 to make a violation of being present in the same room with the patient when performing an abortion and the prohibition to use telehealth in the performance of an abortion a Class D felony; repeals KRS 194A.125; delayed effective date of July 1, 2019.

SB 116
AN ACT relating to the operation of a commercial motor vehicle.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 281 to set forth requirements for commercial motor vehicles to operate as a platoon; amends KRS 281.010 to define the term “platoon”; amends KRS 189.340 to exempt commercial motor vehicles operating behind the lead vehicle in a platoon from the prohibitions against following too closely.

SB 119
AN ACT relating to cervid meat processors.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 150 to define “cervid meat processor” and require cervid meat processors to dispose of waste or unused material produced from processing cervid meat in the same manners as required for livestock, poultry, and fish carcasses under KRS 257.160; and amends KRS 150.990 to establish penalties.
SB 122
AN ACT relating to motorcycle safety education and making an appropriation therefor.

Amends KRS 15A.350 to require that standards for motorcycle riding courses be prescribed by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; amends 15A.352 to require the Motorcycle Safety Education Commission to publish a list of approved rider and instructor training courses; amends KRS 15A.354 to allow an instructor to be certified by the governing body of an approved program; remove restrictions preventing a person with a felony conviction from becoming an instructor; amends KRS 15A.356 to allow the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet to utilize up to 10 percent of available program funds each fiscal year to defray its own expenses incurred in offering motorcycle rider courses; amends KRS 15A.358 to allow the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet to utilize up to 10 percent of available program funds each fiscal year for administrative costs; amends KRS 15A.362 to require the Motorcycle Safety Education Commission to include a representative of the Transportation Cabinet, rather than a representative of the cabinet’s Division of Driver Licensing; and amends KRS 15A.366 to require that the annual report contain additional information regarding applicants and students; APPROPRIATION.

SB 123
AN ACT relating to nursing facility beds approved by the state health plan.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 216B to prohibit the state health plan from permitting applications establishing nursing facility beds in a freestanding facility or as part of an existing facility under a pilot program for post-acute transitional care in counties where the January 5, 2018 long-term care bed calculations show that there is no additional need for long-term care beds.

SB 126
AN ACT relating to the Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Repeals, reenacts, and amends KRS 194A.135 as a new section of KRS Chapter 41 to move the Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to the Department of the Treasury.

SB 129
AN ACT relating to the reorganization of the Energy and Environment Cabinet.

Amends KRS 12.020 to rename and reorganize offices within the Energy and Environment Cabinet, change the name of the Office of General Counsel to the Office of Legal Services and create Legal Division I and Legal Division II within the office, create the Office of Communication within the Office of the Secretary, change the name of the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission to the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves, remove the Division of Technical and Administrative Support from the Department for Natural Resources, change the name of the Department for Energy Development and Independence to the Office of Energy Policy, change the name of the Division of Efficiency and Conservation to the Division of Energy Assistance within the office, and delete all other divisions within the office; amends KRS 56.776 to conform; amends KRS 56.777 to conform; amends KRS 132.020 to conform; amends KRS 141.0405 to conform; amends KRS 141.428 to conform; amends KRS 141.436 to conform; amends KRS 141.470 to conform; amends KRS 143.090 to conform; amends KRS 146.210 to conform; amends KRS 146.230 to require the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves to establish standards for pollution of waters included in the Wild Rivers System; amends KRS 146.250 to clarify how
stream boundaries are defined for streams included in the Wild Rivers System; amends KRS 146.260 to require the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves to study streams for inclusion in the Wild Rivers System instead of the Energy and Environment Cabinet; amends KRS 146.270 to require the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves to administer the Wild Rivers System instead of the Energy and Environment Cabinet and delete the requirement that management plans relating to fish and wildlife issues be jointly developed with the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources; amends KRS 146.280 to authorize the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves to acquire property for the Wild Rivers System instead of the secretary; amends KRS 146.290 to authorize the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves to approve permitted land uses inside of Wild River System property instead of the secretary, require the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves to provide public notice within 30 days of the receipt of a change of use permit application instead of 60 days, allow the landowner or any interested person to request a public hearing within 30 days of the public notice, and require the office to hold a public hearing within 30 days of the close of the comment period if one is requested; amends KRS 146.310 to require state agencies to inform the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves of any proceedings affecting streams in the Wild River System instead of the secretary; amends KRS 146.320 to direct the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves to assist with the inclusion of Kentucky streams in the federal National Wild and Scenic Rivers System instead of the secretary; amends KRS 146.330 to allow the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves to hire staff to carry out its responsibilities relating to the Wild Rivers System instead of the secretary; amends KRS 146.340 to require the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves to disburse money from the Wild Rivers System fund for purposes of administering the Wild Rivers System; amends KRS 146.350 to extend the authority of the cabinet’s Office of Legal Services to taking legal action pertaining to all programs administered by the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves; amends KRS 146.415 to conform; amends KRS 146.430 to create the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves; requires the executive director to determine employee duties and compensation; amends KRS 146.435 to allow entities to serve as advisors to the office; amends KRS 146.440 to conform; amends KRS 146.445 to conform; amends KRS 146.450 to conform; amends KRS 146.455 to conform; amends KRS 146.460 to conform; amends KRS 146.465 to expand the programs administered by the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves to include the Wild Rivers System, Heritage Land Conservation, and Endangered and Threatened Plants and to conform; amends KRS 146.475 to conform; amends KRS 146.480 to conform; amends KRS 146.485 to conform and change the due date for the biennial nature preserves report to October 1 of each even-numbered year; amends KRS 146.490 to conform; amends KRS 146.495 to conform; amends KRS 146.507 to conform; amends KRS 146.510 to conform; amends KRS 146.515 to conform; amends KRS 146.520 to conform; amends KRS 146.525 to require the cabinet’s Office of Legal Services or the Attorney General upon the secretary’s request to bring legal actions relating to violations of the statutes administered by the Kentucky Office of Nature Preserves; amends KRS 146.530 to conform; amends KRS 146.550 to define “office” and “cabinet”; amends KRS 146.560 to changes the composition of the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board and require the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves to provide staff support to the board instead of the cabinet; amends KRS 146.570 to require the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves to administer the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation fund instead of the cabinet and to conform; amends KRS 146.605 to define “cabinet” and to conform; amends KRS 146.610 to require the quadrennial report on the Commonwealth’s threatened plant species to be submitted by October 1 and to conform; amends KRS 146.990 to conform; amends KRS 149.346 to conform; amends KRS 149.348 to conform; amends KRS 151.720 to conform; amends KRS 152.712 to conform; amends
KRS 152.713 to conform; amends KRS 152.714 to conform; amends KRS 152.720 to conform; amends KRS 154.27-030 to conform; amends KRS 154.27-040 to conform; amends KRS 154.27-050 to conform; amends KRS 154.27-090 to conform; amends KRS 157.455 to conform; amends KRS 160.325 to conform; amends KRS 224.10-020 to change the name of the Department for Energy Development and Independence to the Office of Energy Policy, provide that the office will be headed by an executive director, establish a Division of Energy Assistance in the Office of Energy Policy, and abolish all other divisions within the office; amends KRS 224.10-022 to establish an Office of Communication within the Office of the Secretary, change the name of the Office of General Counsel to the Office of Legal Services, and establish a Legal Division I and a Legal Division II within the office; amends KRS 247.920 to conform; amends KRS 353.5901 to conform; repeals KRS 146.425, relating to the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission; creates a noncodified section to provide for the transfer of records, staff, property, and funds from the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission to the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves; requires all rules, decisions, and actions taken by the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission to stay in effect until repealed or rescinded by the Office of Kentucky Nature Preserves.

SB 130
AN ACT relating to campus crime reporting.
Amends KRS 164.948 to conform the defined terms with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, 20 U.S.C sec. 1092; and amends KRS 164.9485 to conform the crime reporting requirements of public postsecondary institutions under Kentucky law to the federal campus crime reporting requirements of 20 U.S.C. sec. 1092.

SB 131
AN ACT relating to personnel board hearings.
Amends KRS 13B.020 by removing the Attorney General’s option to furnish a hearing officer for KRS 18A.095 administrative hearings.

SB 132
AN ACT relating to reorganization.
Amends KRS 12.020 to remove the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service from the list of enumerated offices and departments attached to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and to change the name of the Kentucky Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs to the Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs; amends various KRS sections to conform; and amends various KRS sections to change the name of the Kentucky Commission on Community Volunteerism and Service to Serve Kentucky.

SB 133
AN ACT relating to crimes and punishments.
Amends KRS 441.055 to require the Department of Corrections to promulgate administrative regulations for the jails that require adequate nutrition for pregnant inmates, adequate feminine hygiene products, and an appropriate number of undergarments for female inmates; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 196 to require that pregnant inmates be restrained solely with handcuffs in front of the body unless further restraint is required to protect herself or others, and prohibit pregnant inmates from being restrained during labor, transport to a medical facility or birthing center for delivery, or postpartum recovery, unless extraordinary circumstances
exist; amends KRS 197.020 to require the Department of Corrections to create a classification process for jails that may house female state inmates; amends KRS 532.100 to require a jail be certified before housing any female state inmates and provides a delayed effective date of January 1, 2019; amends KRS 403.725 to allow orders of protection to be filed at a domestic violence shelter or a rape crisis shelter if the shelter elects to participate in the filing; amends KRS 456.030 to allow interpersonal protective orders to be filed at a domestic violence shelter or a rape crisis shelter if the shelter elects to participate in the filing; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 439 to allow an eligible pregnant woman who is charged or convicted of a KRS Chapter 218A offense and who is found by a court or the Department of Corrections to have a substance use disorder to be released from custody to complete inpatient residential treatment; provides that if the eligible pregnant woman successful completes treatment, she does not have to return to custody unless she is charged with a new misdemeanor or felony offense; amends KRS 431.517 to prohibit an offender charged with an offense under KRS Chapter 507 from pretrial home incarceration unless the court makes a finding that the offender does not pose a threat to society; amends KRS 439.3401 to make criminal attempt to commit murder of a peace officer or a firefighter an offense for which at least 85 percent of the sentence must be served before probation or parole; and amends KRS 441.127 to expand credits available to misdemeanants; designates as the Women’s Dignity in the Justice System Act.

SB 137
AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Rules of Evidence.
Establishes a new Kentucky Rule of Evidence to provide a hearsay exception for an out-of-court statement made by a child with a physical, mental, emotional, or developmental age of 12 years or less at the time of trial or hearing describing any sexual act performed by, with, or on the child or describing any act of physical violence directed against the child.

SB 138
AN ACT relating to reorganization.
Amends KRS 12.020, 45.001, and 148.522 to abolish the Office of Capital Plaza Operations of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet; and confirms Executive Order 2017-0888.

SB 139
AN ACT relating to ownership documents for property.
Amends KRS 382.135 to describe the requisite “full name” for an grantor and grantee when recording a deed to real property and direct that the record is still notice and admissible as evidence if the instrument is not in compliance with the provisions as set out in this section; amends KRS 186A.190 to remove requirement that notices be made in a newspaper with statewide publication prior to the issuance of a new vehicle title to certain creditors.

SB 140
AN ACT relating to notifications.
Amends KRS 158.186, relating to publication of statutes relating to rights of students and posting of texts on American history and heritage, to clarify notice requirements for laws, change duty to report to the commissioner of education, and require certification of compliance.
SB 142
AN ACT relating to training for telecommunicators.
Amends KRS 15.550 to require telecommunicators who provide dispatch for emergency medical conditions to be trained in high-quality telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation (T-CPR).

SB 144
AN ACT relating to audits of county officers.
Amends KRS 43.070 to allow clerks and sheriffs to enter into an agreement with the Auditor of Public Accounts to satisfy statutory audit requirements by entering into an agreed-upon procedures engagement that will be performed by the Auditor, and stipulate that county clerks or sheriffs entering office for the first time or after a break in service are not eligible for the agreed-upon procedures engagement for the first audit period after assuming office.

SB 150
AN ACT relating to executive branch ethics.
Amends KRS 11A.100 to exempt the Executive Branch Ethics Commission hearings from certain provisions of KRS Chapter 13B; amends KRS 13B.020 to exempt Executive Branch Ethics Commission hearings from KRS 13B.030(2)(b); amends KRS 13B.050 to remove the notice requirements for notices issued under KRS 11A.080(4)(b) when a party fails to file an answer or otherwise fails to participate; and amends KRS 13B.090 to establish a higher burden of proof if required elsewhere by law.

SB 151
AN ACT relating to retirement.
Amends KRS 6.505 to stipulate that the “inviolable contract” provisions shall not apply to legislative changes to Legislators’ Retirement Plan (LRP) that become effective on or after July 1, 2018, and makes technical changes; amends KRS 6.520 to reduce the benefit factor of LRP members who began participating prior to January 1, 2014, from 2.75 percent to 1.97 percent for years of service accrued on or after January 1, 2019; amends KRS 6.525 to remove salary reciprocity for non-legislative compensation earned in another state-administered retirement system on or after January 1, 2019, and to require that LRP benefits at retirement shall be calculated based solely on legislative compensation; amends KRS 6.518 to conform; amends KRS 21.360 to require that the “inviolable contract” provisions shall not apply to legislative changes to the Judicial Retirement Plan (JRP) that become effective on or after July 1, 2018, and makes technical changes; amends KRS 21.374 to remove provisions relative to the election to participate in the cash balance plan by existing members and allows LRP and JRP members to elect to cease participating in LRP or JRP and participate prospectively in KERS in the new optional 401(a) money purchase plan for any future service as a legislator, judge, or justice; amends KRS 21.402 to change the annual interest credit in the JRP/LRP cash balance plans to 85 percent of the five-year net return above 0 percent if the member is contributing to a state-administered retirement system or plan and 0 percent if the person is not contributing to a state-administered retirement system or plan; amends KRS 21.460 to prohibit the purchase of contributions of refunds to LRP/JRP by members who are participating in the 401(a) money purchase plan; amends KRS 21.480 to stipulate that the “inviolable contract” provisions shall not apply to legislative changes to JRP that become effective on or after July 1, 2018, and makes technical changes; amends KRS 21.372 and 21.385 to make technical/conforming amendments to JRP/LRP statutes; creates a new...
section of KRS 61.510 to 61.705 to establish an optional 401(a) money purchase plan, in lieu of the hybrid cash balance plan, for new nonhazardous members who begin participating in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS) and County Employees Retirement System (CERS) on or after January 1, 2019, who elect to participate in the plan within 90 days of employment, stipulates that the optional money purchase plan shall be a mandatory defined contribution plan that operates as another benefit tier in KERS/CERS and shall be based upon a 5 percent employee contribution, a 4 percent employer contribution, and investment returns, permits the Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS) board to allow investment options with the KRS investment pool, through contract with an external vendor, or through an agreement with the Kentucky Public Employees Deferred Compensation Authority (KDC), provides for a five-year vesting period for employer contributions in the 401(a) money purchase plan, allows a member to retire and take a refund or his or her account or annuitize his or her account balance in the 401(a) money purchase plan into one of the payment options provided by the system upon reaching age 65 with five years’ service or upon meeting a combined age and service requirement of 87 years with a minimum age of 57; amends KRS 16.505, 61.510, and 78.510 relative to State Police Retirement System (SPRS), KERS, and CERS to exclude uniform and equipment allowances from the definition of creditable compensation, requires that a final compensation based upon the highest three (hazardous) or highest five (nonhazardous) years of creditable compensation shall contain at least 36 or 60 months, as applicable, for those members retiring on or after January 1, 2019; for Tier I nonhazardous KERS and CERS members retiring on or after July 1, 2023, prohibits lump-sum payments for compensatory time at retirement from increasing retirement benefit calculations; defines “nonhazardous position” and “accumulated employer contribution” and makes technical and conforming changes; amends KRS 61.546 and 78.616 to prohibit the use of sick leave service credit to determine retirement eligibility or to reduce applicable actuarial penalties for KERS, CERS, and SPRS members who began participating prior to January 1, 2014, and who retire on or after July 1, 2023; prohibits additional KERS/CERS agencies from electing to adopt a sick leave program on or after August 1, 2018; amends KRS 61.565 to define normal cost for purposes of funding for KERS, CERS, SPRS, LRP, and JRP; requires that costs for the optional 401(a) money purchase plan shall be included in the normal cost calculation; requires that, for the 2019 actuarial valuation, the unfunded liabilities shall be financed using a level dollar amortization method and that unfunded liability payments shall be prorated to each employer based upon the employer’s average share of payroll over fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017, except for those employers who have ceased participation; requires that employer funding requirements shall be determined using the entry age normal cost method, a five-year asset smoothing method, and assumptions adopted by the KRS board; requires KERS and SPRS rates to be adjusted annually, rather than on a biennial basis, in the 2020-2022 budget biennium; amends KRS 61.597 to change the annual interest credit for KERS/CERS nonhazardous members in the cash balance plan to 85 percent of the 10-year net return above 0 percent, but only a 0 percent annual interest credit for former members who are not contributing to a state-administered retirement system or plan; amends KRS 16.601 to require that in the event of a line-of-duty death of a KERS, CERS, or SPRS hazardous member, the spouse shall supersede the beneficiary designation on file; amends KRS 61.552 to require that members who begin participating in the optional 401(a) money purchase plan shall not be eligible to purchase service credit and makes conforming amendments; amends KRS 61.555 to credit a member participating in the optional 401(a) money purchase plan with employee and employer contributions if called to active duty military service while working; amends KRS 61.637 to specify required breaks in employment for KERS, CERS, SPRS, LRP,
JRP, and Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS) retirees who retire on or after January 1, 2019, and are reemployed on or after January 1, 2019, in a KRS eligible position and to prohibit these reemployed retirees from earning a second retirement account upon reemployment; amends KRS 61.702 to require KRS employees who began participating on or after July 1, 2003, but prior to September 1, 2008, to contribute towards retiree health funding an amount equal to 1 percent of creditable compensation; amends KRS 61.705 to exclude members who begin participating on or after January 1, 2014, from the $5,000 death benefit payable to KERS, CERS, and SPRS retired members with at least four years of service; amends KRS 16.652, 61.692, and 78.852 to stipulate that the KERS, CERS, and SPRS “inviolable contract” provisions shall not apply to legislative changes that become effective on or after July 1, 2018; makes technical changes; amends KRS 61.5955 to remove provisions relative to election by pre-2014 KERS, CERS, and SPRS members to participate in a cash balance plan and amend to provide that KERS and CERS nonhazardous members may elect to cease participating in the pension plan and participate prospectively in the optional 401(a) money purchase plan for future service; amends KRS 61.655 to prohibit a member of the General Assembly, public servant, or trustee or employee of the KRS board from having any interest in the business of KRS while employed/serving and for a period of five years following employment/service starting from July 1, 2017; amends KRS 16.583, 16.645, 61.575, 61.595, 78.640, 61.580, 61.559, 61.605, 61.640, 61.680, 78.545, and 78.650 to make technical/conforming amendments; creates a new section of KRS 161.220 to 161.716 to establish a hybrid cash balance plan for new Teachers’ Retirement System (TRS) members who begin participating on or after January 1, 2019; requires the hybrid cash balance plan to operate as another benefit tier in TRS, has a benefit based on a 9.105 percent employee contribution for nonuniversity members and a 7.625 percent employee contribution for university members, an 8 percent employer credit for non-university members and a 4 percent employer credit for university members, and an annual interest credit of 85 percent of the 10-year net return above 0 percent , but only a 0 percent annual interest credit for former members who have left employment for both nonuniversity and university members; provides for a 5-year vesting period for employer credits in the TRS hybrid cash balance plan; permits a member to retire and take a refund of his or her account or annuitize his or her account balance in the TRS hybrid cash balance plan into one of the payment options provided by the system upon reaching age 65 with 5 years’ service or upon meeting a combined age and service requirement of 87 years with a minimum age of 57; allows a TRS member with less than 5 years of service to elect participation in the hybrid cash balance plan; amends KRS 161.155 to limit the amount of sick leave payments that can be applied to TRS retirement benefit calculations to the amount of sick days accumulated as of December 31, 2018; prohibits part-time and substitute teacher provisions for TRS coverage from applying to reemployed retirees who retire on or after January 1, 2019; amends KRS 161.220 to define “university member,” “nonuniversity member,” “accumulated account balance,” and “accumulated employer credit”; amends KRS 161.460 to prohibit a member of the General Assembly, public servant, or trustee or employee of the TRS board from having any interest in the business of TRS while employed/serving and for a period of 5 years following employment/service starting from July 1, 2017; amends KRS 161.470 to prohibit new members of TRS from purchasing recontributions of refunds and stipulates that existing members cannot use recontributions of refunds for purposes of determining the date the individual became a member of TRS; amends KRS 161.480, 161.500, 161.507, 161.515, 161.545, 161.5465, 161.547, 161.548, 161.549, and 161.595 to remove certain service purchase provisions for new TRS members effective January 1, 2019; makes technical/conforming amendments; amends KRS 161.550 to require TRS employers to pay the full
actuarially-required contribution rate; requires that for the employer rates payable on or after July 1, 2020, the unfunded liabilities shall be financed using a level dollar amortization method and prorates unfunded liability payments to each employer based upon the employer’s average share of payroll over fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017; stipulates that employer funding requirements shall be determined using the entry age normal cost method, a five-year asset smoothing method, and assumptions adopted by the TRS board; defines “normal cost” and “actuarially accrued unfunded liability contribution,” and requires that local school districts shall pay 2 percent of pay towards the costs of new TRS members retirement benefits; amends KRS 161.568 to prohibit new members, effective January 1, 2019, from transferring service into TRS from an optional defined contribution retirement plan administered by university employers; amends KRS 161.605 to provide that TRS members who retire on or after January 1, 2019, and return to work shall not earn second retirement accounts in TRS; requires certain breaks in employment and salary limitations for TRS retirees returning to work in a TRS position; amends KRS 161.620 to stipulate that the TRS cost of living adjustment (COLA) provisions do not apply to new members, effective January 1, 2019; amends KRS 161.623 to limit sick leave service credit to the level of sick leave accumulated as of December 31, 2018, for TRS members receiving service credit for accumulated sick leave; prohibits agencies who have not elected to establish a TRS sick leave program from doing so on or after August 1, 2018; amends KRS 161.655 to prohibit the life insurance benefit from TRS from being applicable to new members, effective January 1, 2019; amends KRS 161.661 to conform TRS disability provisions to the plans for new members; amends KRS 161.714 to provide that the TRS “inviolable contract” provisions shall not apply to legislative changes that become effective on or after July 1, 2018, or to new TRS members with the exception of the new member’s accumulated account balance; amends KRS 161.400, 161.420, 161.480, 161.520, 161.522, 161.525, 161.540, 161.580, 161.585, 161.590, 161.600, 161.612, 161.615, 161.630, 161.650, and 161.700 to make technical/conforming TRS amendments; amends KRS 7A.250 to stipulate that the Public Pension Oversight Board’s hiring of an actuary to perform a review of state-retirement system rates is voluntary; makes conforming/technical amendments; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 18A to establish conflict of interest provisions for Kentucky Public Employees Deferred Compensation Authority (KDC) employees and trustees; prohibits a member of the General Assembly, public servant, or trustee or employee of the KDC board from having any interest in the business of KDC while employed/serving and for a period of five years following employment/service (starting from July 1, 2017); amends KRS 11A.010 to make the KDC board subject to the Executive Branch Code of Ethics; amends KRS 18A.245 and 61.598 to make conforming/technical amendments; requires the Public Pension Oversight Board (PPOB) to establish an advisory committee to evaluate CERS separation/restructuring of the KRS systems and report recommendations to the PPOB no later than December 1, 2019; requires KRS and TRS to provide updates on the development of the system, including the impact of state or federal law, to the PPOB no later than August 1, 2018; stipulates that line-of-duty death changes to KRS 16.601 are applicable to surviving spouses of hazardous members who died in the line of duty on or after January 1, 2017; includes severability clause.

