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A Staff Summary Of Legislative Enactments

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Foreword

The 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly convened on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, and adjourned *sine die* Wednesday, April 15, 2026, having met for 60 legislative days.

During the 2026 Regular Session, the General Assembly took the following actions:

- A total of 1,293 bills were introduced, including 354 Senate bills and 939 House bills.
- A total of 444 resolutions were introduced including 264 Senate simple resolutions, 24 Senate joint resolutions, 15 Senate concurrent resolutions, 67 House simple resolutions, 49 House joint resolutions, and 25 House concurrent resolutions.
- The Governor vetoed 14 Senate bills, 1 Senate joint resolution, 23 House bills, and 1 House joint resolution.
- The General Assembly overrode the vetoes of 12 Senate bills, 23 House bills, and 1 House joint resolution.
- A total of 71 Senate bills, 3 Senate joint resolutions, 2 Senate concurrent resolution, 120 House bills, and 5 House joint resolutions became law.

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

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Bill Numbers To Acts Chapters

Bill Number	Acts Chapter	Bill Number	Acts Chapter	Bill Number	Acts Chapter	Bill Number	Acts Chapter
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SB 5	8	SB 183	10	HB 164	26	HB 502	145
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SB 18	85	SB 197	202	HB 185	72	HB 518	44
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SB 20	90	SB 214	187	HB 189	32	HB 527	45
SB 27	127	SB 219	98	HB 212	104	HB 529	46
SB 29	86	SB 222	55	HB 213	73	HB 542	112
SB 30	133	SB 226	88	HB 220	189	HB 555	81
SB 37	200	SB 245	70	HB 236	105	HB 562	15
SB 39	93	SB 249	132	HB 253	74	HB 565	47
SB 40	13	SB 251	181	HB 257	138	HB 566	113
SB 46	7	SB 261	192	HB 264	106	HB 568	141
SB 49	87	SB 263	180	HB 265	84	HB 571	130
SB 50	134	SB 278	60	HB 266	29	HB 576	82
SB 57	56	SB 291	182	HB 280	75	HB 577	114
SB 59	155	SB 324	194	HB 281	30	HB 600	48
SB 65	156	SB 343	61	HB 290	76	HB 607	165
SB 66	193	SCR 9	139	HB 293	31	HB 611	49
SB 68	121	SCR 66	191	HB 305	107	HB 619	164
SB 69	19	SJR 23	124	HB 307	35	HB 622	125
SB 73	52	SJR 116	186	HB 311	195	HB 627	149
SB 77	158	SJR 139	140	HB 312	173	HB 642	34
SB 85	18	HB 1	4	HB 313	108	HB 647	115
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SB 97	51	HB 3	99	HB 333	37	HB 651	116
SB 98	201	HB 4	65	HB 355	172	HB 652	163
SB 100	157	HB 5	64	HB 366	109	HB 657	6
SB 101	50	HB 6	146	HB 369	110	HB 669	162
SB 102	63	HB 7	62	HB 379	171	HB 676	150
SB 104	96	HB 10	178	HB 387	170	HB 677	152
SB 110	135	HB 36	33	HB 388	38	HB 689	117
SB 116	94	HB 43	20	HB 392	39	HB 692	118
SB 122	92	HB 45	21	HB 393	40	HB 727	196
SB 129	188	HB 48	36	HB 398	95	HB 757	161
SB 133	199	HB 49	22	HB 419	111	HB 762	136
SB 136	123	HB 56	23	HB 422	14	HB 767	137
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Senate Bills

SB 1

AN ACT relating to education.

Repeals, reenacts, and amends KRS 160.370, relating to the duties of local boards of education and superintendents in counties with a consolidated local government, to include a county school district with 500,000 or more inhabitants; remove the limitation that the board not meet more than once every 4 weeks; change the rolling 3-year strategic plan to a 5-year plan; require the board to review and approve a rolling 3-year projection of expenses and revenues; limit the amount of transfers the superintendent is authorized to make without board approval to \$250,000 per quarter; and require the superintendent to report to the board any purchases or transfers made to the board at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

SB 2

AN ACT relating to school administrators and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 157.350, relating to eligibility to receive support education excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) funds, to prohibit a school district from entering into a contract, renewal, or extension on or after July 1, 2026, that provides the superintendent a percentage pay increase greater than the average percentage pay increase provided to classroom teachers within the district; authorize the negotiation of an increase upon the expiration of a contract; prohibit an administrator from receiving a percentage pay increase greater than that given to classroom teachers unless the increase is due to a professional advancement that imposes a significant change in job duties and responsibilities or is to uniformly increase the pay for a job category; authorize the commissioner of education to waive these provisions upon request by a local board; allow a local board to request a waiver in accordance with KRS 156.161 if the commissioner denies a request; amends KRS 160.350 to require each local board of education to submit to the Kentucky Department of Education copies of superintendent contracts, amendments, renewals, extensions, and addendums; require the local board and the department to publish the documents to their websites; amends KRS 160.346 to authorize a superintendent to remove a principal if the school has been identified for targeted support and improvement or comprehensive support and improvement for 2 or more consecutive years; and amends KRS 156.070 to conform; EMERGENCY.