SB 152

AN ACT relating to teacher compensation.
Amends KRS 157.390 to allow school districts to provide compensation in addition to that provided in the single salary schedule for all classroom teachers in a school identified as being in targeted or comprehensive support and improvement status.
SB 160
AN ACT relating to the sale of consumer goods during a state of emergency.
Amends KRS 367.372 to include additional definitions; amends KRS 367.374 to revise the
time of an initial order to 15 days, provide for early termination, and clarify when prices are not in
violation of the statute; and amends KRS 367.374 to limit the total civil penalty allowed to $25,000
for any 24 hour period and limit additional penalties.

SB 181
AN ACT relating to sex offender registrants.
Amends KRS 17.500 to revise the definition of “criminal offense against a victim who is
a minor” and “registrant information”; amends KRS 17.510 to require registrants to provide palm
prints, motor vehicle operator’s license numbers, and government-issued identification card
numbers, and require registrants to inform the appropriate local probation and parole office of
travel outside the country; amends 17.520 to make a technical correction; and amends KRS 17.580
to conform.

SB 182
AN ACT relating to all-terrain vehicles.
Amends KRS 189.515 to define federal all-terrain vehicle standards, set forth age
restrictions for all-terrain vehicle use, restrict the carrying of passengers on all-terrain vehicles,
require all-terrain vehicles be operated in accordance with federal all-terrain vehicle standards, and
prohibit removal of the manufacturer age restriction warning label from an all-terrain vehicle.

SB 200
AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Communications Network Authority, making an
appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.
Amends KRS 154.15-020 to allow the Kentucky Communications Network Authority to
leverage future revenues through debt or financing; amends 2018 HB 200/EN to appropriate
money to the Kentucky Communications Network Authority from the general fund and to remove
language pertaining to finding funding sources for availability payments and operating expenses;
APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

SB 201
AN ACT relating to services for children and transition-age youth.
Amends KRS 200.503 to define “system of care” and “transition-age youth”; amends KRS
200.505 to alter membership and name of state interagency council; amends KRS 200.509 to
change membership of regional interagency councils; amends KRS 605.035 to change
participation of members of regional interagency councils in family accountability, intervention,
and response teams; and amends various sections to conform.

SB 202
AN ACT relating to the Council on Postsecondary Education.
Amends KRS 164.013 to make the employment of a search firm optional when filling the
position of the Council on Postsecondary Education president and delete the requirement that the
president’s compensation exceed that of any public university president.
SB 203
AN ACT relating to public-private partnership projects.
Amends KRS 45A.077 to suspend the requirement for General Assembly approval for public-private partnership projects contracted for projects publicized prior to July 1, 2020, and remove the requirement for approval of the Government Contract Review Committee of the public-private partnership contract.

SB 204
AN ACT relating to income tax checkoff programs and making an appropriation therefor.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to permit taxpayers to donate to the Kentucky CASA network fund from their individual income tax refund, require the tax refund designation to be printed on the face of the Kentucky individual income tax return, require the tax return instructions to include information about the Kentucky CASA network fund, and require the Kentucky Department of Revenue to transfer the funds designated by taxpayers to the Kentucky CASA network fund by July 1 of each year; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 620 to establish the Kentucky CASA network fund and provisions of the fund.

SB 210
AN ACT relating to possession of a firearm by a felon.
Amends KRS 527.040, regarding possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, to enhance the penalties for a second or subsequent offense if the felon possesses a firearm during the commission of any new felony or misdemeanor; if the firearm possessed by a felon during the commission of the new crime is a handgun, the penalty for a conviction under KRS 527.040 is enhanced from a Class C to a Class B felony; and if the firearm is not a handgun, the penalty for a conviction is enhanced from a Class D to a Class C felony.

SB 211
AN ACT relating to the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet.
Amends KRS 12.020 and 148.522 to abolish the Kentucky Sports Authority and the Office of Creative Services in the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet; amends KRS 148.522 to delete a reference to the Office of Creative Services; amends the definition of “target county” in KRS 148.221 to include Jackson and Pulaski counties; confirms Executive Order 2017-732.

SB 228
AN ACT relating to athlete agents.
Amends KRS 164.6901 to rename KRS 164.6901 to 164.6935 the Revised Uniform Athlete Agents Act; amends KRS 164.6903 to revise the definitions of “athlete agent” and “student-athlete” and to define “educational institution,” “enrolled,” “interscholastic sport,” “licensed, registered or certified professional,” “recruit or solicit,” and “sign,” and exempts a parent or guardian from the definition of an “athlete agent” unless that parent or guardian is receiving compensation or expects compensation for attempts to influence a student-athlete to enter into an agency contract, or for attempting to negotiate employment for a student-athlete as a professional athlete; amends KRS 164.6907 to clarify the time period for submitting an application; amends KRS 164.6909 to expand the requirements for an athlete agent application form and the registration process; amends KRS 164.6911 to clarify reasons for which registration may be denied and the license renewal process; amends KRS 164.6913 to clarify reasons for
refusing to issue or to suspend or revoke a registration; creates a new section of KRS 164.6901 to 164.6935 to allow the department to issue a temporary license; amends KRS 164.6915 to establish a fee to renew a registration based on registration in another state; amends KRS 164.6917 to specify requirements for an agency contract; amends KRS 164.6919 to specify communication requirements an athlete agent must meet; amends KRS 164.6921 to include parents or guardians of minor student-athletes; amends KRS 164.6923 to require an athlete agent to create records; amends KRS 164.6925 to clarify actions prohibited by athlete agents; amends KRS 164.6929 to allow student-athletes as well as educational institutions to bring action for damages and increase civil penalty from $25,000 to $50,000; and amends KRS 164.6933 clarify the interaction of KRS 164.6901 to 164.6935 with regard to federal electronic signatures statutes.

SB 249

AN ACT relating to oil and gas hearings.

Amends KRS 13B.020 to exempt oil and gas hearings held under KRS Chapter 353 from the hearing requirements of KRS Chapter 13B, except for hearings conducted by the Kentucky Oil and Gas Conservation Commission under KRS Chapter 353.500 to 353.720; amends KRS 353.060 to provide for petition and notice requirements for oil and gas hearings held by the Energy and Environment Cabinet’s Office of Administrative Hearings relating to drilling near coal-bearing strata; amends KRS 353.200 to specify that the Department for Natural Resources may receive complaints of drilling or mining operations with the cabinet’s Office of Administrative Hearings; amends KRS 353.510 to define “notice”; amends KRS 353.590 to change the bond forfeiture process for noncomplying operators and make orders or final determinations under the section subject to review under designated petition provisions; amends KRS 353.5901 to require the director to make a final agency determination with regard to a mediation plan between well operators and surface owners, make orders or final determinations under the section subject to review under designated petition provisions, and make conforming changes; amends KRS 353.620 to allow the director to determine whether a distance variance may be permitted for a well, and make orders or final determinations under the section subject to review under designated petition provisions; amends KRS 353.630 to change notice requirements relating to the pooling of oil and gas interests, and make orders or final determinations under the section subject to review under designated petition provisions; amends KRS 353.640 to change notice requirements for pooling orders relating to unknown or unlocatable owners, and make orders or final determinations under the section subject to review under designated petition provisions; amends KRS 353.645 to specify who interested persons are with regard to pooled oil and gas interests, make orders or final determinations under the section subject to review under designated petition provisions, and make conforming changes; amends KRS 353.700 to change the appeal process for final determinations made or orders issued under KRS Chapter 353, establish petition and hearing procedures, require the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to establish formal and informal hearing procedures, allow for appeal to Franklin Circuit Court of final orders issued by the secretary under the section, and make conforming changes; amends KRS 353.806 to make orders or final determinations under the section subject to review under designated petition provisions and make conforming changes; amends 353.808 to change notice requirements for pool orders relating to sequestration of carbon dioxide; provides that orders or final determinations under the section are subject to review under designated petition provisions.
SB 250

AN ACT relating to screening for hepatitis C.

Amends KRS 214.160 to establish that all pregnant women shall be tested for hepatitis C and recommends testing for children born from a pregnant woman who has a positive hepatitis C test result.

SCR 171

Establishes the Childhood Cancer Caucus within the Kentucky General Assembly.

SCR 176

Urges the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) to continue improving the provision of colorectal cancer screening services to Kentucky Medicaid recipients, which should include achieving an 80 percent colorectal cancer screening rate for certain Kentucky Medicaid recipients and holding Medicaid managed-care organizations accountable for achieving this goal, and urges the DMS to ensure that all colorectal cancer screening services criteria for Medicaid managed care plans align, at a minimum, with the United States Preventive Services Task Force guidelines for reducing mortality from colorectal cancer.

SJR 52

Directs the Kentucky Department of Education to partner with the University of Kentucky Human Development Institute and University of Louisville College of Education and Human Development and to implement and bolster the Kentucky Peer Support Network Project in public schools across the Commonwealth; requires that the KDE collaborate with the University of Kentucky Human Development Institute and University of Louisville College of Education and Human Development to identify and secure grant funding for the Kentucky Peer Support Network Project and Teaching and Learning Pathway; requires the KDE to report to the Interim Joint Committee on Education on the status of funding efforts no later than July 1 each year; and waives reporting requirement on years the Kentucky Peer Support Network Project is fully funded.

SJR 158

Requests the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet to collaborate with stakeholder organizations to identify and suggest ways to preserve historically significant Civil War heritage tourism sites; directs the cabinet to provide feedback to a report submitted by the Civil War Sites Association and the Civil War Trust to the Interim Joint Committee on Tourism, Small Business, and Information Technology.

SJR 218

Directs state agencies to conduct self-studies to examine practices that contribute to food waste and identify new practices that would reduce food waste and increase food donations to charitable feeding agencies; directs each agency to submit a written report of its findings to the IJC on Agriculture; directs the Finance and Administration Cabinet to develop food waste reduction guidelines to be used by all state agencies and to present those guidelines to the IJC on Agriculture.
Senate Simple Resolutions

SR 76
Confirm the reappointment of John Barry Coleman as administrative law judge at the Department of Workers’ Claims for a term expiring on December 31, 2021.

SR 77
Confirm the appointment of Talina Rose Mathews to the Public Service Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2021.

SR 78
Confirm the reappointment of Lelia Annette “Lee” VanHoose to the Parole Board for a term expiring March 1, 2021.

SR 79
Confirm the reappointment of Mark Opp Haines to the Personnel Board for a term expiring January 1, 2022.

SR 80
Confirm the reappointment of R. Roland Case as administrative law judge for the Department of Workers’ Claims for a term expiring on December 31, 2021.

SR 81
Confirm the appointment of Robert L. Swisher as commissioner of the Department of Workers’ Claims.

SR 82
Confirm the reappointment of Michael Alvey as a member of the Workers’ Compensation Board in the Department of Workers’ Claims for a term expiring January 5, 2022.

SR 159
Confirm the reappointment of Stephanie Letitia Kinney as administrative law judge in the Department of Workers’ Claims for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

SR 160
Confirm the appointment of Nancy Grosser Atkins as commissioner of the Department of Insurance, Public Protection Cabinet.

SR 161
Confirm the reappointment of Joseph J. Koester to the Board of Directors of Kentucky Employers’ Mutual Insurance Authority for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

SR 162
Confirm the appointment of Lisa S. Clark to the Board of Directors of Kentucky Employers’ Mutual Insurance Authority for a term expiring December 31, 2021.
SR 163
    Confirm the appointment of Rebecca Hedgspeth to the Board of Directors of Kentucky Employers’ Mutual Insurance Authority for a term expiring December 31, 2021.

SR 186
    Confirm the appointment of Lisa Mann to the Kentucky Housing Corporation Board of Directors for a term expiring October 30, 2020.

SR 187
    Confirm the appointment of Joanna Shake to the Kentucky Housing Corporation Board of Directors for a term expiring October 30, 2020.

SR 188
    Confirm the appointment of Tammy Weidinger to the Kentucky Housing Corporation Board of Directors for a term expiring October 30, 2020.

SR 189
    Confirm the appointment of Kimberly Thapar to the Kentucky Housing Corporation Board of Directors for a term expiring October 30, 2021.

SR 190
    Confirm the appointment of John Fritz Giesecke to the Agricultural Development Board for a term expiring July 6, 2021.

SR 192
    Confirm the appointment of Kenny L. Knott to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission for a term expiring August 13, 2021.

SR 193
    Confirm the appointment of Delana Sue Sanders to the Kentucky Claims Commission, replacing Jessica Ann Burke, for the remainder of the term expiring September 30, 2018.

SR 194
    Confirm the reappointment of Carlo R. Wessels to the Kentucky Claims Commission for a term expiring September 30, 2020.

SR 195
    Confirm the appointment of George Nichols III to the Western Kentucky University Board of Regents for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

SR 233
    Confirm the appointment of Jefferson Vimont Layson III as administrative law judge to the Department of Workers’ Claims for a term expiring July 14, 2020
SR 234  
Confirm the reappointment of W. Greg Harvey as administrative law judge at the Department of Workers’ Claims for a term expiring on December 31, 2021.

SR 269  
Confirm the appointment of Jordan Lanham to the Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority.

SR 270  
Confirm the appointment of William M. Boggs to the Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority.

SR 271  
Confirm the appointment of Richard Crist to the Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority.

SR 272  
Confirm the appointment of Rebecca Ruby Swansburg to the Kentucky Public Transportation Infrastructure Authority.

SR 273  
Confirm the appointment of Katie L. Moyer to the Agricultural Development Board for a term expiring July 6, 2021.

SR 276  
Confirm the appointment of John Valentine Boardman III to the Kentucky Teachers’ Retirement System Board of Trustees for a term expiring March 10, 2023.

SR 277  
Confirm the appointment of Frank E. Collecchia to the Kentucky Teachers’ Retirement System Board of Trustees for a term expiring March 10, 2019.

SR 278  
Confirm the appointment of Melvin B. Henley to the Governor’s Postsecondary Education Nominating Committee for a term expiring April 14, 2020.

SR 279  
Confirm the appointment of Melody Stafford to the Governor’s Postsecondary Education Nominating Committee for a term expiring April 14, 2018.

SR 280  
Confirm the appointment of Patrick Kelly Downard to the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems for a term expiring June 17, 2019.
SR 281
Confirm the appointment of David Michael Gallagher to the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems for a term expiring July 1, 2021.

SR 282
Confirm the appointment of Matthew L. Monteiro to the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems for a term expiring June 17, 2019.

SR 283
Confirm the reappointment of James Fulkerson to the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems for a term expiring July 1, 2021.

SR 284
Confirm the appointment of Wilburn Joe Brothers to the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems for a term expiring July 1, 2021.

SR 285
Confirm the reappointment of Jan M. Buddeke to the Kentucky Lottery Corporation Board of Directors for a term expiring November 28, 2021.

SR 323
Confirm the appointment of Dr. Robert Henry Staat to the Council on Postsecondary Education for a term expiring June 30, 2021.

SR 324
Confirm the appointment of Ashley Himes to the Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

SR 325
Confirm the appointment of Laura Schulte Babbage to the Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents for a term expiring June 30, 2021.

SR 326

SR 327

SR 328
Confirm the appointment of Rachel E. Colyer to the Education Professional Standards Board for a term expiring June 30, 2021.
SR 329  
Confirm the appointment of Joseph Phillip Papalia to the Council on Postsecondary Education for a term expiring December 31, 2023.

SR 330  
Confirm the reappointment of James Michael Rogers to the University of Louisville Board of Trustees for a term expiring January 13, 2024.

SR 331  
Confirm the appointment of Mary R. Nixon to the University of Louisville Board of Trustees for a term expiring January 13, 2024.

SR 332  
Confirm the reappointment of Sebastian Devin Torres to the Council on Postsecondary Education for a term expiring June 30, 2018.

SR 333  
Confirm the appointment of Kimberly A. Halbauer to the Council on Postsecondary Education for a term expiring December 31, 2020.

SR 334  
Confirm the appointment of Kristi Poore Nelson to the Council on Postsecondary Education for a term expiring December 31, 2018.

SR 335  
Confirm the appointment of Derrick K. Ramsey to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

SR 336  
Confirm the reappointment of Deborah Haydon Long to the Morehead State University Board of Regents for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

SR 337  
Confirm the appointment of Sandra Robbin Shuffett to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

SR 338  
Confirm the appointment of Don Irvin Tharpe to the Murray State University Board of Regents for a term expiring June 30, 2023.

SR 339  
Confirm the appointment of Juan Carlos Castro to the Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents for a term expiring June 30, 2023.
SR 340  
Confirm the appointment of Roger Reynolds to the Kentucky State University Board of Regents for a term expiring June 30, 2018.

SR 341  
Confirm the appointment of Shad Michael Sletto to the Education Professional Standards Board for a term expiring June 30, 2019.

SR 342  
Confirm the appointment of Tolya Lynn Ellis to the Education Professional Standards Board for a term expiring June 30, 2019.

SR 343  
Confirm the appointment of Raymond M. Burse to the University of Louisville Board of Trustees for a term expiring January 13, 2019.

SR 344  
Confirm the appointment of Elizabeth Griffin McCoy to the University of Kentucky Board of Trustees for a term expiring June 30, 2022.

SR 345  

SR 346  

SR 347  
Confirm the appointment of Steven Robert Thomas to the Education Professional Standards Board for a term expiring June 30, 2019.

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SR 350  
Confirm the appointment of Sarah Lynn Burnett to the Education Professional Standards Board for a term expiring June 30, 2021.
SR 351

SR 352

SR 353
Confirm the appointment of James Lee Deckard to the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance for a term of four years.

SR 354
Confirm the appointment of Dr. Robert M. Powers to the Parole Board for a term expiring March 1, 2021.
HB 1

AN ACT relating to child welfare.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 6 to establish the Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory committee; amends KRS 194A.030 to move the Office of the Ombudsman within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) from directly in the Secretary’s Office to establish it more independently, and specify investigative direction of the office of the ombudsman and requires the content of reports to be submitted to the General Assembly; amends KRS 199.461 to require additional reporting of statewide, regional, district, and county caseload average for state social service workers; amends KRS 199.470 to expand the definition of relative for adoption purposes and align placement options with the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children; amends KRS 199.641 to allow CHFS to contract with any, including for-profit, child-caring facilities and child-placing agencies and to allow CHFS to move to a modernized rate structure with private foster care providers; amends KRS 199.800 to update definitions; amends KRS 199.801 to update and establish new processes for state-level and regional placement coordinators for children in the custody of the cabinet and establishes new diligent recruitment planning; creates a new section of KRS 199.470 to 199.590 to require CHFS to establish uniform home study processes; creates a new section of KRS 199.640 to 199.670 to require the secretary of CHFS to designate a study group to make recommendations regarding the creation and implementation of performance-based contracting for licensed child-caring facilities and child-placing agencies in the Commonwealth, require the study group to report its findings to the legislature by December 1, 2018, require CHFS to establish and implement performance based contracting by July 1, 2019, and require the new standards to be applied to all child-caring and child-placing programs operated by CHFS; repeals and reenacts KRS 200.575 by updating and establishing new processes for delivery of family preservation services and specifies that the required annual evaluation by CHFS of family preservation services be submitted to the Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee; amends KRS 213.056 to change language required to be on a Kentucky birth certificate of a person adopted from outside the United States; amends KRS 213.141 to establish that there will be no fee for copies of birth certificates for children who is in the custody of the state; amends KRS 600.020 to expand the definition of “abused or neglected child” related to how long a child is in the custody of the cabinet; amends KRS 605.120 to establish language to allow for a broader array of services and how to pay for the services for relative caregivers, require that an established report related to foster parent reimbursement rates be delivered to the newly created Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee, and change language related to haircut decisions by foster parents to makes clarify that in making those decisions the cabinet can restrict them for religious, racial, ethnic, or national origin reasons; amends KRS 610.040 to make changes regarding service of process in a timely manner upon a parent involved in a pending case; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 620 to require CHFS to provide a minimum 10 day notice to a foster family and the child-caring facility or child-placing agency if a foster child is to be moved to a new placement or reunified with their family; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 620 to establish language to resolve delays due to simultaneous criminal proceedings and dependency, neglect, or abuse cases; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 620 to establish language to allow CHFS to charge a $10 fee for background checks of child abuse and neglect records in certain circumstances; amends KRS 620.050 to establish language to allow the cabinet and courts access
to interviews and records from Children’s Advocacy Center administrative hearings related to the substantiation of finding of child abuse, neglect, and dependency and establishes new language to make it clear that children’s advocacy centers may, in its sole discretion, provide testimony during an administrative hearing process in lieu of files, reports, notes, photographs, records, electronic and other communications, and working papers used or developed by the center if the center determines that the release poses a threat to the safety or well-being of the child, or would be in the best interests of the child; amends KRS 620.060 to establish language to simplify and clarify where an abuse, neglect, or dependency court case can be filed; amends KRS 620.070 to make changes in order to help resolve conflicts regarding service of process in a timely manner upon a parent involved in a pending case; amends KRS 620.180 to require that, by January 1, 2019, CHFS shall establish and implement the processes, procedures, timelines and requirements to ensure that children committed to the cabinet as dependent, neglected, or abused and placed in foster family homes are timely reunified with his or her biological family or identified for and placed in a new permanent home, change the five day requirement to a 10 calendar day requirement for the initial case conference for a child who was removed, and establish a six month case permanency review and submission to the court and three month reviews after that culminating in a recommendation being made to the court after 15 cumulative months out of 48 months that a child is in custody of the state as to whether reunification or adoption should occur; amends KRS 620.270 to establish changes to the existing Citizen Foster Care Review Boards in the state to establish an interested party review to occur to allow a forum for citizens throughout the state to express their thoughts and opinions related to child welfare cases that they are a part; amends KRS 620.290 to make a technical conforming change; amends KRS 620.310 to establish changes to the existing Citizen Foster Care Review Boards related to the election of the chairpersons; amends KRS 625.090 to permit a Circuit Court to involuntarily terminate parental rights in certain instances if the child is found to have been diagnosed with neonatal abstinence syndrome, the cabinet has filed a petition, and if, among other things, the court finds that the child has been in foster care under the responsibility of the cabinet for 15 cumulative months out of 48 months preceding the filing of the petition to terminate parental rights; amends KRS 625.110 to establish a time period in which an appeal can be made to an order involuntarily terminating parental rights; creates two new sections of KRS Chapter 199 to establish a putative father registry in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, prescribe the data the registry will contain and who may access the data, establish the purpose of the putative father registry, and establish a $25 fee to any person who requests a search of the registry; amends KRS 199.480 to conform and establish a 30 day time limit after a child’s birth for a putative father to register with the registry; amends KRS 199.990 to establish penalties for violations of accessibility of the putative father registry; amends KRS 406.081 to require courts to resolve cases against alleged fathers who do not comply with ordered genetic testing; amends KRS 406.091 to require the party requesting that the paternity action be filed to pay for genetic testing; amends KRS 625.065 to establish additional conditions when a putative father shall be made a party to involuntary termination of parental rights; amend KRS 199.502 to conform and to establish language related to allowing a court to appoint attorneys for birth parents in adoption proceedings if the court finds the birth parents to be indigent; amends KRS 199.473 to conform; amends KRS 199.490 to conform; amends KRS 625.040 to conform and establishes that a petition for voluntary termination of parental rights be fully adjudicated and a final judgement entered by the court within six months of the filing of the petition; amends KRS 625.042 to conform and establishes a 30 day requirement related to voluntary termination of parental rights and the cabinet’s approval; amends KRS 625.043 to conform; amends KRS 625.050 to establish that a
petition for involuntary termination of parental rights be fully adjudicated and a final judgement entered by the court within 6 months of the filing of the petition; amends KRS 199.500 to establish that a signed consent for adoption shall become final and irrevocable 20 days after it is signed; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 620 to establish that if CHFS determines that return to home is not recommended for a child, the parent or person exercising custodial control of the child may appeal the determination of CHFS within 30 days of the cabinet’s determination and require CHFS to review the appeal and make its final determination within three months after the appeal is filed; amends KRS 620.146 to establish language related to how CHFS contacts a school when a change of custody occurs for a child in a dependency, neglect, or abuse case and establish that electronic and facsimile notice is now allowed; amends KRS 620.360 related to the foster parent bill of rights to make it an explicit right that a foster parent shall receive notice of, have a right to attend, and have a right to be heard in, either verbally or in writing, any cabinet or court proceeding held with respect to the child, prohibit a foster parent caring for the child from being made a party to a proceeding solely on the basis of the notice and right to be heard, and apply the foster parent bill of rights to all foster parents; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 620 to require the secretary of CHFS to designate a study group to make recommendations regarding the feasibility and implementation of the privatization of all foster care services in the Commonwealth and require the study group to report its findings to the legislature by July 1, 2019; amends KRS 21A.190 requiring a statutorily required report related to school breakfast programs to be delivered to the newly created Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee; amends KRS 157.065 requiring that a statutorily required report related to the statewide strategic planning committee for children in placement to be delivered to the newly created Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee; amends KRS 211.684 requiring that a statutorily required report related to the annual report of the cabinet child fatality reporting system to be delivered to the newly created Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee; amends KRS 194A.365 requiring that a statutorily required report related to the numbers of children in the custody of the state to be delivered to the newly created Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee; amends KRS 199.893 requiring that a statutorily required report related to the annual report of the Kentucky Child Care Advisory Council to be delivered to the newly created Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee; amends KRS 211.684 requiring that a statutorily required report related to the annual report of the cabinet child fatality reporting system to be delivered to the newly created Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee; amends KRS 620.055 requiring that a statutorily required report related to the annual report of the external child fatality and near fatality panel to be delivered to the newly created Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee; amends KRS 620.320 requiring that a statutorily required report related to the annual report of the citizen foster care review boards must be delivered to the newly created Child Welfare Oversight and Advisory Committee and require the report to include findings of the local citizen foster care review board community forums; amends KRS 17.185 relating to fingerprint requirements by the Kentucky State Police; and repeals KRS 199.565, 199.805, 200.580, 200.585, 200.590, 200.595, 200.600, and 200.605.
HB 2

AN ACT relating to workers’ compensation.

Amends KRS 342.020 to limit the time period of payment of medical expenses for certain permanent partial disabilities to 780 weeks but provide a mechanism for an injured worker to apply for extended medical benefits and limit the number of drug screens for which the employer will be liable; amends KRS 342.035 to specify circumstances upon which utilization review can be waived, mandate promulgation of treatment guidelines and a pharmaceutical formulary by the commissioner, and clarify that a fee shall not be charged when an injured worker requests the initial copy of medical records from a medical provider; amends KRS 342.040 to indicate that interest will not accrue when the delay in payment of benefits was caused by the employee; amends KRS 342.125 to clarify that the four-year period in which to reopen a claim begins on the date of the original order granting or denying benefits and that subsequent orders granting or denying benefits shall not be considered an original order; amends KRS 342.185 to indicate that an application for adjustment of claim for compensation for a cumulative trauma injury must be made within five years of the last injurious exposure to the cumulative trauma and that notice and application must be filed within two years of the employee being informed by a physician that the cumulative trauma is work-related; amends KRS 342.265 to specify a higher discount rate for lump sum settlements of awards of forty dollars or less per week; amends KRS 342.270 to require commissioner of Department of Workers’ Claims to promulgate regulations establishing procedures for resolution of claims within 120 days from the effective date of the Act; amends KRS 342.315 to include “B” readers who are pulmonary specialist as an examiner in occupational disease claims; amends KRS 342.316 to change procedure for filing occupational disease claims, provide that benefits can be suspended if the employee does not cooperate with or gives poor effort on a breathing test, require the commissioner to audit “B” readers performing examinations, and add twelve types of cancers to the list of conditions that fall under the twenty year statute of limitations; amends KRS 342.320 to change calculation of attorney fees and increase limitation on amount of fees to $18,000; amends KRS 342.610 to indicate that the employee must show that the voluntary introduction of a substance into his or her body that causes a disturbance of mental or physical capacities was not the proximate cause of his or her injury; amends KRS 342.700 to allow the recovery in subrogation of indemnity and medical expenses paid to or on behalf of the employee, less a proportional share of the employee’s legal expenses; amends KRS 342.730 to increase average weekly wage caps, set time limits for total disability benefits paid to certain professional athletes, allow payment of temporary total disability benefits to be offset by gross income minus applicable taxes paid to an employee during a period of light-duty work or work in an alternative job position, provide an offset against temporary total disability benefits for salary continuation or wholly employer-funded disability retirement plans, indicate that benefits shall terminate when a plaintiff reaches age 70 or four years after the date of injury, whichever shall last occur; amends KRS 342.7305 to require employment for a minimum of one year in order to be the responsible employer in a hearing loss claim; amends KRS 342.732 to set forth parameters for retraining; deletes provisions of KRS 342.792 requiring the commissioner of Department of Workers’ Claims to adopt regulations regarding the “B” reader process; amends KRS 342.794 to require commissioner of Department of Workers’ Claims to maintain a list of “B” readers who are board-certified pulmonary specialists; and amends KRS 342.990 to conform and specifies the applicability of substantive changes to claims arising on or after effective date of Act and remedial changes to all claims irrespective of injury date.
HB 3
AN ACT relating to school curriculum and declaring an emergency.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, each school district to promote an essential workplace ethics program, require each local district to establish essential workplace ethics indicators, require each local board to design an award to reflect that a student has attained workplace ethics indicators, and require superintendents to report to the commissioner on the district’s workplace ethics programs; and amends KRS 158.6453 to require the department to include the essential workplace ethics program on the school profile report, require the academic standards in practical living skills for all grade levels include drug abuse prevention, and require the Office of Drug Control Policy to develop recommendations on instruction in drug abuse prevention; EMERGENCY.

HB 4
AN ACT relating to the privileging of peer review activities in health care.
Amends KRS 311.377 to add medical malpractice actions, actions arising out of review of credentials or retrospective review and evaluation, and actions by an applicant for or grantee of staff privileges to materials that are confidential and privileged and not subject to discovery, subpoena, or introduction into evidence, in any civil action in any court if the person or entity is participating in an initiative for patient safety and quality improvement.

HB 5
AN ACT regarding guardianship and conservatorship of partially disabled or disabled adults.
Amends KRS 210.290, relating to public guardianship, to specify when the Cabinet for Health and Family Services may be appointed as a resident’s limited guardian, guardian, limited conservator, or conservator and to clarify the duties of the cabinet once appointed; amends KRS 387.510 to provide that a guardian or limited guardian is to manage the personal affairs of a disabled person; amends KRS 387.540 to allow a physician assistant to be part of an interdisciplinary evaluation team; amends KRS 387.570 and 387.580 to allow a bench trial at a guardianship competency hearing when the parties agree, there is no objection from interested parties, and all persons preparing the interdisciplinary report agree that the person is disabled or partially disabled; amends KRS 387.590 to clarify that the same individual, agency, or corporation may be both a guardian and a conservator; amends KRS 387.610 to allow an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician assistant working within his or her scope of practice to verify a renewal petition for guardianship or conservatorship; amends KRS 387.660 to remove custody from a guardian’s powers and duties; amends KRS 387.680 to clarify that a limited conservator or conservator may establish or place financial resources in a trust; and amends KRS 387.670, 387.700, and 387.710 to conform.

HB 11
AN ACT relating to power of attorney.
Establishes KRS Chapter 457 to adopt portions of the Uniform Power of Attorney Act of 2006, define terms, extend application of chapter to all powers of attorney with certain exceptions, provide that powers of attorney are durable and for their execution, establish a choice-of-law rule for determining the law that governs the meaning and effect of the power of attorney, detail the relationship between a power of attorney and a conservator or guardian, outline when a power of
attorney becomes effective, establish when a power of attorney terminates, establish default rules for coagents and successor agents, allow for reimbursement and compensation of an agent, detail how an agent accepts appointment, outline an agent’s duties, provide that a principal can lower the standard of liability for an agent with certain exceptions, establish who may petition the court to review the agent’s conduct, establish liability of an agent, detail how an agent can resign, provide protections for persons who accept a power of attorney in good faith, impose liability for refusal to accept a power of attorney, clarify that the principles of law and equity supplement the chapter unless displaced by a provision of the chapter, clarify that this chapter does not supersede any other law applicable to financial institutions or other entities and that the other law controls if inconsistent with this chapter, provide that the remedies under the chapter are not exclusive and do not abrogate any other cause of action or remedy, require consideration to be given to the need to promote uniformity of the law with respect to its subject matter among the states that enact it when applying and construing this uniform act, and clarify the relation of the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act and this chapter; amends KRS 367.93103, relating to funeral planning declarations, to clarify that a funeral declaration included in a will or power of attorney does not invalidate the will or power of attorney; amends KRS 372.140 and 387.530 to conform; and repeals KRS 386.093, relating to the effect of incapacity or death on a power of attorney.

HB 22
AN ACT relating to public safety.
Amends KRS 446.010 to define “unmanned aircraft system”; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 500 to prescribe permitted and prohibited uses of drones, provide exceptions, prohibit use of evidence obtained by a drone in violation of stated prohibitions, and designate as the Citizens’ Freedom from Unwarranted Surveillance Act; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 501 to clarify criminal liability for offenses committed using a drone; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 525 to create the offense of obstructing an emergency responder.

HB 30
AN ACT relating to suicide prevention training.
Amends KRS 156.095 to require one hour of suicide prevention training every other year for all high school and middle school principals, guidance counselors, and teachers, require the training to be either in-person, by live streaming, or via a video recording, and permit the training to be included in the four days of professional development under KRS 158.070; and amends KRS 158.070 to delete requirement for two hours of self-study review for suicide prevention training, and require a newly hired staff member to receive a packet of information on suicide prevention when the person is hired in a year training is not provided.

HB 33
AN ACT relating to the overtaking of bicycles on a roadway.
Amends KRS 189.300 to require the operator of any vehicle moving upon a highway to keep to the right unless signage or markings indicate otherwise; and amends KRS 189.340 to require vehicles overtaking bicycles to pass at a distance of at least three feet, provide that if there is not a minimum distance of three feet available, the passing vehicle is to use reasonable caution, specify when a motor vehicle may pass a bicycle to the left of the center of a roadway, and prohibit
bicycle operators from riding more than two abreast in a highway lane unless the roadway is marked exclusively for bicycle use.

**HB 46**

AN ACT relating to credit freezes and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 367.365 to allow for security freezes to be requested by methods established by the consumer reporting agency, allow consumers to request a replacement personal identification number or password in the same manner as the original security freeze request, remove the expiration of a credit freeze after seven years, and include gender-neutral language; and amends KRS 367.3645 to make technical corrections; EMERGENCY.

**HB 64**

AN ACT relating to traumatic brain injury treatment for veterans.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 217 to define terms, permit eligible veterans to use hyperbaric oxygen treatment for treatment of traumatic brain injury, establish the conditions for use of hyperbaric oxygen treatment, prohibit sanctions of health care providers, clarify the duties of health care insurers regarding hyperbaric oxygen treatment prohibit certain actions by state officials, and designates as the Colonel Ron Ray Veterans Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment Act.