SB 4

AN ACT relating to education and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to define "department" and "principal"; establish the principal leadership development practicum; require the Kentucky Department of Education to develop and operate the practicum and outline the required components of the practicum; allow for substitution of practicum hours for hours of instruction required by the effective instructional leadership program; begin the practicum requirements with the 2027-2028 school year; authorize the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations for the operation of the practicum; amends KRS 161.027 to remove references to the principal internship program and make conforming changes to initial principal certification process; amends KRS 156.492 to remove an outdated reference; amends KRS 160.160 to define "large school district"; amends KRS 160.180 to establish board of education member eligibility requirements

for large school districts, limiting employment of members under boards of education; amends KRS 160.210 to establish 5 elected members of boards of education of large school districts; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 160 to establish the election divisions for the board of education for the Jefferson County School District; amends various statutes to conform; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to establish a center of American Civics at the University of Kentucky and requirements for the center; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to redesignate the McConnell Center at the University of Louisville as an independent academic unit and establish the requirements for the center; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require the McConnell Center and the Center of American Civics to develop materials and curricula for a course of instruction in American government or history; provides for the transition to 5 board of education members from 7 in certain large school districts; provides for the temporary eligibility of current board of education members notwithstanding new eligibility requirements; and requires the Kentucky Department of Education to submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission by November 1, 2026, setting out the implementation plan for the practicum; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

SB 5

AN ACT relating to Kentucky-grown agricultural product procurement and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to define "agricultural product" and "Kentucky-grown agricultural product"; allow a local school board or local school district participating in any of the United States Department of Agriculture Child Nutrition Programs to purchase Kentucky-grown agricultural products in accordance with federal law; and establish an exemption from certain procurement laws; EMERGENCY.

SB 8

AN ACT relating to public utilities and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 278 to establish the membership of the Public Service Commission; provide for the appointment, confirmation, and replacement of commissioners; require the Governor to make all 5 appointments to the commission; establish the qualifications of the commissioners; provide for the election of the chair and the delegation of his or her duties; set the terms and term limits for commissioners; require that no more than 3 members of the commission be of the same political party; amends KRS 278.040 to provide that the commission is an independent department of state government that is administratively attached to the Energy and Environment Cabinet only for the limited functions and purposes that the commission requests; allow the commission to conduct procurements under KRS Chapter 45A, identify and determine the compensation for categories of its professional employees, and engage hearing officers and other entities on a contractual basis; prohibit the commission from being reorganized under KRS Chapter 12; amends KRS 278.060 to prohibit the immediate family members of commissioners from having any official relationship to any utility; allow for a commissioner or an immediate family member to have a pension or a retirement savings account with a utility if no contributions have been made to it for at least 1 year prior to the commissioner's appointment; amends KRS 278.100 to allow the commission to appoint the executive director, subject to confirmation by the Senate; amends KRS 278.120 to provide the commission with sole

discretion in fixing the compensation of the executive director; amends KRS 278.702 to prohibit the immediate family members of ad hoc public members of the Kentucky State Board on Electric Generation and Transmission Siting from having any financial interest in a facility proposed to be constructed and subject the ad hoc members and their immediate family members to the executive branch code of ethics; amends various statutes to conform; repeals KRS 278.050, relating to membership of the Public Service Commission; requires the Governor to make the 2 additional appointments to the commission for terms expiring July 1, 2028; allows all current members of the Public Service Commission on the effective date of the Act to serve out the remainder of their terms and any subsequent terms upon reappointment without being subject to the qualifications and appointment limitations established by the Act; and directs the transfer of all records, files, or documents associated with functions previously performed by the Energy and Environment Cabinet to the Public Service Commission; EMERGENCY.

SB 10

AN ACT proposing to amend Section 77 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to limiting the Governor's ability to grant pardons and commute sentences.

Proposes to amend Section 77 of the Constitution of Kentucky to prohibit the Governor's ability to grant pardons or commute sentences beginning 60 days prior to a gubernatorial election and ending at that gubernatorial inauguration; and provides ballot language and submission to voters for their ratification or rejection.

SB 11

AN ACT relating to a residential safe room rebate program.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 39A to define terms; establish the residential safe room program and residential safe room rebate fund to provide rebates to residents of this state for the construction or installation of a residential safe room; require the Division of Emergency Management (division) to establish an application process by which the division awards rebates; require the division to promulgate administrative regulations to administer the program; and require the division to report annually to the Legislative Research Commission about the residential safe room rebate program.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 17

AN ACT relating to the protection of children.