**HB 68**

AN ACT relating to law enforcement support programs, declaring an emergency, and making an appropriation therefor.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 15 to require the Department of Criminal Justice Training to provide a law enforcement professional development and wellness program, outline standards for program, require program to be confidential, and create a fund for the program’s administration; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

**HB 69**

AN ACT relating to service delivery improvements in managed care networks.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 205 to define terms, require that new or renewed contracts with Medicaid managed care organizations comply with the Act, require that the Department for Medicaid Services designate a single credentialing verification organization to verify credentials for DMS and all contracted Medicaid MCOs, submit the credentialing organization to Government Contract Review Committee for comment and review, provide for reimbursement of the credentialing verification organization, require providers to submit a single application to the credentialing organization, require notification within 5 days to the provider if application is complete, require verified packets be sent to the DMS and Medicaid MCOs within 30 days, require DMS to enroll providers within 30 days and for the Medicaid MCOs to determine if they will contract with the provider within 30 days and ensure that any accepted contract is updated in its systems within 10 days with up to an additional 15 days if notice is provided, specify that for reimbursement of claims purposes the credentialing application date shall be the date of original enrollment and credentialing, prohibit a Medicaid MCO from requiring a provider to appeal or resubmit any clean claim during the credentialing period, allow university hospitals to perform credentialing verification for its providers, require Medicaid MCOs to establish a Web site for providers to file grievances and claim appeals, require Medicaid MCOs to provide a telephone line for claims resolution and for authorizations of covered services, establish
requirements for internal appeals process of Medicaid MCOs, allow for in-person meetings for unpaid claims beyond 45 days and that individually or in the aggregate exceed $2,500, require reprocessing of claims incorrectly paid or denied, establish timelines and requirements for preauthorization requests, require that substance use disorder be treated as an expedited authorization request, establish monthly reporting requirements for MCOs relating to claims, require reporting between the DMS and the Department of Insurance, establish penalties for Medicaid MCOs that fail to comply, prohibit automatic assignment of Medicaid enrollees to an Medicaid MCO, and require Medicaid MCOs to have a utilization review plan meeting certain requirements; amend KRS 205.522 to requirement Medicaid MCOs to comply with KRS 304.17A-515; amend KRS 304.17A-515 to require each managed care plan to demonstrate that it offers physically available acute care hospital services; amend KRS 304.17A-576 to require a response about credentialing within 45 instead of 90 days; amend KRS 304.17A-700 to conform; create a new section of Subtitle 38 of KRS Chapter 304 to require the commissioner of insurance to promulgate administrative regulations to select utilization review criteria for use by Medicaid MCOs; amend KRS 304.3-200 to allow revocation of certificate of authority of an insurer offering Medicaid services for willful or frequent, repeated violations or failure to comply; amend KRS 304.38-130 to allow revocation of certificate of authority of an HMO offering Medicaid services for willful or frequent, repeated violations or failure to comply; amend KRS 304.99-123 to allow the Department of Insurance to assess fines against Medicaid Managed Care organizations for willful or frequent, repeated violations or failure to comply.

HB 70

AN ACT relating to sex offender registrants.

Amends KRS 17.546 to prohibit sex offender registrants who have committed a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor after the effective date of this Act from knowingly or intentionally using electronic communications for communicating with or gathering information about a person less than 18 years of age, and provide an exception for a registrant using electronic communications to communicate with or gather information about his or her minor child if not otherwise prohibited; and amends KRS 17.500, 17.510, and 17.580 to no longer require a registrant to provide his or her email addresses or internet usernames to probation and parole.

HB 71

AN ACT relating to distribution of sexually explicit images without the consent of the person depicted.

Amends KRS 531.010 to define “private erotic matter”; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 531 to prohibit the distribution of sexually explicit images without consent, make such distribution a Class A misdemeanor for the first offense and a Class D felony for the second or subsequent offense, unless it is done for profit, in which case it is a Class D felony for the first offense and a Class C felony for the second or subsequent offense and exempt convictions under this statute from registration as a sex offender.

HB 74

AN ACT relating to pawnbrokers.

Amends KRS 226.040 to require specific information on a pawnbroker’s register to be included on an Internet-based register, allow alternative forms of identification, require that the register be available to law enforcement personnel and that it contain a full description of property
purchased or pawned, require that law enforcement provide a case report or other documentation that an item has been stolen before a pawnbroker will be required to surrender the item to a law enforcement official, and require secondhand merchandise sold to a pawnbroker to be held a minimum of 12 days before being resold.

HB 75
AN ACT relating to allowable actions of local entities.
Amends KRS 66.480, relating to investments for local governments, to remove the 20 percent restriction from securities and to add to the permitted investments local governments may make mutual funds, closed-end, and exchange-traded funds and funds investing in individual preferred stock or equities as long as no more than 7 percent of the portfolio is composed of individual equities at the time of purchase and qualifying high-quality corporate bonds if the funds are managed by a professional investment advisor, specify that these two additional investment types cannot exceed 20 percent of the total amount of money invested by the local government, establish an investment limit of 5 percent of the total amount of money invested in any one issuer unless the issuer is the U.S. government or an agency thereof, or an entity whose obligations are guaranteed by the federal government, allow exchange-traded funds, individual equity securities, and individual high-quality corporate bonds to be invested in, and provides limits for investments, including those for particular issuers; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 158 requiring schools to offer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test annually to students in grades 10 through 12, offer counseling based on the ASVAB test results, and allow up to four excused absences to meet with a recruiter of the Armed Forces of the United States or Kentucky National Guard; and amends KRS 159.035 to allow excused absences for students who meet with a military recruiter, receive ASVAB counseling, or pursue enlistment. VETOED.

HB 81
AN ACT relating to disabled parking placards.
Amends KRS 189.456 to require a county clerk to issue one accessible parking placard to an applicant at no cost, change placard renewal cycle from 2 years to 6 years, provide for placard expiration in the applicant’s birth month that may be renewed up to 12 months prior to expiration, establish a system for the creation of a decal to be affixed to the placard after renewal, require statement for initial permanent placard and placards issued prior to the effective date of the Act, require that a statement to obtain a placard be made on a form prescribed by the Transportation Cabinet, allow a parent or guardian of a disabled person to apply for a placard on his or her behalf, allow an organization to obtain a placard, require an initial permanent placard to be issued at no cost, establish a fee of $10 for all duplicate or replacement placards, designate $8 of the fee to the road and $2 to the county clerk, provide that, if a damaged permanent or temporary placard is returned to the clerk, there shall be no fee for replacement, and require the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations; amends KRS 189.458 to require that an initial temporary placard be issued at no charge, require that temporary placards be tied to the applicant and not the applicant’s motor vehicle, and permit physical therapists and occupational therapists to provide a statement for issuance of a temporary placard; and amends KRS 186.042 and 186.990 to conform.
HB 84  
AN ACT relating to organ donation.  
Amends KRS 311.1953 to require the medical examiner or coroner to release identifying information and relevant postmortem examination results to a procurement organization if a decedent’s body or body part is medically suitable for transplantation or therapy; designates as Courtney’s Law.

HB 92  
AN ACT relating to jail canteens and declaring an emergency.  
Amends KRS 441.135 to allow jail canteen profits to be used for the enhancement of jail safety and security; EMERGENCY.

HB 93  
AN ACT relating to the prevention of financial exploitation in financial accounts.  
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 365 to allow qualified persons to report financial exploitation to certain state agencies and third parties, allow qualified persons to put a temporary hold on account transactions and disbursements under certain circumstances if there is a reasonable belief that the transaction or disbursement may result in financial exploitation, require qualified persons to provide access to or copies of certain records, provide an exemption from the Kentucky Open Records Act for certain records, allow authorized agencies to disclose the status or final disposition of an investigation to notifying qualified persons, and provide immunity from administrative or civil liability for good faith compliance; and designates as the Protection from Financial Exploitation Act.

HB 96  
AN ACT relating to the investigation of fire related crimes.  
Amends KRS 15.310 to define “fire investigator”; amends KRS 15.340 to provide that the Department of Criminal Justice Training shall offer training to fire investigators; amends KRS 15.380 to add fire investigators to the list of officers required to be certified by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council; amends KRS 15.383 to require the fire investigator’s employing agency to keep a record of marksmanship tests; amends KRS 15.442 to specify that fire investigators are not eligible to participate in the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 95A to allow for the creation and appointment of fire investigators; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 95A to require fire investigators to get certified by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council and to attend annual in-service training; amends KRS 95.500 to include fire investigators in the list of positions excluded from specific shifts; amends KRS 227.200 to define “fire investigator”; amends KRS 227.220 to allow the state fire marshal to appoint fire investigators; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 227 to require fire investigators to attend basic training and be certified by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council, and allow certified fire investigators to exercise peace officer powers; and amends KRS 15.382 to make technical corrections; delayed effective date of January 1, 2019.

HB 97  
AN ACT relating to elections.  
Amends KRS 83A.045, 118.165, and 118A.060 to change the filing deadline for certain candidates for election from the last Tuesday in January to the first Friday following the first
Monday in January; amends KRS 118.367 to change the deadline for filing a statement-of-candidacy form from April 1 to the first Friday following the first Monday in January; and amends various sections to conform. **VETOED.**

**HB 100**  
AN ACT relating to building industry licensure.

Amends KRS 198B.650 to revise the definitions of “maintenance person or maintenance engineer,” “major repair,” and “routine maintenance of heating, ventilation, or air conditioning”; amends KRS 198B.658 to change the experience requirement from five years to two years for a master, and from four years to two years for a journeyman; amends KRS 198B.678 to permit a master HVAC contractor to represent more than one firm if specified criteria are met; creates a new section of KRS 198B.650 to 198B.689 to require the department to grant a 180-day interim period to allow a company to use the license of a deceased master HVAC contractor; amends KRS 318.054 to require the department to grant a 180-day interim period to allow a company to use the license of a deceased master plumber; amends KRS 227.480 to require the department to grant a 180-day interim period to allow a company to use the license of a deceased electrical contractor and authorizes Kentucky amendments to the National Electrical Code; and amends KRS 227A.140 to require the department to grant a 180-day interim period to allow a business to use the license of a deceased master electrician.

**HB 101**  
AN ACT relating to crimes and punishments.

Amends KRS 510.020 to establish that a 16 or 17-year old is incapable of consent when the actor is at least 10 years older than the victim; amends KRS 510.030 to add lack of knowledge of the victim’s age being 16 or 17 when the offender was at least 10 years older than the victim; amends KRS 510.060 to add to rape in the third degree a person who is at least 10 years older than a 16 or 17-year old who he or she engages in sexual intercourse; amends KRS 510.090 to add to sodomy in the third degree a person who is at least 10 years older than a 16 or 17-year old who he or she engages in deviate sexual intercourse; and designates as Jenna’s Law.

**HB 114**  
AN ACT relating to TVA in-lieu-of-tax payments, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 96.895 to require that a portion of the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) in-lieu-of-tax revenue deposited in the general fund be distributed to agencies designated by counties that have TVA property located in that county or purchase power from TVA; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

**HB 116**  
AN Act relating to jails.

Amends KRS 441.125, relating to working of prisoners at community-service projects, to remove the words “nonreligious sponsored” from the definition of “community-service-related project.”
HB 120
AN ACT relating to child pornography.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 531 to prohibit the distribution of any material that portrays child pornography or a sexual performance by a minor.

HB 122
AN ACT relating to fire department reporting.
Amends KRS 65A.010, 75.430, and 95A.055 to require fire departments created under KRS Chapter 273 to report to the Fire Commission under KRS 95A.055 rather than under KRS Chapter 65A, require the fire commission to conduct a financial review of each fire department every 4 years with Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) approved procedures, give the fire commission the option to require an audit every fourth year of a fire department whose revenues or expenditures are equal to or greater than $100,000 and less than $500,000, require an annual audit of fire departments whose revenue or expenditures equal or exceed $500,000 for 2 or more consecutive years, allow the APA to examine and review the reports and related work papers and documents relating to the financial review or audits conducted under this section, and require the APA and Attorney General to be notified of any irregularities relating to the finances or operations of a fire department, while allowing the commission to notify other public officials.

HB 124
AN ACT relating to enhanced standards and criteria for substance use disorder treatment and recovery services and programs and declaring an emergency.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 222 to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to complete a comprehensive review of all current state licensure and quality standards for substance use disorder treatment and recovery services and programs, require that licensure and quality standards be based on nationally recognized and evidence-based standards, standardized outcome measures, a reporting process, and conditions for reimbursement, permit fees for licensure, require the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to implement the licensure and quality standards by January 1, 2019, and make provisions of the bill subject to available funding; amends KRS 196.288 relating to the allocation or distribution of cost savings to allow the expenditure of funds for medication-assisted treatment of substance abuse; and repeals KRS 222.037 and 222.212; EMERGENCY.

HB 128
AN ACT relating to instruction on the Holocaust and other acts of genocide.
Amends KRS 156.160 to require every public middle and high school to provide instruction on the Holocaust and other acts of genocide; and designates as the Ann Klein and Fred Gross Holocaust Education Act.

HB 130
AN ACT relating to administrative regulations.
Creates a new section of KRS 13A.290 to 13A.335 to require the staff of the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee to submit to that committee’s co-chairs an annual report on administrative regulations found deficient by a legislative committee, and list information necessary to complete the report, including prominent text on the first page outlining potential legislative options; amends KRS 13A.190 to expire an emergency administrative regulation after
210 days, and allow an administrative body that extends the time for filing a statement of consideration to postpone the expiration beyond 210 days for a number of days equal to the extension; and amends KRS 13A.290, 13A.330, and 13A.331 to allow a committee to take action on an administrative regulation within 60 days of LRC referral. **VETOED.**

**HB 132**

AN ACT relating to financial literacy.

Creates a new Chapter of KRS 158 to require a financial literacy course or program as a high school graduation requirement for students that enter the ninth grade during the 2020-2021 school year and each year thereafter, direct the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations establishing academic standards for the financial literacy courses and programs, and direct the Department of Education to develop curricula, materials, and guidelines which may be used by schools for the financial literacy courses and programs.

**HB 133**

AN ACT relating to the transportation of agricultural commodities and supplies.

Amends KRS 281.730 to define “agricultural commodity,” “farm supply for agricultural purposes,” and “planting and harvesting season,” exempt drivers of vehicles transporting agricultural commodities and farm supplies for agricultural purposes within a 150 air-mile radius from a farm or distribution point during the planting and harvesting season from any provisions of 49 C.F.R. pt. 395, relating to hours of service of drivers, adopted by Transportation Cabinet, and mandate that the maximum radius for the exemption shall be increased if the distance is increased in the federal regulations.

**HB 136**

AN ACT relating to microbreweries.

Amends KRS 243.157 to establish a limit on the amount of malt beverages that may be sold on the premises for off-premises consumption at not more than 31 gallons per person per day, that shall not include more than three cases of malt beverages in case format, and to limit the amount that may be sold off-site at fairs, festivals and similar events to no more than once case of package sales but have no limit on by-the-drink sales, and to require microbreweries to report and pay taxes on wholesale sales made directly to consumers to the Department of Revenue; amends KRS 243.882 to define “distributor” and “microbrewery” and include retail sales made by a microbrewery directly to a consumer in the definition of “wholesale sale”; amends KRS 243.884 to include microbreweries selling malt beverages directly to consumers and establishes the method of calculating the gross receipts of a microbrewery making “wholesale sales”; amends KRS 243.886 to exempt microbreweries from the authorization to deduct one percent of the tax due; and amends KRS 211.285 to include microbreweries.

**HB 138**

AN ACT relating to boards of adjustment.

Amends KRS 100.217, relating to planning and zoning boards of adjustment, to allow for a joint board of adjustment to be appointed, and set out its membership parameters.
HB 140
AN ACT relating to law enforcement and firefighters, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 15.420 to differentiate between a local police officer and a state police officer and to further define which state employees are state police officers; amends KRS 15.460 to increase the annual supplement for each qualified police officer to $4,000, beginning July 1, 2018, to provide each unit of government an administrative expense reimbursement in an amount equal to 7.65 percent of the total annual supplement received greater than $3,100 for each qualified local police officer, but not more than a total of $525,000 for each fiscal year, to provide that a conservation officer is a participant in the Kentucky Law Enforcement Program Fund but require that the annual training stipend disbursed to a conservation officer shall be paid from the game and fish fund; amends KRS 95A.250 to increase the annual supplement for each qualified professional firefighter to $4,000, beginning July 1, 2018, and to provide each unit of government an administrative expense reimbursement equal to 7.65 percent of the total annual supplement received greater than $3,100 for each qualified professional firefighter, but not more than a total of $250,000 for each fiscal year; amends KRS 95A.262 to increase the allotment to certain volunteer fire departments to $11,000 annually to each qualifying department; amends KRS 150.150 to allow funds in the game and fish fund to be used to pay the annual supplement to conservation officers; amends various sections to conform; amends KRS 439.3401 to make criminal attempt to commit murder of a peace officer or a firefighter an offense for which at least 85 percent of the sentence must be served before probation or parole; sets effective date of July 1, 2018; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

HB 142
AN ACT relating to the distribution of school funds.

Amend KRS 157.410 to require the chief state school officer to prepare estimates for school district fund allotment and establish an incremental schedule for fund disbursement, allotment revisions, and equalization.

HB 146
AN ACT relating to reorganization.

Amends KRS 246.030 to change the name of the Office for Agricultural Marketing and Product Promotion to the Office of Agricultural Marketing and renames the divisions within that office; changes the name of the Office for Strategic Planning and Administration to the Office of Administrative Services and renames the divisions within that office; establishes the Office of Communications and the Office of Legal Services; amends KRS 246.130 to clarify meeting requirements of the State Board of Agriculture; amends KRS 247.220, 247.800, 260.020, and 260.030 to conform; makes grammatical and technical corrections; and confirms Executive Order 2017-001.

HB 147
AN ACT relating to seizure disorders in schools.

Amends KRS 159.832 to apply defined terms through KRS 158.838 and define “seizure action plan”; amends KRS 158.838 to include any medication prescribed to treat seizure disorder symptoms, require seizure disorder trainings to be fully consistent with best practice guidelines from medical professionals with expertise in seizure treatment, require parent or guardian of
student diagnosed with a seizure disorder to collaborate with school personnel to implement a seizure action plan, and require the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations regarding the procedures for implementing seizure action plans; amends KRS 158.070 to require a minimum of one hour of self-study review of seizure disorder materials for all new teachers, guidance counselors, and principals hired after July 1, 2019, and require all current principals, guidance counselors, and teachers to complete one hour of self-study review of seizure disorder materials by July 1, 2019; and designates as the Lyndsey Crunk Act.

**HB 148**

AN ACT relating to the disposal of controlled substances during end-of-life care.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 216 to require that any provider of hospice, palliative care, or end-of-life service have written policies and procedures for the deactivation or sequestration and disposal of the patient’s prescribed Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances upon the patient’s death by the entity or person pronouncing death, require discussion and agreement to the policy, require notification of patient or patient’s refusal to agree to disposal, require signed witness to the disposal, require safe disposal method be used, and require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to promulgate regulations for the deactivation or sequestration and disposal of controlled substances. **VETOED AND OVERRIDDEN.**

**HB 150**

AN ACT relating to the Farms to Food Banks Advisory Committee.

Amends KRS 247.984 to change the name of the Surplus Agricultural Commodities Advisory Committee to the Farms to Food Banks Advisory Committee, and remove the requirement that the Advisory Committee annually review and update its written plan for the expenditure of funds; and amends KRS 247.985 to change the reference from the Surplus Agricultural Commodities Advisory Committee to the Farms to Food Banks Advisory Committee.