Amends KRS 620.190 to limit the prohibition on serving on local citizen foster care review boards to employees of the Department for Community Based Services instead of employees of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; amends KRS 620.500 to add the Kentucky CASA Network to the definition of "association"; amends KRS 620.055 to conform; amends KRS 620.505 to decrease the minimum number of local CASA board members from 15 to 12; remove the requirement for local CASA programs to comply with National CASA Association Standards for Programs; replace "cabinet" with "the Department for Community Based Services", relating to employees who are prohibited from becoming volunteers or employees of the court-appointed special advocate program; and amends KRS 620.537 to make technical corrections.

SB 18

AN ACT relating to health services.

Amends KRS 311.380 to define "physician assistant," "podiatric assistant," "podiatric residency," "podiatric resident," podiatric supervision," and "supervising podiatrist"; amends KRS 311.400 to add the scope of practice for podiatric residents and podiatric assistants; amends KRS 311.420 to add qualifications for a license to practice podiatry; permit the State Board of Podiatry to promulgate administrative regulations relating to the licensure of podiatric assistants and podiatric residents, podiatric residency licenses, and the approval and regulation of podiatric supervision of physician assistants; amends KRS 311.480 to allow the board to refuse to license or renew, suspend, probate, or revoke the license of podiatric residents and podiatric assistants; amends KRS 311.840 to define "podiatric supervision" and "supervising podiatrist"; creates a new section of KRS 311.840 to 311.862 to establish requirements for podiatrists to supervise physician assistants; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require the Kentucky Department of Education to develop Type 1 diabetes informational materials for parents and guardians of students; require each local board of education and public charter school board of directors to make the Type 1 diabetes informational materials available on the school district's website and in the main front entrance and family resource and youth services center of each school; and amends various statutes to conform.

SB 19

AN ACT relating to mushrooms.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 2 to name and designate the indigo milk cap as the official state mushroom of Kentucky.

SB 20

AN ACT relating to local entities and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 64.5277 to define "excess credit hours"; amends KRS 64.5278 to allow a city to establish different base incentive amounts for different types of city officers by ordinance; remove minimum and maximum payment amounts; amends KRS 45A.380 to allow the purchase of used vehicles and used equipment through noncompetitive negotiation if the agency pays no more than 75% of the manufacturer's suggested retail price for the model year for a vehicle or for the date of manufacture for equipment; amends KRS 424.260 to allow local governments to make contracts, leases, or agreements involving expenditures over \$40,000 without making a newspaper advertisement for bids for supplies sold at public auction or used vehicles and equipment, if the purchase price of the used vehicles or equipment is no more than 75% of the manufacturer's suggested retail price for the model year for a vehicle or for the date of manufacture for equipment; amends KRS 75.031 to require all trustees of a fire district to personally reside in the fire district and declare a vacancy if a trustee moves outside the district during his or her term; amends KRS 273.207 to require all board members of a fire department organized under KRS Chapter 273 to be residents of the area served by the corporation and declare a vacancy if the member moves outside the geographic area during his or her term; declares a vacancy to exist for board members who do not reside in the district or area on the effective date of the Act; provides a method to fill the vacancy; EMERGENCY.

SB 27

AN ACT relating to cremation of dead bodies.

Amends KRS 72.450 to require a coroner who is in possession of an unclaimed dead body to make a bona fide attempt for at least 30 days to notify a spouse or next of kin of a decedent's death; allow a coroner who is in possession of an unclaimed dead body to have the body buried or cremated and interred; direct that the decision between burial or cremation and interment be made by the governmental entity bearing the expense; require a coroner to be consulted before a government entity decides if an unclaimed dead body is required to be buried or cremated and interred; and establish that if a decedent is known to be a member of a religious community, the appropriate governmental entity shall consult with any such religious community that has expressed, in writing, a willingness to the local county coroner that it will pay for, or otherwise provide, the burial expense of the community's members.

SB 29

AN ACT relating to solid waste management facilities and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 109 to prohibit the imposition of fees or permitting requirements on a solid waste management facility that is handling solid waste that was generated outside of the county or waste management district where the solid waste management facility is located by the county or waste management district where solid waste was generated; provide that the prohibition on imposing fees on imported solid waste shall not apply to fees mutually agreed to in a franchise agreement that has been authorized by county ordinance; and amends KRS 224.40-315 to exclude certain waste sites or facilities from being considered municipal solid waste disposal facilities; EMERGENCY.

SB 30

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles.

Amends KRS 190.058 to establish the motor vehicle commission fund; directs all license fees collected under KRS Chapter 190 to be deposited into the fund; set forth uses of the fund; provide that fund amounts not expended at the end of a fiscal year not lapse but instead be carried forward to the next fiscal year; amends KRS 189.222 to allow vehicles with a gross weight of up to 90,000 pounds transporting fluid milk from a farm to the first market to operate on any state highway; allow for a 10% weight tolerance; establish exceptions and limitations; amends KRS 189.010 to include fluid milk products in the definition of "nondivisible load" as it pertains to the roads that are a part of the national truck network; amends KRS 189.270 to allow overweight permits for the transportation of fluid milk products up to a gross weight of 100,000 pounds; amends KRS 189.2717 to allow annual overweight permits along a specified route for the transportation of fluid milk products up to a gross weight of 100,000 pounds; exempt transportation of fluid milk products under an annual overweight permit from axle weight limits; and amends KRS 189.221 to conform.

SB 37

AN ACT relating to state symbols.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 2 to designate the Treeing Walker Coonhound as the official state dog of Kentucky; designate domestic cats and dogs adopted from or residing in Kentucky animal shelters or rescue organizations as the official pets of the Commonwealth of

Kentucky; designate the eastern spotted skunk as the official state nongame mammal of Kentucky; and designate the eastern hellbender as the official state amphibian of Kentucky.

SB 39

AN ACT relating to fish and wildlife and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 150.170 to require owners of farmland to be residents of the Commonwealth for hunting license exemption; exempt a bona fide landowner of private land in the Commonwealth from restrictions on creel, possession, size, or method of take in the private landowner's private lake or pond; allow a private landowner to extend the same rights and privileges relating to fishing in lakes or ponds located on the landowner's property, except the exemption from purchasing a fishing license, to any person in written or electronic form which shall include the landowner's contact information; allow the stocking of certain largemouth bass or Florida bass in private lakes and ponds with certain restrictions pertaining to the 100 year floodplain and access to other water bodies; define private lake or pond; prohibit using rights or privileges conferred by a private landowner for fishing on private lands as a defense for being found in violation of administrative regulations for creel, size, possession or method of take when on public water bodies; amends KRS 150.180 to prohibit the stocking or intentional release of first filial largemouth and Florida bass and allow the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to promulgate administrative regulations for the release of the species into department-owned lakes; amends KRS 150.360 to add beavers to wildlife that can be taken at night and require the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to promulgate administrative regulations for nocturnal beaver hunting; allow the hunting of bobcat at night with any means to make the animal visible including night vision, infrared, and thermal technologies; amends KRS 150.990 to add a penalty, up to \$10,000 per offense, for violation of intentional release of Florida bass into public waterways; amends 150.022 to establish eligibility requirements for persons elected to be members of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission; specify when the commission shall elect a chairperson; require annual executive branch ethics training for each member of the commission; prohibit members of the commission from having official logos, decals, or emblems used by the department or that bear the state seal from being used on personal vehicles; define "sportswoman"; amends KRS 150.061 to provide additional qualifications for the commissioner of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources; require the commission to conduct national searches to fill vacancies for the commissioner after the effective date of the Act; amends KRS 235.280 to prohibit the Department of Fish and Wildlife from promulgating administrative regulations prohibiting, limiting, or restricting wakeboats or wakesports on bodies of water where it was allowed as of December 1, 2025; define "hydrofoil," "wakeboat," and "wakesports"; allows current commission members to serve out the remainder of their terms; EMERGENCY.

SB 40

AN ACT relating to public library district boards of trustees.

Amends KRS 173.490 and 173.730 to allow the county judge/executive of a county that has adopted an alternative appointment process to fill vacancies on a library board after receiving 1 recommendation from the board; allow the county judge/executive to appoint a person other than the person recommended by the board; and make technical changes to the appointment process.

SB 46

AN ACT relating to school transportation and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 156.153 to permit schools to use non-school bus passenger vehicles designed for 10, instead of 9, or fewer passengers; require an individual authorized to transport students in a non-school bus passenger vehicle to meet designated minimum qualifications, training, and drug testing requirements; permit the Kentucky Department of Education and local school districts to establish additional requirements; exclude parents transporting students to and from school pursuant to a compensation agreement from the requirements of the section; and amends KRS 160.380 to require a superintendent to collect designated records before an individual is authorized to transport students in a non-school bus passenger vehicle; EMERGENCY.

SB 49

AN ACT relating to battery stewardship.