**HB 153**

AN ACT relating to overweight vehicles.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 189 to establish an annual certificate for vehicles engaged exclusively in the transportation of feed for livestock or poultry to a farm or facility housing livestock or poultry, up to 88,000 pounds, set the fee for a permit at $150, and allow the Transportation Cabinet to require applicants to meet certain safety ratings to be eligible for a permit; and amends KRS 189.222 to allow for a ten percent weight variance for vehicles transporting feed for livestock or poultry.

**HB 157**

AN ACT relating to elections and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 121.015 to include, within the definition of “caucus campaign committee,” subdivisions of a state executive committee of a minor political party, which serve the same function as a caucus campaign committee, as determined by regulations promulgated by the Kentucky Registry of Election Finance, and make technical corrections; **EMERGENCY.**

**HB 158**

AN ACT relating to life insurance for public employees.

Amends KRS 18A.205 to permit certain individuals participating in an optional retirement
plan authorized by KRS 161.567, certain individuals employed by a public postsecondary educational institution or certain local governments, and any certified or classified employee or elected member of a local board of education to obtain life insurance under the state-sponsored group life insurance policy or policies if the individual’s employer opts to participate in the state-sponsored group life insurance program; and amends KRS 18A.210 and 18A.215 to conform.

HB 164
AN ACT relating to charitable gaming.
Amends KRS 238.5354 to allow organizations that do not qualify under tax exempt requirements for charitable organizations to hold limited raffles, allow 501(c)(7) organizations to hold a special event raffle license to conduct up to 12 raffles per year with gross receipts of no more than $500,000, require all net receipts resulting from the raffle to be donated to a tax exempt charitable organization licensed by the department, and establish information requirements to be submitted with application.

HB 167
AN ACT relating to birth mothers and newborn infants.
Amends KRS 405.075 to allow a staffed police station, fire station, emergency medical facility, hospital, or participating place of worship to post a sign easily seen by the public that identifies itself as a safe and legal location to surrender a newborn infant less than 30 days old; amends KRS 211.680 to establish that prevention of maternal fatalities is a priority of the General Assembly; amends KRS 211.684 to define “local child and maternal fatality response team” and “maternal fatality” and provides that the established child fatality review team may also review maternal fatalities; and amends KRS 21.686 to change the name of local child fatality response team to local child and maternal fatality response team, thus allowing for creation of the local child and maternal fatality response team in each county and providing for their duties.

HB 168
AN ACT relating to railroad crossings.
Amends KRS 189.550 to require operators of all buses and motor vehicles used for transporting children to stop the vehicle at railroad crossings and look for approaching on-track equipment; amends KRS 189.560 to require a motor vehicle operator to stop the vehicle at railroad crossings and look for approaching on-track equipment; and amends KRS 189.565 to require operators of motor vehicles used to transport inflammable liquids to stop the vehicle at railroad crossings and look for approaching on-track equipment.

HB 169
AN ACT relating to gang violence prevention and declaring an emergency.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 506 to define “criminal gang” and “pattern of criminal gang activity”; repeals and reenacts KRS 506.140 to enumerate what constitutes criminal gang recruitment in the first, second, and third degree; amends KRS 506.120 to define “criminal gang syndicate”; amends KRS 506.150 to provide the types of evidence that is probative of the existence of a gang or gang membership; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 506 to provide for a separate hearing upon conviction of a defendant alleged to be a member of a gang, if the conviction was for certain enumerated offenses, provide that a defendant found to have been a gang member at the time he or she committed the offense will not be released for an enumerated
period of minimum time, and establish that this section does not apply to a juvenile unless he or she meets certain enumerated requirements; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 506 to require that anyone who is found to be a member of a criminal gang at the time of commission of a felony and who is subsequently convicted of a felony that puts the public at risk will be sentenced to a penalty that is one class higher than the penalty provision pertaining to the felony offense for which he or she was convicted, provide that this section does not apply to person determined to be a persistent felony offender or a juvenile offender under certain enumerated circumstances, and establish a cause of action for a person harmed by a criminal gang or criminal gang member; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 506 to provide that property used by a gang or gang member in the commission of the crime shall be forfeited and disposed of in accordance with KRS 218A.405 to 218A.460; designates as the Gang Violence Prevention Act; and encourages state and local law enforcement agencies to create a statewide gang violence prevention database; 

**EMERGENCY.**

**HB 176**

AN ACT relating to fee disclosures by licensed ambulance providers.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 311A to require ambulance providers to post fee schedules and provide fee schedules to beneficiaries upon request, require the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services to assess a fee of $150 for failure to post a fee schedule and modifications to the fee schedule, and require the board to promulgate administrative regulations to implement the requirements.

**HB 177**

AN ACT relating to certified public accountants.

Amends KRS 325.220 to define “peer review” as designed to promote quality in “accounting and auditing services” and change “peer review committee” to “sponsoring organization”; amends KRS 325.301 to permit an out-of-state CPA firm to perform attest services within Kentucky, exempt out-of-state CPA firms from paying the initial application fee, require firms to grant the Accountancy Board access to peer review documents maintained in Facilitated State Board Access, and allow the board to appoint a peer review oversight committee to monitor the peer review program; and amends KRS 325.340 to allow the board to privately reprimand CPAs and CPA firms, and allow CPAs and CPA firms to apply to have minor violations removed from their professional record after ten years and limit a licensee from having his or her record expunged more than once.

**HB 185**

AN ACT relating to death-in-line-of-duty benefits and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 16.505 to include in the definition of “dependent child,” solely as it applies to a member who dies as a direct result of an act in line of duty or a duty-related injury, a disabled child, regardless of age; for the systems administered by the Kentucky Retirement Systems, defines “monthly average pay” as the higher of a member’s final rate of pay or average monthly creditable compensation earned during the deceased member’s last 12 months of employment; amends KRS 16.601 and 61.621 to increase minimum act in line of duty or duty-related death benefits payable to the surviving spouse of a member of any of the systems administered by the Kentucky Retirement Systems from 25 percent to 75 percent of the deceased member’s monthly average pay, except that payments to the surviving spouse shall be reduced to 25 percent of pay upon
remarriage; increases minimum act in line of duty or duty-related death benefits payable to, if there
is no surviving spouse, the dependent children at the rate of 50 percent for one dependent child,
65 percent for two dependent children, and 75 percent for three or more dependent children;
amends KRS 61.510 to define “monthly average pay”; amends KRS 61.542 to provide that the
surviving spouse shall supersede all previously designated beneficiaries in the case of line-of-duty
death benefits payable from the systems administered by the Kentucky Retirement Systems unless
the member files a valid beneficiary designation form after marriage to his or her spouse; amends
KRS 61.702 to ensure full and timely hospital and medical insurance benefits for the spouse and
dependents of a member who died as a direct result of an act in line of duty or duty-related injury
and to make technical changes; amends KRS 78.510 to define “monthly average pay”; makes Act
retroactive so that an eligible surviving spouse of a member who died as a result of an act line of
duty or duty-related injury prior to the effective date of the Act shall receive the increased line of
duty or duty-related death benefits; makes a surviving spouse of a hazardous duty member who
died as a result of an act in line of duty on or after January 1, 2017, who was ineligible for the
minimum monthly death benefits because he or she was not named beneficiary, eligible for the
benefits provided by this Act; and designates as the Officer Scotty Hamilton and Officer Nick
Rodman Memorial Act of 2018; EMERGENCY.

HB 187
AN ACT relating to dyslexia.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to define “dyslexia,” “evidence-based,” and
“phonemic awareness,” require the Department of Education to make available a dyslexia toolkit
that includes guidance on the instruction of students displaying characteristics of dyslexia, require
the Department of Education to collaborate with the Education Professional Standards Board,
Council on Postsecondary Education, and other necessary groups to update professional
development for teachers related to dyslexia, allow each local board of education to develop a
policy for implementing a program to identify and assist students in kindergarten through grade
three with dyslexia, require school districts implementing such a policy to report data to the
Department of Education regarding dyslexia screening and results, require the department to
establish a study project to gather information on screening and services, require the commissioner
of education to select three school districts to participate in the study project, and require the
department to submit a final report to the Interim Joint Committee on Education; amends KRS
158.305 to revise the definition of “dyslexia,” “phonemic awareness,” and “evidence-based,”
require local boards of education to develop policies related to the implementation of response-to-
intervention, and require the Department of Education to report to the Interim Joint Committees
on Education by November 30 of each year regarding school districts’ evidence-based research
interventions being implemented in reading, writing, mathematics, and behavior in kindergarten
through grade three; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require postsecondary
institutions offering teacher preparations programs to provide by the 2019-20 school year, subject
to available funds, include instruction on dyslexia, identification, interventions and
accommodations, and response-to-intervention; and designates as the Ready to Read Act.

HB 191
AN ACT relating to consumer protection in eye care.

Amends KRS 367.680 to define terms; amends KRS 367.681 to add requirements for
prescriptions for visual aid glasses; amends KRS 367.683 and 367.687 to delete exclusivity to mail
order contacts; amends KRS 367.685 to require fitting based on ocular health; amends KRS 367.684 and 367.686 to make applicable to visual aid glasses; creates a new section of KRS 367.680 to 367.690 to set requirements for performance and operation of assessment mechanisms for contact lenses and visual aid glasses including the provision of synchronous or asynchronous interaction between the patient and the Kentucky-licensed optometrist, osteopath, or physician; amends KRS 367.688 and 367.690 to make applicable to visual aid glasses; increases the fine for violations to $11,000; and creates a new section of KRS 367.680 to 367.690 to designate as the Consumer Protection in Eye Care Act.

HB 193

AN ACT relating to peace officers.

Amends KRS 508.025, relating to assault in the third degree, to add intentionally causing a peace officer to come in contact with bodily fluids or bodily waste to the elements of the crime, create penalty of Class B misdemeanor, unless the fluids could transmit a serious communicable disease, in which case it is a Class A misdemeanor, define serious communicable disease, and clarify that the existing provisions regarding assault in the third degree inside detention facilities applies to adult and juvenile facilities; and amends KRS 431.015 to allow a peace officer to issue a citation when the officer has probable cause to believe that a misdemeanor was committed outside of his or her presence.

HB 198

AN ACT relating to government contracts.

Creates a new section of KRS 45A.690 to 45A.725 to establish standards and rules for state agencies to award contingency fee personal service contracts for legal services, require written findings of the need for a contingency fee contract, set limits on the amounts of contingency fees, require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to post information regarding contingency fee contract on its Web site, require the contractor to maintain certain records, and require the Finance and Administration Cabinet and the state agencies to submit a report on all contingency fee contracts to the Government Contract Review Committee by September 1 of each year; amends KRS 48.005 to specify that the Kentucky Model Procurement Code under KRS Chapter 45A applies to funds recovered in legal actions on behalf of the public; amends KRS 454A.020 to specify that payment by contingency fee falls under the Model Procurement Code; amends KRS 45A.030 to conform; and amends KRS 15.100 to specify that contracts made by the Attorney General for legal services are subject to the Model Procurement Code.

HB 200

AN ACT relating to appropriations measures providing funding and establishing conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, cabinets, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, subdivisions, agencies, and other state-supported activities.


HB 201

AN ACT relating to appropriations providing financing and conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the Transportation Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Sets out Part I, Operating Budget, and requires Secretary of Transportation to produce single document [with two separate sections] to detail 2018-2020 Biennial Highway Construction Program [and Highway Preconstruction Program], [limits riverport improvements to dredging and maintenance of access,] [specifies certain requirements for the Highway Construction Contingency Account,] [requires Secretary of Transportation to produce annual report of delayed projects] (vetoed in accordance with veto message), and sets forth appropriations as follows: appropriates from General Fund $6,089,000 in fiscal year 2018-2019 and $6,089,000 in fiscal year 2019-2020; appropriates from Restricted Funds $141,551,800 in fiscal year 2018-2019 and $141,466,000 in fiscal year 2019-2020; appropriates from Federal Funds $765,300,100 in fiscal year 2018-2019 and $766,066,000 in fiscal year 2019-2020; appropriates from Road Fund $1,416,927,000 in fiscal year 2018-2019 and $1,395,472,100 in fiscal year 2019-2020; sets out Part II, Capital Projects Budget; sets out Part III, Funds Transfer; sets out Part IV, Executive Branch Budget Summary; APPROPRIATION. VETOED IN PART.

HB 202

AN ACT relating to road projects and declaring an emergency.

Sets out the 2018-2020 Biennial Highway Construction Plan; EMERGENCY.

HB 203

AN ACT making appropriations for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the Judicial Branch of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, boards, commissions, subdivisions, and other state-supported activities.
Sets out Part I, Operating Budget, and appropriations as follows: $422,023,400 in fiscal year 2018-2019 and $424,951,600 in fiscal year 2019-2020 from the General Fund, Restricted Funds, and Federal Funds; provides General Fund moneys for defined calculations; provides that funds in the Court Operations and Administration appropriation unit carry forward; provides that if the Supreme Court retains the 2008 increase in civil filing fees, the additional income, not to exceed $5,000,000 in each fiscal year, shall be deposited in a trust and agency account for court operations; directs additional income resulting from civil filing fee increases to be deposited in a trust and agency account for salary increases to non-elected personnel; directs the continuation of night court in Jefferson County; directs County Employees Retirement System excess savings be used for non-elected personnel salary increases; [sets Circuit Clerk expense allowance at the rate of $200 per month;] (vetoed in accordance with veto message) provides funds to compensate local units of government for providing court space and for costs incurred in the development of local court facilities; provides that funds in the Local Facilities Fund carry forward; provides funds to allow the Administrative Office of the Courts to enter into a lease for office space in Madison County; provides that funds in the Local Facilities Use Allowance Contingency Fund carry forward; provides funds for actuarial-assessed judicial retirement benefits; provides no pension benefit increase to recipients of a retirement allowance under KRS 21.345 to 21.580; stipulates that the General Assembly must authorize capital projects prior to financing and construction; requires submission of capital construction projects and major items of equipment not listed in the bill to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee for authorization; provides that if a court facility project is occupied and use allowance funding is insufficient that use allowance payments must be approved from the Local Facilities Use Allowance Contingency Fund, or if funds are not available in the Local Facilities Use Allowance Contingency Fund, the Chief Justice may transfer funds from other Judicial Branch accounts; defers General Fund support for operating costs, annualized use allowance payments, and nonrecurring furniture and equipment costs for Bath and Oldham Counties to the 2020-2022 fiscal biennium; requires independent feasibility studies to determine whether the needs of the community and the Court of Justice can best be met through the construction of a freestanding building, or through an addition and/or renovation of the existing court facility; provides General Fund support for use allowance payments for Jefferson County; sets out capital projects and authorizes leases; provides the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts with expenditure authority; provides for severability of budget provisions and priority of individual appropriations; declares that KRS 48.312 controls duplicate appropriations; clarifies that KRS 48.313 controls when a total or subtotal of the bill conflicts with a sum of the appropriations of which it consists; provides for the final budget document; provides for the transferability of funds; provides for appropriations revisions; restricts trial commissioners from receiving compensation at a rate greater than $7,200 and provides no funds for trial commissioners in counties with a residing District Judge; provides that issuance of paychecks scheduled for June 30, 2018, June 30, 2019, and June 30, 2020, shall not be issued prior to July 1, 2018, July 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020; provides for an authorized personnel complement; directs unexpended use allowance payments be transferred to the Budget Reserve Trust Fund; prohibits debt restructuring; sets out funds transfer; provides for participation in any Budget Reduction Plan or Surplus Expenditure Plan; APPROPRIATION. VETOED IN PART.
HB 204

AN ACT making appropriations for the operations, maintenance, and support of the Legislative Branch of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Appropriates from the General Fund $69,607,700 for fiscal year 2018-2019 and $70,337,500 for fiscal year 2019-2020; appropriates from Restricted Funds $75,000 for fiscal year 2018-2019 and $175,000 for fiscal year 2019-2020, with appropriations allocated as follows: General Assembly 2018-2019 $18,286,700 2019-2020 $19,195,700 Legislative Research Commission 2018-2019 $50,396,000 2019-2020 $51,141,800; transfers $2,269,000 to the General Fund in each fiscal year; APPROPRIATION. VETOED IN PART AND OVERRIDDEN.

HB 207

AN ACT relating to cell phones.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to require jailers to create policies allowing jailers, deputy jailers, attorneys, and their assistants to use cell phones in jails.

HB 213

AN ACT relating to data-sharing of prescription drug monitoring information.

Amends KRS 218A.245 to allow KASPER data-sharing agreements with different types of jurisdictions.

HB 214

AN ACT relating to Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 2 to designate and observe June 30 of every year as Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita Awareness Day.

HB 218

AN ACT relating to insurance coverage for autism benefits.

Amends KRS 304.17A-142 to remove the dollar amount coverage cap on autism benefits, remove the age limitation on coverage, require coverage by all health benefit plans, and add definitions; and repeals KRS 304.17A-141 and 304.17A-143; delayed effective date of January 1, 2019.

HB 220

AN ACT relating to marketplace contractors.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 336 to define “marketplace contractor” and “marketplace platform” and establish the criteria in which a marketplace contractor shall not be deemed an employee of a marketplace platform.

HB 223

AN ACT relating to public housing authorities.

Amends KRS 80.030, 80.040, 80.060, relating to city public housing authorities, and KRS 80.266, relating to city-county public housing authorities, to allow a city divesting itself of authority over its public housing program to have representation on the public housing authority that has agreed to take over responsibility.
HB 241
AN ACT relating to weights and measures.
Amends KRS 363.904 to allow the Governor or the Commissioner of Agriculture or the Secretary of the Energy and Environment Cabinet to issue a temporary waiver of ASTM specifications for motor fuel during an emergency that disrupts the motor fuel supply or when federal law or federal regulation are in conflict; amends KRS 363.590 to include rules governing examination procedure for price verification under list of issues for which the director is authorized to promulgate administrative regulations; amends KRS 363.906 to specify a date when annual fees for the motor fuels program are to be paid to the department; and amends KRS 363.991 to make grammatical corrections and to make failure to remit annual fees or remediation subject to stop operation order or stop sale order associated with a penalty or fine specific to the equipment, device, or motor fuel grade for which it was issued.

HB 244
AN ACT relating to reorganization.
Amends KRS 42.650 to establish the Division of Enterprise Portfolios within the newly established Office of IT Architecture and Governance; amends KRS 42.724 to establish the Offices of Project Management, IT Services and Delivery, IT Architecture and Governance, the Chief Information Security Officer, KY Business One Stop, and abolish the Offices of Enterprise Technology, Infrastructure Services, Application Development, Chief Information Officer, and Information Technology Service Management; amends KRS 42.726 to declare the Commonwealth Office of Technology the lead organizational entity within the executive branch regarding information technology services and the single information technology authority for the Commonwealth; amends KRS 42.730 to require the executive director of the Commonwealth Office of Technology to serve as the chief information officer for all agencies within the executive branch, include in the duties of the executive director, the approval of technology acquisitions prior to any procurement; amends KRS 42.738 to change the titles of chief of information officers of various agencies to information technology leads; amends KRS 42.742, 42.744, and 116.200 to conform; amends KRS 131.020 to establish a Division of Application Development and Support within the Office of Processing and Enforcement in the Department of Revenue; and confirms Executive Order 2017-0889.

HB 246
AN ACT relating to medication-assisted therapy in community pharmacies.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 194A to establish a pilot program to create a community pharmacy care delivery model for noncontrolled substances for medication-assisted therapy for treatment of substance abuse.

HB 252
AN ACT relating to unemployment insurance.
Amends KRS 341.243 to require adjusting of rates, give the secretary authority to reduce rates or suspend payments to the service capacity upgrade fund, and specific authority of the Commonwealth Office of technology for expenditures of the service capacity upgrade fund; amends KRS 341.300 to specific when interest on unpaid contributions accrues and becomes due; amends KRS 341.350 to increase the highest wages used the base period from $750 to $1,500 and annually adjusts the minimum base-period wages as it relates to the CPI; amends KRS 341.360 to
make technical corrections; amends KRS 341.360 for technical changes; and amends KRS 341.540 to define terms relating to successor employers.

HB 259
AN ACT relating to pari-mutuel tax.
Amends KRS 138.510 to make permanent the Breeder’s Cup exemption which expired December 31, 2017.

HB 260
AN ACT relating to licensed occupations, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.
Amends KRS 317.410, relating to barbers, to add a definition for “endorsement” and makes technical changes; amends KRS 317.420 to make technical changes and to specify that licensing under this chapter is required for barber shop advertising and allow barbers to provide services to hospice patients or deceased persons at funeral establishments; amends KRS 317.450 to change probationary barber to apprentice barber, add requirements to apprentice skills, remove fees from statute and sets through administrative regulations, allow manager or location changes, increase teacher experience to 36 months, and create a student permit and a demonstration charity event permit; amends KRS 317.460 to allow board inspection authority; amends KRS 317.470 to allow electronic publication of administrative regulations; amends KRS 317.530 to specify terms of the board’s trust and agency fund; amends KRS 317.590 to clarify board functions; amends KRS 317A.010, relating to cosmetologists, to add definition for “esthetician,” “esthetic practices school,” “esthetic salon,” “eyelash artistry,” “makeup artistry,” and “nail technology school” and makes technical corrections; amends KRS 317A.020 to add esthetic practices, make technical changes, and allow the board to bring actions in its name; amends KRS 317A.030 to change the board name and include esthetic practices and nail technology; amends KRS 317A.040 to allow the board to delegate staffing decisions and make technical changes; amends KRS 317A.050 to condense similar licensing requirements, make technical changes, reduce required hours of training for estheticians and nail technicians, add estheticians provisions from KRS Chapter 317B, allow the board to automatically renew licenses, set license periods in administrative regulations, and establish permit requirements for eyelash artistry and makeup artistry; amends KRS 317A.062 to require fees to be set in administrative regulations; amends KRS 317A.070 to include permits; amends KRS 317A.080 to specify terms of the board’s trust and agency fund; amends KRS 317A.090 to make technical changes and to reduce required training hours for estheticians and nail technicians; amends KRS 317A.120 to allow national examinations to be used, to require exam proctors, and to allow testing to be conducted at regional locations; amends KRS 317A.130 to make technical changes and include esthetician provisions from KRS Chapter 317B; amends KRS 317A.140 to specify board functions; amends KRS 317A.145 to allow board inspection authority; amends KRS 317A.990 to increase potential penalty amounts; amends KRS 164.945, 165A.310, 309.352, and 324B.030 to conform; amends KRS 317.430, 317.440, 317.540, 317.580, 317A.060, 317A.100, 317A.150, and 317A.155 to make technical changes; and repeals KRS 317A.160, 317B.010, 317B.015, 317B.020, 317B.025, 317B.030, 317B.035, 317B.040, 317B.045, 317B.050, 317B.055, and 317B.060; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.
HB 261

AN ACT relating to mining.

Amends KRS 13B.020 to exempt explosives and blasting hearings conducted under KRS 351.315 to 351.375 from the requirements of KRS Chapter 13B; amends KRS 350.0301 to remove the requirement that proposed civil penalty amounts for suspected violations of surface coal mining and reclamation requirements be placed into an escrow account prior to a formal hearing; amends KRS 350.064 to remove the discretion of the Energy and Environment Cabinet to allow surface coal mining and reclamation permit applicants to submit their own reclamation bonds without separate sureties; amends KRS 350.070 to remove the ability to apply for a major revision to a permit in the event that an underground mining extension area is not on an incidental boundary and does not include planned subsidence; removes the maximum acreage allowance allowed to be added by an incidental boundary revision for underground mining operations; creates a new section of KRS 350.240 to 350.280 to establish the requirements for a permit exemption for personal, noncommercial excavation of vein minerals, as provided in Article II(a) of KRS 350.300; amends KRS 350.300 to conform; amends KRS 350.518 to conform; amends KRS 350.990 to direct that civil penalties collected for violations of KRS Chapter 350 over $800,000 for a fiscal year be transferred to the Department for Natural Resources’ Commissioner’s Office restricted fund account to be used for the purposes set out in KRS Chapters 350, 351, and 352; amends KRS 351.090 to remove the reference to mine safety specialist qualifications required by KRS 351.060; amends KRS 351.182 to conform; amend KRS 351.315 to require that blasting license revocation hearings be held before the Energy and Environment Cabinet’s Office of Administrative Hearings instead of being held under the requirements of KRS Chapter 13B; amends KRS 351.345 also to require that blasting license revocation hearings be held before the Energy and Environment Cabinet’s Office of Administrative Hearings instead of being held under the requirements of KRS Chapter 13B; amends KRS 351.350 to require the Energy and Environment Cabinet’s Office of General Counsel, instead of the Attorney General, to bring actions for recovery of penalties and restraining orders for violations of KRS 351.315 to 351.375; amends KRS 352.170 to add lighters and vaping apparatuses to the list of prohibited items in an underground mine; amends KRS 352.180 to change the reporting requirements to the Department for Natural Resources for mining accidents; repeals KRS 351.380.

HB 263

AN ACT relating to home-based food products.

Amends KRS 217.015 to redefine “retail food store,” “home-based processor,” and “farmer”; and amends KRS 217.136 to change acceptable food products that may be offered by a home-based processor for sale in this state.

HB 264

AN ACT relating to reorganizations.

HB 265

AN ACT amending the 2018-2020 state/executive branch budget bill, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Amends the state/executive branch budget as follows: Reduces General Fund support of $7,300,000 over the biennium for the Kentucky Coal Field Endowment Authority; transfers $7,563,400 in each fiscal year from the Kentucky Coal Field Endowment Fund to the Local Government Economic Development Fund (LGEDF) Single-County Accounts; removes support for SEEK in the amount of $10,087,800 in FY19 and instead directs the funds to LGEDF Single-County Accounts; adds language to remove a statutory requirement that local governments must expend 30 percent of LGEAF funds on coal haul roads; adds language permitting all new and carry forward appropriations to LGEDF Single-County Accounts to be allocated at the discretion of the county judge/executive, state senator(s), and state representative(s), and if concurrence of those officials is not achieved, the local government may apply for grants from the Department for Local Government under KRS 42.4588; adds language that directs all coal severance taxes in excess of the official estimate to LGEAF; allows the Kentucky Teachers’ Retirement System to pay the dependent subsidy out of the Medical Insurance Fund for all retirees under the age of 65 from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2020; redirects General Fund support of $4,792,800 in each fiscal year for the Science and Technology Program to the Cabinet for Economic Development from the Council on Postsecondary Education and allows for unexpended General Fund to carry forward and not lapse; allocates $7,000,000 in lapsed SEEK funding in FY18 for counties impacted by assessment changes for unmined minerals; deletes language and allocation in FY18 for emergency revolving school loan fund account; adds language to reduce the employer contribution rates for nonhazardous duty employees participating in the KERS who are employed by Mental Health/Mental Retardation Boards, Local and District Health Departments, domestic violence shelters, rape crisis centers, child advocacy centers, state supported universities and community colleges, and any other agency eligible to voluntarily cease participating in the KERS from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019, to 49.47 percent; adds language to support the Local Theater Grant Program in the amount of $350,000 in each fiscal year from the Tourism, Meeting, and Convention Marketing Fund; reduces the appropriations in the Budget Reserve Trust Fund to appropriate $33,387,400 in FY19 and $34,268,300 in FY20 to the Kentucky Communications Network Authority; amends language in Part II, Capital Projects Budget, to include Agricultural Development Board projects to allow for appropriation; adds reauthorization for Northern Kentucky University for the Acquire Land/Master Plan 2010-2012 project; adds language to exempt the positions of Secretary for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and Chief Information Officer for the Commonwealth Office of Technology from state employee salary limitations; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

HB 270

AN ACT relating to county boards of elections.

Amends KRS 117.035 to permit a county board of elections to meet every other month during election years, authorize meetings of the county board of elections at the call of the chair or upon member agreement at other times, direct notice provisions, and make technical corrections.
HB 273
AN ACT relating to voter registration.
Amends KRS 116.055 to require, before a person is qualified to vote in a primary, he or she must have been a registered member of the party in whose primary he or she seeks to vote on December 31, and must remain a registered member of that party until immediately preceding the primary, and in case of a new registration after December 31 immediately preceding the primary, a voter must have registered and remained registered as a member of the party in whose primary he or she seeks to vote from the date of registration until the date set for the primary, and if any voter withdraws his or her registration after December 31 immediately preceding the primary and reregisters as a voter with a different party affiliation during those periods that the registration books are open immediately preceding the primary, that vote shall not be eligible to vote in the upcoming primary. VETOED.

HB 274
AN ACT relating to elections.
Amends KRS 117.085 to require that all requests for an application for a mail-in absentee ballot be received by the county clerk by the close of business hours fourteen days before the election, permit a county clerk to transmit an application for a mail-in absentee ballot to the voter by electronic mail, and require cancellation of a mail-in absentee ballot no later than fourteen days before the election; amends KRS 117.075 to make technical corrections and to conform; and amends KRS 117A.060 and 117A.070 to conform. VETOED.

HB 275
AN ACT relating to law enforcement.
Amends KRS 70.045 to allow sheriffs in counties with populations equaling or exceeding 10,000 to have either one special deputy for every 2,500 residents, or part thereof, or up to 10 special deputies, regardless of the population; and amends KRS 67C.319 to clarify requirements for consolidated local government police officer’s promotion to sergeant or lieutenant, define “continuous service” and “separation,” and clarify standards for promotional tests.

HB 277
AN ACT relating to the licensing of motor vehicles and operators.
Amends KRS 138.715 to establish a fee of $500 for any licensee who fails to make any report required in KRS 138.660 to 138.7291; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 281A to prohibit the masking of violations for a CDL holder from appearing on their CDLIS driver record and provide exemptions; amends KRS 281A.165 to change the time period in which the cabinet may waive a driving skills test for former military personnel (including individuals on reserve duty and members of the National Guard), from 90 days of separation of service to one year; amends KRS 281A.170 to remove the requirement that a licensee’s photograph be color; and repeals KRS 138.670.

HB 281
AN ACT relating to proprietary education.
Repeals and reenacts KRS 165A.310, relating to proprietary education, to delete outdated definitions and add definitions of “license” and “statement of quality assurance”; amends KRS 165A.330 to require renewal applications to be filed annually 45 days prior to the expiration date;
amends KRS 165A.340 to require a biennial audit of the commission and expands the advertising requirements to be administered by the commission; amends KRS 165A.370 to revise the minimum standards for licensure of proprietary schools and require school accreditation or a statement of quality of assurance, and amends various sections of KRS Chapter 165A to conform.

HB 289

AN ACT relating to disproportionate share hospital payments and making an appropriation therefor.

Amends KRS 205.639 to establish definitions; amends KRS 205.640 to specify the process for submitting Medicaid disproportionate share hospital (DSH) surveys, specify the process by which initial and final DSH payments are calculated, provide for distribution of DSH funds, and require the Department for Medicaid Services and managed care organizations to provide hospitals with a paid claims list within 90 days of the end of each hospital’s fiscal year; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to establish a penalty for managed care organizations that do not provide hospitals with a paid claims list by the required deadline; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to permit the Department for Medicaid Services to promulgate administrative regulations to comply with changes in federal law regarding DSH payments and to make DSH payments contingent upon receipt of federal funds, the availability of state funds, and approval of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid; and repeals KRS 205.641; APPROPRIATION.

HB 290

AN ACT relating to interscholastic athletics.

Amends KRS 156.070 to require the state board or the agency designated by the state board to manage interscholastic athletics to allow a member school’s team to play against students or a team from non-member, at-home private schools, require a non-member, at-home private schools coach to comply with the requirements of KHSAA coaches, allow non-member, at-home private school teams or students to participate in any sports permitted, offered, or sponsored by KHSAA, and establish other conditions under which non-member, at-home private schools may participate.

HB 291

AN ACT relating to the National Guard.

Amends KRS 38.238, 38.460, and 61.394 to clarify that employment protections apply to any member of the National Guard.

HB 302

AN ACT relating to the operation of state government.

Amends KRS 12.020 and 12.252 to create the Professional Licensing Legal Division within the Public Protection Cabinet, create the Office of Administrative Hearings within the Public Protection Cabinet, and confirm Executive Order 2017-325; amends KRS 171.420 to rename the State Archives and Records Commission the State Libraries, Archives, and Records Commission, revise the membership of the commission, designate the commission as the state advisory council on libraries, and expand the duties of the commission to include advising the Department for Libraries and Archives on matters relating to library funding, standards, development, and service issues; amends KRS 61.810 to include selection committees established under KRS Chapters 45A and 56 as exceptions to the open meeting requirements until the award of the contract or cancellation of the procurement; amends KRS 61.878 to include information
identifying members of selection committees and records of the procurement processes established under KRS Chapters 45A and 56 as exceptions to the open record requirements; amends KRS 56.8169 to clarify that KRS 61.810 and 61.878 apply to the selection process for built-to-suit contracts; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 2 to designate Jackson Hall at Kentucky State University the Kentucky Museum of African American History, rename the Alumni House at Kentucky State University the Francis Marion Wood Welcome Center and Alumni House, and include communications that are personal in nature and unrelated to any governmental function to the list of public records that are exempted from being subject to open records requirements; repeals KRS 173.810 which creates the State Advisory Council on Libraries and provide that the terms of the Kentucky State Advisory Council membership shall expire on the effective date of the Act; directs the Interim Joint Committee on State Government to study the issue of personal devices in the Open Records Act during the 2018 interim.

HB 305
AN ACT relating to reorganization.
Amends KRS 11.200 to administratively attach the Commission on Small Business Advocacy to the Office of Entrepreneurship within the Cabinet for Economic Development, rename various offices and departments within the Cabinet for Economic Development, and create the Office of Marketing and Public Affairs and the Office of Workforce, Community Development, and Research; makes conforming changes to KRS 12.020, 154.12-223, and 154.112-224; and confirms Resolution 17-04 of the Kentucky Economic Development Partnership.

HB 306
AN ACT relating to STABLE Kentucky accounts.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 14A to define “STABLE Kentucky account,” exempt the account from taxation, and exempt STABLE account distributions for qualified disability expenses from taxation.

HB 307
AN ACT relating to mechanical systems.
Amends KRS 236.060 to exempt compressed air receivers of 120 gallons or less from KRS 236.005 to 236.150 and remove cryogenic service piping, hydrogen piping, piping associated with a pressure vessel for human occupancy, and refrigeration service piping in safety group from the list of exemptions of piping associated with boilers and pressure vessels in KRS Chapter 236.

HB 310
AN ACT relating to the reporting of information by governmental entities.
Amends KRS 83A.085 to allow for electronic submission of specific city information by the city clerk to the Department for Local Government and the Legislative Research Commission; amends KRS 65.905 and 65.925 to require compiled data from the uniform financial information report to be provided electronically to the Commission and delete the requirement that DLG file a copy of the report with the applicable county clerk.
HB 314
AN ACT relating to the occupational safety and health standards and declaring an emergency.
Amends KRS 338.061 to give the Labor Cabinet secretary authority to suspend or delay an administrative regulation based on the actions of the federal government relating to a corresponding federal regulation, require the preceding administrative regulation to remain in place if a new regulation is suspended or delayed, and allow this authority only if the secretary’s action is consistent with federal regulations; EMERGENCY.

HB 319
AN ACT relating to business opportunities for United States military and veterans.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 12 to require each administrative body that issues a license, permit, certificate, or other document required to operate within a business, profession, or other occupation in the Commonwealth to issue within 30 days a license, permit, certificate, or other document to a United States military service member or veteran who is seeking a license, permit, certificate, or other document and currently holds or recently held a valid equivalent license, permit, certificate, or other document issued by another state, the District of Columbia, or any possession or territory of the United States, and require the application for an occupational license to be complete before the 30 day issuance of an occupational license goes into effect; amends KRS 14A.1-070 to define “veteran” and “veteran-owned business”; creates a new section of Subchapter 2 of KRS Chapter 14A to exempt a veteran-owned business from paying filing fees to the Secretary of State’s office for filing various business documents; and amends KRS 14A.2-060 to exempt a veteran-owned business from paying the filing fee for annual reports and amended annual reports for four years after the initial registration of the business.

HB 323
AN ACT relating to crimes affecting insurance.
Amends KRS 304.47-020 to remove the conviction requirement for a private cause of action for persons damaged by violation of statute.

HB 324
AN ACT relating to trespass.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 511 to establish the offense of trespass upon key infrastructure assets.

HB 327
AN ACT relating to statutorily mandated fees.
Amends KRS 194A.050, 211.180, 211.357, 211.976, 217.125, and 217.811, all relating to various fees within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, to delete specified fees but allow fees established by administrative regulation that do not exceed an increase of 5 percent annually; amends 194A.707, 194A.729, 199.640, 199.896, 199.8982, 211.760, 217.924, 219.021, 219.340, 221.020, 258.043, and 333.070 to delete specified fees but allow fees established by administrative regulation that do not exceed administrative costs to the programs; and amends KRS 213.141 to prohibit a fee or compensation for furnishing a certificate of birth to a child who is in the custody of or committed to the cabinet, including a child who has extended commitment to the cabinet; effective date July 1, 2019.
HB 329
AN ACT relating to assistance animals.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 383 to allow a person with a disability or disability-related needs to make a reasonable request for an accommodation in housing to maintain an assistance animal, allow a person receiving a request to ask for documentation on the assistance animal, and provide penalties for the offense of misrepresentation of an assistance animal.

HB 334
AN ACT 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 343
AN ACT relating to certificates of free sale.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 260 to authorize the Kentucky Department of Agriculture to issue certificates of free sale for products that are manufactured or processed in Kentucky and not intended for human consumption.

HB 345
AN ACT relating to surplus lines.
Amends KRS 304.10-030 to define “surplus lines” to include certain types of disability insurance in the definition of “nonadmitted insurance”; amends KRS 304.10-040 to allow licensed agents with lines of authority in health and life to export disability insurance and prohibit the export of insurance for the sole purpose of securing advantages; amends KRS 304.10-120 to require a resident broker procuring surplus lines disability coverage to maintain his or her agent license with lines of authority for health and life; amends KRS 304.10-180 to remove reference to Surplus Lines Insurance Multi-State Compliance Compact Commission; repeals KRS 304.10-400.

HB 348
AN ACT relating to judicial districts and circuits.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 21A to authorize the Supreme Court to require the Administrative Office of the Courts to perform an analysis to determine the need to rearrange the judicial circuits and districts or reallocate the number of judges relative to population or caseload every eight years; amends KRS 23A.040 and 23A.045 to add a circuit court judge to the Fifty-fifth Circuit for a term beginning January 7, 2019; amends KRS 23A.045 and 23A.050 to add a circuit judge to the Twenty-eighth Circuit and a circuit court judge to the Fifty-fourth Circuit for terms beginning January 7, 2019; amends KRS 24A.050 to reduce the number of district judges in the Fifty-fifth District once current district judge terms end on January 7, 2019; amends KRS 23A.040 and 23A.045 to remove a circuit judge from the Thirty-first Circuit on January 2, 2023; amends KRS 24A.030 to combine the Fifty-ninth district into the First District on January 2, 2023, specify election schedule for new judgeships, request that the additional circuit court judgeships be designated as family court judgeships, and request that when a district court division is removed
from the Fifty-fifth District, it should be Division One; Sections 6 to 8, relating to certain judicial circuits and districts, delayed effective date of January 2, 2023.