Creates new sections of Subchapter 50 of KRS Chapter 224 to define terms; prohibit the disposal of covered batteries in solid waste disposal or recycling containers beginning on June 30, 2027; require the Energy and Environment Cabinet to establish the Covered Battery Stewardship Program; declare the purposes of the program, which include fostering the creation of voluntary battery stewardship organizations; require collaboration with stakeholders in establishing the Covered Battery Stewardship Program; require the cabinet to maintain on its website a list of covered battery collection sites and contact information for transporters of covered batteries; establish the registration process and requirements for voluntary battery stewardship organizations; establish minimum requirements for voluntary battery stewardship plans to be submitted to the cabinet for approval; and require each voluntary battery stewardship organization to submit an annual report to the cabinet detailing its covered battery collection, recovery, and educational outreach efforts beginning June 30, 2027.

SB 50

AN ACT relating to the disposition of property.

Amends KRS 391.010 to specify the share of the surviving spouse in real property in an intestate estate; replace great grandparents and brothers and sisters of great grandparents with step children; amends KRS 392.020 to define surplus personalty and surplus real estate of a decedent and the share of the surviving spouse; amends KRS 394.300 to establish a time frame and procedure for the disposition of an original will filed with the county clerk; amends various sections of KRS Chapter 395 to establish requirements for appointment as a fiduciary, confidentiality protections of assets of an estate, and when a hearing for appointment may be waived; amends various sections of KRS Chapter 395 to establish requirements for filing an inventory, including penalties for failure to timely comply with statutory requirements; amends KRS 395.380, 395.390, and 395.400 to grant the court discretion in the appointment of a public administrator and remove the requirement that the sheriff serve in that capacity; amends KRS 395.455, 395.470, and 395.605 to establish criteria for dispensing with the administration of both testate and intestate estates; amends various sections of KRS Chapter 395 to establish procedures for the filing of periodic and final settlements; amends KRS 395.990 to increase the penalty from \$10 to \$100 for a fiduciary failing to file an inventory or account; amends KRS 199.520 to deem a child of adoption to be a child of the petitioners for purposes of inheritance and succession if the child was adopted and resided with the petitioners prior to the age of 18; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 394 to enact the Uniform Electronic Wills Act; define terms; establish the

applicability of electronic wills; address the effect of a will electronically executed in another jurisdiction; establish requirements for executing and revoking an electronic will; address records that are not executed in compliance with the requirements for an electronic will; establish requirements for an electronic will to be self-proving; allows for certified paper copies of an electronic will; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 394 to enact the Uniform Electronic Estate Planning Documents Act; define terms; establish that a nontestamentary estate planning document or a signature on a nontestamentary estate planning document shall not be denied legal effect or enforceability solely because it is in electronic form; provide that an electronic record of a document satisfies a requirement for a nontestamentary estate planning document to be in writing; establish notarization, acknowledgment, and verification requirements; amends KRS 64.012 to establish a flat fee of \$33 for the recording of a will or other probate document or a court-ordered name change with the county clerk; amends KRS 142.010 to establish a tax of \$4 for each recorded will to be collected by the clerk of the court and paid to the county clerk; amends KRS 401.040 to require the clerk of the court to collect the fee on behalf of the county clerk for filing a name change order; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 386 to enact the Kentucky Qualified Dispositions in Trust Act; define terms; establish requirements for a qualified affidavit; prohibit claims by creditors against property subject to a qualified disposition to a qualified trust except under limited circumstances; provide that limitations on actions by creditors do not apply to past due child support, past due maintenance to a spouse or former spouse, or a written agreement, judgment, or order of a court for division of marital property of a spouse or former spouse; limit powers and rights of transferor to those conferred by the qualified trust; establish rules for avoiding a qualified disposition to a qualified trust; address rights of a trustee and beneficiary when a qualified disposition has been avoided; provide that a spendthrift provision acts as a restriction on the transferor's beneficial interest in the trust under law other than bankruptcy law; enumerate persons who shall not be considered a qualified trustee; allow a transferor to appoint trust advisors; provide for the appointment of a successor trustee in certain circumstances; provide that the inclusion of certain provisions in the qualified trust instrument do not deem the trust to be revocable; specify application to trusts and dispositions of property on or after effective date of Act; establishes a new subchapter of KRS Chapter 386B and creates new sections to enact the Uniform Directed Trust Act; define terms; establish that the Act does not apply to powers of appointment; subject trust directors to the same rules, liabilities, and fiduciary duties as trustees; enumerate powers of a trust director and responsibilities of a trustee in a trust under direction; provide for liability of the trust director for breach of trust; establish time limitations for a breach of trust action; require communication of information between trustees and trust directors; establishes a new subchapter of KRS Chapter 386B to enact the Uniform Trust Decanting Act; define terms; establish the applicability of provisions; require fiduciaries to act in accordance with fiduciary duties in exercising trust decanting powers; specify notice requirements prior to exercise of the decanting power; address authority to represent and bind another person under a first-trust instrument; allow court to intervene in disputes regarding the exercise of the decanting power; require an exercise of the decanting power to be made in a record signed by an authorized fiduciary; allow an authorized fiduciary with expanded distributive discretion over the principal of a first trust to exercise decanting power over the principal of the first trust; specify trust provisions and actions that are permitted when property is decanted to a second trust by a fiduciary; allow an authorized fiduciary with limited distributive discretion over the principal of a first trust to exercise decanting power over the principal of the first trust; specify trust provisions and actions permissible when property is decanted to a second trust by a fiduciary; establish rules for decanting