HB 356
AN ACT relating to sex offender registrants.
Amends KRS 17.545 to prohibit a sex offender registrant who is 18 years of age or older and has committed a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor from having the same residence as a minor, and provide an exception if the registrant is the minor’s spouse, parent, grandparent, stepparent, sibling, stepsibling, or court-appointed guardian of the minor, unless the minor was a victim of the registrant.

HB 360
AN ACT relating to state agency children.
Amends KRS 158.135 to include in the definition of “state agency children” those children referred by a family accountability, intervention, and response team to a Department of Juvenile Justice operated or contracted day treatment program.

HB 362
AN ACT relating to retirement and declaring an emergency.
Amends KRS 61.522 to allow universities, community colleges, and health departments to cease participating in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS) provided the agency pays the cost of ceasing participation as provided by statute, provides a window where quasi-state agencies who are eligible to cease participating in KERS or non-stock non-profit agencies eligible to cease participating in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) may by January 1, 2019, cease participating by paying the actuarial costs and paying off the cost through equal installments without interest over a 30 year period, except that installments in fiscal years 2019 and 2020 shall be equal to the contributions paid by the employers in fiscal year 2018, and provides that if the employer’s cost for ceasing participation cannot be paid using a 30 year financing period, then the annual contribution may be increased up to 5 percent per fiscal year each year if needed to finance within a 30 year period or, if the contributions cannot be financed with the 30 year period with a 5 percent increase in costs, the financing period may be extended for up to 40 years; amends KRS 61.565 to provide that CERS employer contribution rate shall not increase by more than 12 percent per year over the prior fiscal year from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2028; amends KRS 18A.225 to provide that employers ceasing participation by January 1, 2019, may still participate in the Kentucky Employees Health Plan (KEHP) for their employees; provides that for purposes of codification, the provisions of HB 185 shall prevail over the provisions of SB 151 in the event of a conflict where the same statutes are amended; EMERGENCY. VETOED AND OVERRIDDEN.

HB 363
AN ACT relating to public assistance reform.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to seek information from various state agencies to assist in reviewing the circumstances of individuals enrolled in Medicaid and those receiving food stamps, and to determine any changes in eligibility, allow a waiver of conditions for food stamp eligibility in cases of an economic downturn, create a section to require the cabinet to report to the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary and the Interim Joint Committee on Health and
Welfare and Family Services by October 1, 2018, and establish an annual report that shows the number of individuals whose cases were reviewed, removals from public assistance programs, and amount of public funds preserved.

HB 366

AN ACT related to revenue measures, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section in subchapter 10 of KRS Chapter 224 to establish a distinct fund to consist of moneys designated to the Commonwealth from the Volkswagen settlement; amends KRS 224.50-868 to extend the new tire fee to July 1, 2020, increase the fee to $2 for each new tire purchased, and to impose the sales and use tax on the fee; amends KRS 157.621 to extend equalization funds on what is commonly known as the EFF Nickel until the earlier of June 30, 2038, or the date the bonds are retired; amends KRS 158.441 to expand the definition of school resource officer, allowing a school district to contract with the Kentucky State Police for the employment of KSP troopers as a form of secondary employment for the officer; amends KRS 157.410 to require the chief state school officer to determine the exact amount of the public common school fund to which each district is entitled on or before March 1 of each year; amends KRS 160.463 to require the superintendent of each school district to publish an annual financial statement and the school report card in one of 3 formats; amends KRS 160.431 to conform; amends KRS 424.220 to conform; amends KRS 278.020 to exempt a water district or water association that undertakes a waterline extension or improvement project from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity; amends KRS 150.021 to require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to assess the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources an annual fee in an amount equal to 20 percent of the debt service associated with all phases and implementation of the two-way radio system utilized by the Department of Kentucky State Police; amends KRS 132.285 to create a new threshold for payment of the Property Valuation Administrator’s fee for the use of data by certain cities; amends KRS 132.590 to create a new threshold for payment of the Property Valuation Administrator’s fee for the use of data by certain counties; amends KRS 210.504 to require the Kentucky Commission on Services and Supports for Individuals with Mental Illness, Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Disorders, and Dual Diagnoses to recommend Jailer training; amends KRS 210.400 to require each community board for mental health to deliver certain jailer training; amends KRS 164.013 to require the salary of the president of the Council on Postsecondary Education to be set at an amount no greater than the amount the president was receiving on January 1, 2012; amends KRS 164.020 to allow the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to assess a mandatory student fee not to exceed $8 per credit hour and the fee to be used exclusively for certain debt service; amends KRS 164.5805 to prohibit a housing allowance for the president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 153 to exempt from the open meetings and open records provisions any entity involved in producing or financing arts on a local or statewide basis if the entity received a total of $25,000 or less as a result of appropriations or grants from state or local governmental units; amends KRS 151.611 to provide that fees in-lieu-of stream mitigation shall be available to all 120 counties, subject to federal and state regulatory requirements; amends KRS 61.637 to exempt employer contributions and reimbursements for health insurance payments when a retiree is reemployed as a school resource officer; amends KRS 70.292 to allow a county police department to reemploy police officers; amends KRS 70.293 to allow retired officers to keep their retiree health insurance and to exempt employer contributions
and health insurance payments related to reemployed officers; amends KRS 161.569 to sunset the 5.1 percent contribution to the Kentucky Teachers’ Retirement System by universities on June 30, 2018, for any person who elects or elected to participate in the optional retirement plan; provide that the total amount of principal which a qualified applicant may owe the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation at any one time shall not exceed $5 million; repeals and reenacts KRS 138.130 to add definitions relating to tobacco taxes; amends KRS 138.132 and 138.135 to conform; amends KRS 138.140 to increase the cigarette tax by fifty cents and reduce taxes on products obtaining a modified risk tobacco product order; amends KRS 138.143 to impose a floor stocks tax on cigarettes; amends KRS 138.146, 138.155, 138.165, 138.183, 138.195, 164.043, and 365.270 to conform; amends KRS 139.010 to define terms for sales tax; amends KRS 139.200 to impose sales tax on additional services; amends KRS 139.220, 139.260, 139.310, and 139.330 to conform; amends KRS 139.340 to expand definition of a retailer engaged in business in this state; amends KRS 139.390, 139.480, and 139.510 to conform; amends KRS 139.538 to suspend applications for refunds of sales tax to motion picture companies until July 1, 2022 amends KRS 139.550, 139.700, 139.720, 139.730, and 139.740 to conform; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to codify the provisions of KRS 141.010 for taxable years beginning prior to January 1, 2018 repeals and reenacts KRS 141.010 to change various definitions relating to income taxes; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to establish limits on deductions; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to calculate adjusted gross income and net income for taxpayers other than corporations; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to calculate gross income and net income for corporations; amends KRS 141.020 to establish a flat individual income tax rate of 5 percent and sunset individual tax credits; amends KRS 141.040 to establish a flat corporate income tax rate of 5 percent; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to codify the provisions of KRS 141.120 for taxable years beginning prior to January 1, 2018 repeals and reenacts KRS 141.120 to establish a single sales factor apportionment formula; amends KRS 148.542 to modify definitions relating to the film industry tax credit; amends KRS 148.544 to amend the film industry tax credit definitions to remove commercials, provide a limit of $100 million on the total tax incentive approved annually, and make the tax incentive nonrefundable and nontransferable for applications approved on or after the effective date of this Act; amends KRS 6.505, 16.545, 21.360, 45A.067, 61.523, 61.560, 65.155, 67A.320, 67A.510, 78.610, 136.310, 136.530, 139.531, 141.050, and 141.0401 to conform; amends KRS 141.121 to describe the income apportionment formula; amends KRS 141.200 and 141.205 to conform; amends KRS 141.206 to adjust apportionment rules; amends KRS 141.207 to conform; amends KRS 141.325 to remove withholding exemptions; amends KRS 141.347 to conform; amends KRS 141.383 to make the film credit nonrefundable and limited to $100,000,000 annually; amends KRS 141.390 to remove an obsolete tax credit; amends KRS 141.400, 141.401, 141.403, 141.405, 141.407, 141.414, 141.415, and 161.540 to conform; creates a new section of subchapter 26 of KRS Chapter 154 to suspend the to suspend the acceptance of applications and preliminary approvals for industrial revitalization incentives; amends KRS 141.068 to require the Cabinet for Economic Development to report certain information to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue; amends KRS 154.20-240 to suspend the acceptance of applications and preliminary approvals for industrial revitalization incentives; amends KRS 154.20-250 to suspend the acceptance of applications and preliminary approvals for investment fund incentives; amends KRS 141.068 to require the Cabinet for Economic Development to report certain information to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue; amends KRS 154.20-232 to suspend the acceptance and preliminary approvals for angel investor incentives; amends KRS 131.081 to prohibit contingency fee contracts for tax administration; amends KRS 49.250 to eliminate the payment of a bond to appeal a tax
assessment; amends KRS 131.190 to exempt from the confidentiality standards certain reporting of data by the Department of Revenue to the Legislative Research Commission; amends KRS 141.389, 131.020, and 141.0205 to conform; amends KRS 131.110 to allow 60 days to protest an assessment beginning July 1, 2018 amends KRS 131.180, 131.650, 132.485, 136.180, 136.1804, 136.1877, 136.188, and 141.210 to conform; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to allow a nonrefundable credit against the corporate income tax for local property taxes paid on inventory; provides that the amount of principal which a qualified applicant may owe the Kentucky Agricultural Finance Corporation at any one time shall not exceed $5 million; allows a 0.5 percent administrative fee to be paid to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority for projects they administer; requires any revenue received from the sale or renewal of the license plates in excess of actual costs incurred by the Transportation Cabinet be transferred to the Child Victims’ Trust Fund on an annual basis; requires that any funds or assets recovered by the Attorney General in connection with a lawsuit or other types of actions be paid directly to the Commonwealth and deposited in a distinct trust and agency account for each settlement; allows the Auditor of public Accounts to charge agencies for any additional expenses incurred and require a county, under certain types of audit, to bear 75 percent of the actual expense of the audit; allows the Personnel Board to assess each Executive Branch agency with employees covered by KRS Chapter 18A based on the authorized full-time positions of each agency on July 1 of each year; requires that fees imposed by the Kentucky River Authority not be subject to state and local taxes; requires a school district that receives an allotment for an urgent needs school and subsequently receives funds resulting from litigation or insurance to reimburse the Commonwealth; creates the Office of Employment Training Building Proceeds Fund and allow up to $3 million of proceeds from the disposal of real property by the Office to be deposited in the fund; allows any revenue derived from the establishment of statewide contracts by the Office of Procurement Services to be credited to a trust and agency account to be used to administer the program; allows the insurance surcharge rate to be calculated at a rate to provide sufficient funds for the Firefighters Foundation Program Fund and the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund; allows the Department for Medicaid Services to impose copayments for services rendered to Medicaid recipients, not to exceed the amounts permitted by federal law or waivers; allows the Department for Medicaid Services to utilize premiums and cost-sharing for services rendered to Medicaid and KCHIP recipients, not to exceed amounts permitted by federal law or waivers, and suspend KCHIP premiums for the 2018-2020 biennium; allows the Department of Insurance to assess an insurer at any rate between zero and 1 percent for the 2019 or 2020 Plan Year on any health benefit plan premium written by that insurer in the individual market segment; requires the Personnel Cabinet to collect a pro rata assessment from all state agencies, in all three branches of government, and other organizations that are supported by the personnel system; requires 0.075 percent to be withheld from employer’s contribution rates if the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance exceeds the balance of the trust fund as of December 31, 2017, deposit these moneys into the Service Capacity Upgrade Fund, and allow the Secretary to exercise discretion to reduce the percentage rate or suspend the required payments at any time; requires the insurance premium and retaliatory taxes be credited to the General Fund; requires the Personnel Cabinet to collect a benefits assessment per month per employee eligible for health insurance coverage in the state group for use by the Cabinet in administering the health insurance program; requires that funds received by the Commonwealth from the disposal of any surplus property at the Kentucky School for the Blind, the Kentucky School for the Deaf, and the FFA Leadership Training Center be deposited in a separate restricted account for each facility and require the funds not be expended
without appropriation authority granted by the General Assembly; allows a county containing a population of more than 90,000 or any city within a county containing a population of more than 90,000 to publish ordinances, audit reports, or bid solicitations by posting those items on a website maintained by the county or city government for a period of at least one year; modifies the credit established by KRS 68.197(7); establishes that if any section, subsection, or provision is found by a court to be invalid or unconstitutional, the decision of the court shall not affect any of the remaining sections, subsections, or provisions; repeals various sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes; EMERGENCY. VETOED AND OVERRIDDEN.

HB 367
AN ACT establishing support for dyslexia.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 157 to establish the dyslexia trust fund administered by the Kentucky Department of Education to finance grants to school districts for support of students identified with characteristics of dyslexia and require the Kentucky Department of Education to report expenditures from the fund annually to the Kentucky Board of Education and the General Assembly.

HB 369
AN ACT relating to contracts.

Amends KRS 360.010 to specify when parties are bound to interest rate in contract and the interest rate that parties are entitled to receive after default; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 371 to specify that an obligation to pay or satisfy a debt is not extinguished by any internal action or reporting of internal actions taken by a creditor for the purposes of the creditor’s own financial, tax, or accounting records or affairs.

HB 370
AN ACT relating to property redevelopment.

Amends KRS 224.1-512 to redefine “remediation” and “site”; amends KRS 224.1-514 to update the application requirements, application fee, and public notice, and replace a covenant not to sue with a corrective action liability agreement; amends KRS 224.1-516 to reduce the time for cabinet to notify applicant on the status of the application from 45 days to 30 days and updates requirements for resubmittal; amends KRS 224.1-520 to specify the statutes that will be used to evaluate whether the site characterization plan is in conformity, and delete detailed requirements for the corrective action plan; amends KRS 224.1-522 to include public comment period before taking action on the corrective action plan, and delete the time frames associated with additional information submittals; amends KRS 224.1-524 to require notice for public comment ten days after submitting corrective action plan and posting signage; amends KRS 224.1-526 to delete language referring to reimbursement of costs for cabinet site investigation, change covenant not to sue to correction action liability agreement, and require the corrective action liability agreement to run with the land; and amends KRS 224.1-528 to delete cabinet withdrawal from negotiations from the list of final determinations and makes conforming changes; repeals KRS 224.1-518.

HB 373
AN ACT relating to disclosure of body-worn camera recordings.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 61 to define terms, specify that body-worn camera recordings are governed by the Kentucky Open Records Act and that the retention of body-worn
camera recordings is governed by KRS 171.410 to 170.740, give exceptions as to when a public agency may elect not to disclose body-worn camera recordings, and clarify that nothing should be interpreted to override KRS 17.150, the laws governing discovery in either criminal or civil litigation or in an administrative proceeding, or KRS 189A.100; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 61 to provide additional prerequisites for the viewing or use of footage by an attorney representing an individual who is depicted on body camera footage and enumerates punitive requirements for attorneys who violate those guidelines, and allow a public agency that produces a copy of recording under this section to treat the request as a commercial request and charge a reasonable fee.

HB 381
AN ACT relating to elections.
Amends KRS 83A.045, 118A.100, and 118.365 to move the filing deadlines for certain candidates from the second Thursday in August to the Tuesday following the first Monday in June preceding a regular election; amends KRS 83A.165 and 118.375 to govern the time for filing to fill vacancies; amends various KRS sections to conform; and makes technical corrections; delayed effective date of NOVEMBER 7, 2018.

HB 385
AN ACT relating to design/build projects.
Amends KRS 176.431 to allow the Transportation Cabinet to authorize, each fiscal year, 5 major road and bridge related projects not to exceed a total cost of $300 million each and 10 road and bridge related projects not to exceed a total cost of $75 million dollars each, and require that the projects be outlined in the biennial highway construction plan.

HB 388
AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Workers’ Compensation Funding Commission.
Amends KRS 342.0011 to change the definitions of “premium” and “premiums received” and define “deductible program adjustment”; amends KRS 342.122 to require all assessments to be remitted electronically beginning on January 1, 2020; amends 342.1221 to clarify that interest is paid for late payment of expenses; amends KRS 342.1223 to remove the term “nondividend paying” and make employees of the funding commission are exempt from the classified service; amends KRS 342.1231 to change the term “taxpayer” to “assessment payer,” require that audits of quarterly premium reports to be completed within 5 years of the due date, require records to be available for audits, and explain when payment is final and when refunds are returned; amends KRS 342.1242 to require KEMI to reimburse for expenses to collect the coal assessment; and amends KRS 342.1243 to clarify when assessments for coal workers’ pneumoconiosis fund cease and when the fund is abolished.

HB 394
AN ACT relating to abandoned property.
Establishes KRS Chapter 393A and creates new sections thereof to enact the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act of 2016; amends KRS 41.360, 164A.701, 164A.707, 304.15-420, 393.170, and 393.250 to conform; repeals KRS 393.010, 393.060, 393.062, 393.064, 393.066, 393.072, 393.090, 393.095, 393.100, 393.110, 393.115, 393.120, 393.125, 393.130, 393.140, 393.150, 393.160, 393.180, 393.190, 393.210, 393.220, 393.230, 393.240, 393.260, 393.270,
HB 398

AN ACT relating to physical therapist licensure and declaring an emergency.

Repeals and reenacts KRS 327.310, relating to physical therapist licensure, to make the applicant criminal background check consistent with state and federal standards; EMERGENCY.

HB 400

AN ACT relating to direct shipment of alcoholic beverages and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 243.0305 to allow distilleries to ship product and monthly club membership orders directly to consumers and sets delivery requirements; amends KRS 243.120 to add package sales for distilleries; amends KRS 243.120 and 243.130 to recognize the three-tier system; amends KRS 243.155 to allow small farm wineries to ship product and monthly club membership orders directly to consumers and sets delivery requirements; amends KRS 243.200 to allow transporters to ship directly to consumers, sets requirements for shipping packages, and exempts common carriers with USDOT numbers from displaying license numbers on vehicles and from consenting to vehicle searches; amends KRS 243.240 to allow quota retail package license holders with 80 percent gross sales to Kentucky residents to ship directly to consumers and sets delivery requirements; amends KRS 244.165 to set requirements for delivery of alcoholic beverages purchased out-of-state to consumers in Kentucky; amends KRS 244.240 to conform; amends KRS 242.250, 242.260, and 242.270 to limit delivery liability of common carrier and adds defense to shipping into dry territory; EMERGENCY.

HB 402

AN ACT relating to credit balances for insurers.

Amends KRS 91A.0804 to provide a schedule for distribution of refunds for overpaid local government insurance premiums tax to insurance companies; and amends KRS 91A.0802 to define “LGPT” as a local government premiums tax authorized under KRS 91A.080.

HB 424

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky 911 Services Board.

Amends KRS 65.7623 to reconstitute the Kentucky 911 Services Board, establish means and terms of service on board, and provide for an administrative relationship with the Office of Homeland Security; amends KRS 65.7625 to delineate the financial responsibilities of the board and the Office of Homeland Security, establish an advisory council, specify that only those costs associated directly with the administration of CMRS related duties shall be eligible for payment from funds under KRS 65.7631(2); and amends KRS 65.7631 to increase the non-obligated CMRS fund balance from $2,000,000 to $3,000,000 before it is distributed to eligible PSAPs.

HB 427

AN ACT relating to nurses.

Amends KRS 314.011 to eliminate reference to the Controlled Substance Formulary Development Committee and to change the term “noncontrolled” to “nonscheduled”; amends KRS 314.031 to reference the disciplinary statute and to eliminate the list of reportable offenses; amends KRS 314.035 to establish a mandatory reporting requirement for anyone who has knowledge of

393.280, 393.290, and 393.990; and require the State Treasurer to submit a report on the status of the abandoned property fund to the Legislative Research Commission by December 15, 2018.
the facts regarding a suspected violation by a dialysis technician; amends KRS 314.042 to update language concerning the definition of an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), require an applicant for an APRN license to take a jurisprudence examination, and simplify reporting of the rescission of a CAPA-NS or CS; amends KRS 314.085 to clarify that evaluations must be submitted within 30 days; amends KRS 314.089 to clarify when an immediate suspension of a license is warranted; amends KRS 314.091 to add use or possession of a Schedule I controlled substance and use or impairment by use of alcohol or drugs to the list of violations; amends KRS 314.101 to clarify when a nurse that is temporarily in the state does not need a license; amends KRS 314.181 to clarify when a registered nurse may pronounce the death of a patient; amends KRS 314.111 to allow the Board of Nursing to fine a program of nursing that is not in compliance with regulations; amends KRS 311A.185 to conform; and repeals KRS 314.046 and 314.105.

HB 429
AN ACT relating to reorganization.
Amends KRS 196.026 to add a Division of Education to the Office of Adult Institutions in the Department of Corrections; confirms Executive Order 2017-268, dated May 1, 2017.

HB 430
AN ACT relating to reorganization.
Amends KRS 196.026 to add the Division of Reentry to the Office of Community Services and Facilities in the Department of Corrections; confirms Executive Order 2017-749, dated October 31, 2017.

HB 431
AN ACT relating to reorganization.
Amends KRS 15A.020 to reorganize the Department of Juvenile Justice into offices and divisions; confirms Executive Order 2017-599, dated September 1, 2017.

HB 434
AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Educational Savings Plan Trust.
Amends KRS 164A.305, relating to the Educational Savings Plan Trust, to define “educational institution” and “qualified educational expenses” in conformance with Section 529 of the Internal Revenue Code, and include elementary and secondary schools in the definitions; amends various sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes to conform; and repeals KRS 164A.360.

HB 443
AN ACT relating to nonprofit corporations.
Amends, creates, repeals, and reenacts various sections of KRS Chapter 273, relating to nonprofit corporations, to allow a nonprofit corporation to have a board of directors of varying size, allow the board of directors of a nonprofit corporation to establish committees, allow a nonprofit corporation to reimburse expenses and to make distributions, within certain restrictions, define and clarify conflict of interest transactions, allow a member utilizing real-time electronic communication to be deemed present at a board of directors meeting, and allow a nonprofit corporation to abolish the right of members to inspect books and records.
HB 444
AN ACT relating to health facilities and services.
Amends KRS 216.2927 to update data collection; amends KRS 216.380 to remove “primary care centers” and “rural health clinics” from the list of facilities that may be designated as a “critical access hospital”; amends KRS 216.510 and 216.535 to revise the definition of “long-term care facilities”; amends KRS 216.545 to remove outdated language; amends KRS 216.563 to remove outdated language and to remove the requirement that criteria for “Type A” and “Type B” long-term care facility violations be reviewed at least quarterly; amends KRS 216.577 to replace reference to the “Kentucky Health Facility and Health Service Certificate of Need and Licensure Board” with the “Cabinet for Health and Family Services”; amends KRS 216B.015 to revise various definitions; amends KRS 216B.020 to exempt certain outpatient health facilities and health services from the certificate of need requirement; amends KRS 216B.035 to permit records to be kept in electronic form; amends KRS 216B.040 to remove the Cabinet’s ability to appoint “technical advisory committees” to assist in the administration of this chapter; amends KRS 216B.055 and 216B.105 to allow for electronic delivery of notices and licensure decisions; amends various sections to conform; and repeals KRS 216.600, 216.860, 216.865, 216.900, 216.905, 216.910, 216.915, 216.930, 216B.071, 216B.120, 216B.176, and 216B.177.

HB 454
AN ACT relating to the human rights of unborn children and declaring an emergency.
Creates a new section of KRS 311.710 to 311.820 to prohibit an abortion on a pregnant woman that will result in the bodily dismemberment, crushing, or human vivisection of the unborn child when the probable post-fertilization age of the unborn child is 11 weeks or greater, except in the case of a medical emergency; and amends KRS 311.990 to provide that a person who violates the prohibition is guilty of a Class D felony; EMERGENCY.

HB 463
AN ACT relating to pharmacy benefits.
Creates a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to define cost sharing, prohibit an insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, or other administrator from requiring payment for prescription drugs in excess of certain amounts, prohibit an insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, or other administrator from imposing a penalty on a pharmacist or pharmacy for complying as required, and prohibit an insurer, pharmacy benefit manager, or other administrator from prohibiting a pharmacist or pharmacy from discussing information relating to cost sharing or selling a more affordable alternative to the insured; delayed effective date of January 1, 2019.

HB 464
AN ACT relating to insurance and declaring an emergency.
Amends KRS 304.5-140 to define “NAIC,” allow the commissioner of Department of Insurance to promulgate administrative regulations establishing additional requirements for certain reinsurance arrangements, require accredited reinsurers to demonstrate adequate financial capacity, authorize reduction in trusteed surplus for certain assuming insurers maintaining a trust for the payment of reinsurance claims, establish requirements for certain assuming insurers maintaining a trust for the payment of reinsurance claims, establish requirements for assuming insurers that have been certified or seek to be certified as a reinsurer in Kentucky, require the commissioner to publish a list of qualified jurisdictions under which assuming insurers are eligible
to be considered for certification as a reinsurer, require the commissioner to assign and publish a list setting forth the rating for each certified reinsurer, authorize the commissioner to suspend or revoke a reinsurer’s accreditation or certification and establishes due process procedures, establish requirements for the management of a ceding insurer’s reinsurance recoverables, allow the commissioner to permit a certified reinsurer to defer posting security for catastrophic recoverables under certain circumstances, include certain exempted assets as acceptable forms of security permitted for certain reinsurance arrangements, authorize the commissioner to promulgate administrative regulations, make conforming amendments, and direct the Department of Insurance to conduct a study of medical bills submitted to reparations obligations; delayed effective date of January 1, 2019, except for study, which is subject to EMERGENCY.

HB 475
AN ACT relating to caller identification services.
Amends KRS 367.46955 to prohibit knowingly using a caller identification service or interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol or VoIP to transmit misleading or inaccurate caller identification information with the intent of defrauding or causing harm to another person or wrongfully obtaining anything of value; and amends KRS 367.46999 so that any person who is found guilty of violating KRS 367.46955(9) must be fined no less than $500.00 for the first offense and $1,000 for any subsequent offense and must also pay restitution of any financial benefit secured through conduct proscribed by KRS 367.46955(9).

HB 476
AN ACT relating to compensatory time.
Amends KRS 337.285 to allow Trooper R and CVE R law enforcement officers to receive and use compensatory time for time worked over forty hours per week.

HB 487
An ACT relating to fiscal matters and declaring an emergency.
Incorporates the provisions of 2018 RS HB 366, except as modified in this Act; amends KRS 139.010 to clarify the definition of prewritten computer software for sales and use tax purposes; amends KRS 139.480 to clarify the cost of production related to energy or energy-producing fuels used for sales and use tax purposes; amends KRS 141.010 to include a definition for part-year resident and to include in the definition of adjusted gross income the amount of deduction related to the federal 20 percent deduction for pass-through income to individuals for rate parity at the federal level; amends KRS 141.020 to clarify the provision related to a part-year resident; amends KRS 141.120 to provide that a provider of communication services, cable services, or internet access will continue to apportionment income using a three-factor apportionment formula and will not be subject to the market based sourcing rules; continues the Kentucky Industrial Revitalization Act tax incentives and requires reporting by the Department of Revenue and the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority; amends various sections of KRS Chapters 141 and 154.20 to continue the Kentucky Investment Fund Act and the Kentucky Angel Investor Tax Act through the calendar year 2018, allowing the overall total cap of $40 million to be exhausted, suspending the two programs for the calendar years 2019 and 2020, and establishing a $3 million annual cap for each program beginning in calendar 2021; amends KRS 131.081 to allow a taxpayer to bring an action for damages against the Commonwealth for actual monetary damages sustained as a result of willful, reckless, or intentional disregard by department
employees of the rights of taxpayers; amends KRS 141.210 to allow a taxpayer 180 days to submit a copy of the final determination of a federal audit; amends KRS 131.250 to require certain corporations and employers having more than 25 withholding statements to electronically file those tax returns or reports; amends KRS 141.070 to clarify that the credit for taxes paid to another state means a state of the United States or any territory or possession thereof; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to provide combined returns based on a unitary business group for taxable years beginning prior to January 1, 2019, unless the group elects to file a consolidated return based on the same group that files for federal income tax purposes; amends KRS 139.470 to exempt gross receipts derived from charges for labor or services to apply, install, repair, or maintain tangible personal property directly used in manufacturing or industrial processing processes; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 132 to clarify that computer software other than prewritten computer software is exempt from property tax; amends KRS 141.011 to conform the net operating loss deduction to the new combined reporting or consolidated filing method chosen by the taxpayer; repeals the repeal of the Kentucky Jobs Retention Act and Incentives for Energy Independence Act; and repeals sections 1 and 3 of 2018 RS HB 362 and provides an alternative buyout for certain employers and decreases the employer contributions for certain employers during the first year of the biennium; EMERGENCY.

HB 497
AN ACT relating to physician assistants.
Amends KRS 202A.011 and 600.020 to include physician assistants in the definition of “qualified mental health professional” and to establish the educational and experience requirements for a physician assistant to become a qualified mental health professional.

HB 512
AN ACT relating to qualifications of officers and declaring an emergency.
Amends KRS 16.040 to require officers appointed with a high school diploma or GED and additional experience to complete 60 hours of credit or an associate’s degree prior to the end of probation, and specify that not completing the education requirement will result in discharge; EMERGENCY.

HB 513
AN ACT relating to the provision of wastewater services.
Creates new sections of Subchapter 73 of KRS Chapter 224 to define “sewage” and “privately owned small wastewater treatment plant,” require the Energy and Environment Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS 27 Chapter 13A regarding the issuance or the renewal of a discharge permit under KRS 224.10-100 to an owner of a privately owned small wastewater treatment plant that requires a plant’s owner to obtain and maintain a contract for insurance, or a financial instrument such as a letter of credit, for fire and extended coverage and for commercial general liability coverage and products and completed operations coverage, implement an asset management plan, maintain adequate revenue to ensure continuity of service, and conduct a structural analysis of the plant, as necessary, and establish a process by which the cabinet may assign a receiver to assume the management and operation of a privately owned small wastewater treatment plant; and amends KRS 65.240, relating to interlocal agreements, KRS 74.407, relating to water districts, KRS 76.080, relating to metropolitan sewer districts, KRS 76.231, relating to joint sewer agencies, KRS 76.232, relating to specific joint sewer
HB 517
AN ACT relating to grandparent visitation.

Amends KRS 405.021 to create a presumption that grandparent visitation is in the child’s best interest when there is a significant and viable relationship between the child and grandparent, and the parent who is the child of the grandparent is deceased; and amends KRS 620.090 to require the court to consider granting visitation rights to the grandparents who are not granted temporary custody.

HB 527
AN ACT relating to the educational stability of children in out-of-home placements.

Creates a new section of KRS 199.800 to 199.805 to require the Department for Community Based Services to place a foster child within the school district where the child was enrolled immediately prior to placement if practicable, require the department to make the determination of whether a foster child remains enrolled in the school of origin based upon a determination of the best interest of the child, prohibit the cost of transportation from being a factor in the determination of the best interest of the child, require reasonable transportation to be offered if the department determines it is in the best interest of the child to remain enrolled in the school of origin after placement in a new school district, require the department to reimburse costs incurred by a school district, foster parent, child-placing agency, or child-caring facility for transportation of a foster child to a school of origin upon request, establish procedures for enrolling a foster child if changing the child’s school of enrollment is in the best interest of the child, and require the district in which a foster child is enrolled upon successful completion of high school graduation requirements to issue a diploma to the child; and designates as the Uninterrupted Scholars Act of Kentucky.

HB 528
AN ACT relating to joint custody.

Amends KRS 403.270 to create a presumption that joint custody and equally shared parenting time is in the best interest of the child, and require the court to consider the motivation of the adults involved when determining the best interest of the child for custody orders, as well as to consider the effect incidences of domestic violence on the relationship between the child and each parent; amends KRS 403.280 to specify that the presumption of joint custody and equal parenting time is in the best interest of the child; amends KRS 403.320 to allow a parent not granted custody or shared parenting time to petition for reasonable visitation rights; amends KRS 403.340 to specify that if a court modifies a custody decree there is a rebuttable presumption that it is in the best interest of the child for the parents to have joint custody and equally shared parenting time; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 403 to specify that the presumption of joint custody and equally shared parenting time shall not apply in cases where a domestic violence order has been or is being entered between two or more of the parties; amends KRS 403.740 to specify that the
presumption for joint custody and equally shared parenting time shall not apply in cases where a domestic violence order is being entered.

**HB 530**

AN ACT relating to personalized license plates.

Amends KRS 186.174, regarding personalized license plates, to have personalized plates expire on the last day of the birth month of the applicant, rather than on December 31st of each year, set forth schedule for transition to a new expiration date for current license holders, specify that personalized license plates that expire December 31, 2018 and are renewed for 2019 shall have a prorated registration based on the number of months the registration is valid for in 2019, and make the replacement schedule for personalized license match that for regular plates; and amends KRS 186.164 to conform.

**HB 557**

AN ACT relating to economic development.

Amends KRS 56.440 to define “headquarters,” “nonretail service and technology project,” and “nonretail service and technology entity”; amends KRS 56.510, relating to state lands and buildings to expand eligible projects from industrial projects to include headquarters and nonretail service and technology projects; amends KRS 65.7049 to allow a city or county to establish a development area for certain purposes if, among other things, the project meets the requirements of KRS 65.7043(2)(a)(1.)(b.); creates a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to define how skills training credits may be applied to income tax obligations; amends KRS 144.0205 to conform; amends KRS 148.546 and 148.8591 to allow online reporting from Tourism, Arts and Heritage to the LRC in lieu of a physical report; amends KRS 154.10-050 to remove requirement that cabinet secretary create and submit an annual strategic plan for economic development; creates a new section of KRS 154.12-2084 to 154.12-2089 to sunset current investment credits; amends KRS 154.12-100 to change reporting requirements and include electronic posting of the annual report required by KRS 154.12-2035; amends KRS 154.12-204 to include new definitions relating to the skills training investment credit; amends KRS 154.12-205 to substitute the phrase “qualified company” for “business and industry”; amends KRS 154.12-206 to substitute the phrase “approved companies” for “business and industry”; amends KRS 154.12-207 to provide additional details about skills training investment and grant-in-aid credit qualifications; amends KRS 154.12-208 to allow the Bluegrass State Skills Corporation to submit annual report on the cabinet’s Web page instead of via paper to LRC; amends KRS 154.12-278 to allow reporting obligations of Kentucky Innovation Act on the cabinet Web page instead of paper copy to the Governor and LRC; amends KRS 154.12-310 to remove satellite offices and specify the number of affiliate centers; amends KRS 154.12-2035 to allow posting of annual report to the cabinet’s Web page instead of a physical copy to the Governor and LRC; renames the small business investment credit as the Kentucky small business tax credit; amends KRS 154.20-150 to allow annual reporting by Web page instead of by physical copy to the Governor and LRC; amends KRS 154.20-170 to remove reference to targeted industrial sector; amends KRS 154.20-230 to change definition of “qualified activity”; amends KRS 154.20-234 to change elements of qualified investment and authorize promulgation of administrative regulations; amends KRS 154.20-238 to increase allowable time for investment; amends KRS 154.27-050 to allow posting of annual report to the cabinet Web site instead of submitting it to the Governor and LRC; amends KRS 154.30-010 to change investment criteria and refine definitions; creates a new section of Subchapter 27 of KRS Chapter 154 to sunset
incentives allowed by KRS 154.27-010 to KRS 154.27-100; amends KRS 154.30-070 to alter requirements of tax incentive agreement; amends KRS 154.30-080 to allow cancellation of tax incentive agreements and add definitions; amends KRS 154.31-030 to allow annual reporting by post to the cabinet Web page; amends KRS 154.32-010 to include new definitions; amends KRS 154.32-020 to expand the list of companies eligible for incentives; amends KRS 154.60-010 and KRS 154.60-020 to replace term “Division of Small Business” with “Office of Entrepreneurship”; amends KRS 154.60-020 to extend time period for credit-related activity; repeals KRS 141.430, relating to income tax credit calculations; repeals KRS 154.10-100, relating to information transfer network; repeals KRS 154.10-120, relating to preparation of the strategic plan for economic development; repeals KRS 154.10-125, relating to content of the strategic economic development plan; repeals KRS 154.10-140, relating to performance benchmarks; repeals KRS 154.30-052, relating to signature project loan program requirements; repeals KRS 154.48-010, containing definitions for KRS 154.48-010 to 154.48-035; repeals KRS 154.48-015, expressing the findings of the General Assembly; repeals KRS 154.48-020, relating to administrative regulations and open meetings; repeals KRS 154.48-025 to 154.48-030, and 154.48.035, establishing the Kentucky Environmental Stewardship Act; and repeals KRS 224.01-020, relating to the funding for cleaning agricultural warehousing sites.

HB 586
AN ACT relating to the maintenance of teacher certification.
Amends KRS 161.095 to require the Education Professional Standards Board to extend the validity period of a certificate of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America by one year for each year the member is determined by the board to have been prohibited by military service or training from pursuing an advanced degree or completing professional development required to maintain certification, and require the Education Professional Standards Board to promulgate administrative regulations to establish an application process and develop guidelines for the process by which education or professional development is considered to have been prohibited by military service.

HB 592
AN ACT relating to public agencies and declaring an emergency.
Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 151B to require employees of the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet with access to or use of federal tax information to submit to a state and federal criminal background check; amends KRS 61.826 to require a public agency to precisely identify a primary location of a video teleconference meeting; amends KRS 164A.575 to grant the governing board of a public postsecondary institution decision making authority with respect to a lease renewal, prohibit a governing board from selling an interest in real property for less than its fair market value, require a bidder security only be required for a postsecondary institution’s capital construction project with an estimated cost of more than $1,000,000, permit a governing board to authorize a capital construction project or a major item of equipment purchase not specifically listed in any branch budget bill under certain conditions, and permit a governing board to elect to obtain private property insurance under certain conditions; and amends KRS 164.020 to remove the statewide tuition waiver policy for employees of postsecondary institutions while retaining the tuition waiver policy for employees of state and locally operated secondary area technology centers, require employees to complete the federal student aid application, and
prohibit the amount of tuition waived from exceeding the cost of tuition at the institution less any state or federal grants received; EMERGENCY.

HB 606

AN ACT relating to testing for commercial driver’s license applicants and making an appropriation therefor.

Amends KRS 281A.160 to prescribe fees for retesting for commercial driver’s license applicants who have failed a portion of the skills test, require a 48-hour cancellation notice for skills test appointments, permit an applicant to submit a medical practitioner’s excuse for a missed test without giving 48 hours’ notice, set forth consequences of failure to appear at a scheduled test without proper notification, clarify the exemption from testing fees for military personnel applying for a CDL under KRS 281A.165, and make technical corrections; APPROPRIATION; delayed effective date of January 1, 2019.

HCR 7

Urges the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to issue more migratory bird depredation permits and subpermits to allow Kentucky farmers to legally take black vultures that are depredating their livestock.

HCR 35

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HCR 152

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HCR 226

Creates the Diabetes Medical Emergency Response Task Force to study and develop recommendations to address the emergent medical needs of individuals diagnosed with diabetes, outline task force membership, and require the task force to meet at least bimonthly during the 2018 Interim and to submit findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2018.

HJR 33

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