to a special needs trust; establish rules to protect charitable trust interests; provide for limitations on decanting power through restrictions in a first-trust instrument; prohibit decanting to a second trust to increase fiduciary compensation unless beneficiaries of the second trust agree to the increase or it is approved by a court; address fiduciary compensation and liability in a second-trust instrument; provide for limitations on authority of an authorized fiduciary to exercise decanting power to modify provisions relating to removal or replacement of the fiduciary; set limitations for exercise of the decanting power with respect to transfers of property affecting tax liability; specify requirements for duration of a second trust; allow an authorized fiduciary to exercise decanting power regardless of whether the fiduciary could have made or would have been compelled to make a discretionary distribution under discretionary distribution standard of the first trust; provide for circumstances where decanting power is effective even if the second trust does not comply in part with certain provisions; provide for decanting powers to an animal trust; establish rules for disposition of later-discovered property; provide that obligations enforceable against first trust are enforceable to same extent against second trust; conform to federal requirements related to electronic signatures and records; amends various statutes to conform; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 186A to establish a procedure for the transfer of a motor vehicle upon death; amends KRS 138.470 to include the transfer on death of a motor vehicle as an exemption from the tax imposed by KRS 138.460; amends KRS 395.140 to establish that a fiduciary is required to execute a bond in the presence of a notary; amends KRS 45A.045 relating to procedures for the disposition of state-owned real property and various statutes to conform; provides that specified portions of the Act may be cited as the Uniform Electronic Wills Act, the Uniform Electronic Estate Planning Documents Act, the Kentucky Qualified Dispositions in Trust Act, the Uniform Directed Trust Act and the Uniform Trust Decanting Act; and repeals various statutes; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2028.

SB 57

AN ACT relating to nuclear energy development.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority (authority) to establish the Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program; provide that the General Assembly may award grant funding to eligible applicants for up to 1/3 of the actual costs incurred in applying for and procuring an early site permit, construction permit, or combined operating license from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, not to exceed \$25,000,000 per project; establish eligibility requirements and scoring criteria for applications; provide that application materials submitted to the authority are confidential and not subject to disclosure under KRS 61.870 to 61.884; require the authority to make eligibility determinations and objectively score grant applications; require that applicants procure a surety bond or other similar security to guarantee the repayment of the grant amount in the event of forfeiture; provide for forfeiture and repayment of grant funding if certain permitting, licensure, or commencement of construction timelines are not met; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 278 to define terms; allow a regulated utility to apply to the Public Service Commission for the recovery of costs not covered in its existing rates incurred in applying for and procuring an early site permit, construction permit, or combined operating license from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission; prohibit the recovery of costs for any amounts that have been offset by grant funding from the Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program; amends KRS 154.32-010 to allow nuclear energy development projects to be eligible for economic development funding through the Kentucky Business Investment Program; amends KRS 164.2802 to require the authority to annually provide

20 hours of nuclear-related training to its advisory board members; require that the authority include its evaluations, scores, and funding recommendations for the Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program with its annual report to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission; and amends KRS 164.2803 to allow fusion-related nuclear energy projects to be eligible for grant funding from the Nuclear Energy Development Grant Program.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 59

AN ACT relating to prohibited uses of tax dollars and resources.

Amends KRS 48.025 to define terms; prohibit local, state, and federal resources, including tax dollars and resources from school districts and regional educational cooperatives, from being used to advocate for or against a public question on the ballot; establish fines and penalties, including classifying a third or subsequent violation as a Class A misdemeanor; establish exemptions to the prohibition; and amends KRS 65.013 and 132.017 to conform.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

SB 65

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

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 13A to nullify administrative regulations found deficient during the 2026 Regular Session of the General Assembly; nullify an administrative regulation relating to the Medicaid outpatient pharmacy program; nullify 2 Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control emergency and ordinary administrative regulations relating to tobacco, nicotine, or vapor product licenses; nullify Transportation Cabinet emergency and ordinary administrative regulations relating to the accessible online insurance verification system; and nullify 2 Cabinet for Health and Family Services administrative regulations, 1 relating to controlled substance monitoring and 1 relating to service arrays for relative or fictive kin caregivers; EMERGENCY.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

SB 66

AN ACT relating to the operation of a motor vehicle.

Amends KRS 189A.010 to prohibit operation of a motor vehicle while clonazepam, cyclobenzaprine, or fentanyl are detected in the blood; remove refusal of a blood test as an aggravating circumstance; amends KRS 189A.100 to provide that a person's refusal to take a preliminary breath test shall not result in the suspension of the person's license; require law enforcement to inform the person suspected of driving under the influence of the fact that his or her refusal to take a preliminary breath test shall not be used against him or her in court or result in the suspension of his or her license; amends KRS 189A.105 to provide that at the time a blood test is requested, the person suspected of driving under the influence shall be informed that the fact of a refusal to submit to the blood test shall not be used against him or her in court as evidence of driving under the influence but will result in suspension of his or her driver's license, and if the person is convicted of a violation of KRS 189A.010, his or her license will be suspended; provide that if a law enforcement officer does not inform a person suspected of driving under the influence of his or her rights relating to blood or breath tests, a refusal to take a blood or breath test shall not

be used against that person; and amends KRS 186.018 to require the Transportation Cabinet to destroy records of moving traffic convictions that are more than 10 years old.

SB 68

AN ACT relating to executive branch agencies.

Amends KRS 148.280 to allow the commission to promulgate administrative regulations regarding ejections and exclusions from Kentucky Horse Park property; allow the Kentucky Horse Park Commission, through its president, to eject or exclude any person who engages or has engaged in conduct that would negatively impact the safety and security of park attendees; and amends KRS 42.740 to reduce the number of candidates submitted by the Kentucky League of Cities and Kentucky Association of Counties for consideration of the Governor to be appointed to the Geographic Information Advisory Council from 6 persons to 3 persons.

SB 69

AN ACT relating to the autism spectrum disorder trust fund and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 194A to establish the autism spectrum disorder trust fund; amends KRS 194A.624 to require the Advisory Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders to administer the trust fund; require the advisory council to submit an annual report to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission; and require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to promulgate administrative regulations relating to funding for autism spectrum disorder research and services; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 70

AN ACT relating to the Public Pension Oversight Board.

Amends KRS 7A.220 to alter the membership of the Public Pension Oversight Board; include a former elected official with relevant experience in retirement or pension plan management or policy in the definition of "retirement experience"; and amends KRS 7A.255 to require the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority to annually report line of duty death benefit payments to the Public Pension Oversight Board; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2027.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED

SB 73

AN ACT relating to animal agriculture.

Amends KRS 217.015 to add pork lard and tallow-based cosmetic products to the definition of "home-based processor"; amends KRS 217.136 to allow home-based processors to produce tallow-based cosmetic products in accordance with the registration and regulation requirements set forth by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; creates a new section of KRS 217.005 to 217.215 to define "end consumer"; allow certain USDA-exempted poultry processors to sell to end consumers on a farm, at a farmers market, or at a roadside stand and establish related requirements; amends KRS 258.265 to exempt a working livestock dog found at large between sunset and sunrise from destruction by a peace officer or animal control officer except under specified circumstances; provide that a working livestock dog may be unrestrained when engaged in lawful working activities if conditions are met; amends KRS 259.120 to establish that a county judge/executive may contract, subject to the approval of a county legislative body,

with 1 or more 501(c)(3) organizations that provide animal sheltering services for equines; and provide that a county judge/executive shall be immune from criminal and civil liability for any discretionary act related to the care, treatment, or population control measures related to stray equines that are taken up.

SB 77

AN ACT relating to ibogaine research in the Commonwealth.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 218A to define terms; establish the ibogaine research and intellectual property fund, to be administered by the Department of Agriculture for the purpose of allowing the department to enter a public-private partnership with a drug developer to conduct a clinical drug development trial or trials related to the use of ibogaine for the treatment of opioid use disorder, co-occurring substance use disorder, or any other neurological or mental health condition for which ibogaine demonstrates efficacy; establish requirements for the department related to contracting with a drug developer regarding ibogaine research and intellectual property; require the drug developer to submit quarterly reports to the department; require the department to submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission on the progress and financial status of the drug development clinical trial or trials; and establish how proceeds from the commercialization of intellectual property created through the public-private partnership may be used.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

SB 85

AN ACT relating to designating a special needs trust to receive state-administered retirement benefits.

Amends KRS 16.505, 61.510, and 78.510 to define "special needs trust" (SNT) for purposes of the State Police Retirement System, Kentucky Employees Retirement System, and County Employees Retirement System; include a SNT in the definition of "beneficiary"; amends KRS 16.578 to allow a SNT to receive a lifetime retirement benefit payment if a member dies before retirement; amends KRS 61.635 to allow a person who is the beneficiary of a SNT to be designated as the beneficiary of a lifetime retirement benefit; require the trustee of a SNT to notify the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA) upon the death of the beneficiary of a SNT; require repayment of any payment not properly payable to the SNT; allow KPPA to promulgate administrative regulations to administer the SNT provisions; amends KRS 61.640 to allow a SNT to receive a lifetime retirement benefit payment if a member dies before retirement; amends KRS 61.690 to allow a recipient or legal representative to direct retirement benefits to be paid to a SNT; declare that the direction is not an assignment or transfer; amends KRS 78.5532 to allow a SNT to receive a lifetime retirement benefit payment if a member dies before retirement; amends KRS 161.525, relating to the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) to allow a SNT to receive a lifetime annuity if the member dies before retirement; amends KRS 161.640 to allow checks to be sent by mail to the trustee of a SNT; require the trustee to notify TRS upon the death of the beneficiary; require any payment not properly payable to the SNT to be repaid to TRS; allow TRS to promulgate administrative regulations to administer the SNT provisions; amends KRS 161.700 to require TRS to assign annuity payments to a SNT, issue payments to the trustee, and prevent annuity payments from being used to reimburse any state for any Medicaid benefits paid on behalf

of the beneficiary of a SNT; amends KRS 21.420, relating to the Judicial Retirement Plan, to allow for a SNT to be selected as a beneficiary; define "special needs trust"; and amends KRS 21.425 to allow a member to designate a SNT to receive lifetime survivorship benefits on behalf of a surviving spouse, dependent child, or disabled child.

SB 90

AN ACT relating to behavioral health.

Amends KRS 533.272 to limit participation in the behavioral health conditional dismissal program to 20 counties and extend the program until January 1, 2031; extend existing reporting requirements on recidivism to include information based upon 3, 4, and 5 years of data and to include information on defendants charged with a qualifying offense in counties that are not participating in the program based upon similar size and geographical location of a county that is participating in the program; amends KRS 533.288 to extend the Behavioral Health Conditional Dismissal Program Implementation Council until December 31, 2031; amends 2022 Ky. Acts ch. 230, sec. 13, to establish that moneys appropriated for the behavioral health conditional dismissal program through June 30, 2026, shall not lapse and shall be carried forward; amends KRS 210.040 to replace the term "institutions" with "facilities"; and establish that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services is responsible for providing care that includes emergency and other medical care provided outside of a state facility for patients in state-operated mental health facilities.

SB 97

AN ACT relating to coverage for prostheses and orthoses.

Creates a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require health benefit plans to provide coverage for prostheses and orthoses; establish minimum requirements for the required coverage; require utilizations review decisions to be made in a nondiscriminatory manner; require an insurer or its private review agent to provide notice of certain rights of the insured; establish notice requirements for denials; establish network adequacy requirements for the provision of a prostheses or orthoses that are required to be covered; establish reporting requirements for insurers and the commissioner of the Department of Insurance relating to the required coverage; amends KRS 164.2871 and 18A.225 to require self-insured group health plans offered by the governing board of state postsecondary education institutions and the state employee health plan to comply with the requirements relating to coverage for prostheses and orthoses; provides that Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the Act apply to health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027; and requires the Department of Insurance to make a determination as to whether any requirement in Section 1 is in addition to essential health benefits, make submissions to the federal Department of Health and Human Services, and consider the determination accepted if a response is not received within 365 days; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2027.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 98

AN ACT relating to welding safety.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 198B to establish requirements for projects using structural steel welding, such as hiring a certified welder and meeting national welding standards; define terms; limit welding certification standards to projects occurring pursuant to state government contracts when those standards are requested by the contracting state government

entity; and exempt welding projects performed or requested on the premises of a homeowner or farmer; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2027.

SB 100

AN ACT relating to the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 164.2807 to provide for the administrative attachment of the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission (EPIC) to the University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research and the independent functions of EPIC; require EPIC to maintain separate accounts for all funds appropriated to it; provide the executive director of EPIC with the sole authority to hire staff, retain contractors, and otherwise manage the commission; allow the commission in its sole discretion to set compensation for its professional employees; allow the commission to conduct its own procurements and perform its own bidding and negotiations under KRS Chapter 45A; limit the membership of the EPIC board to no more than 2 members who reside outside of the Commonwealth; amend the membership of the EPIC executive committee to consist of the EPIC commission board chair, the vice chair, 2 appointees made by the Attorney General, and 1 appointee elected by the membership of the board; require, instead of allow, EPIC to employ an executive director; authorize the executive director to attend all EPIC executive committee and commission meetings and to have access to all information, records, and data considered at those meetings; allow the executive director to have the full authority to act on behalf of EPIC in all matters, with the advice of the commission; require the executive director to keep the executive committee advised of material decisions relating to the commission; specify the termination and compensation adjustment procedures for the executive director; provide that any information, records, data, files, documents, or correspondence submitted by a utility to the commission that the utility has designated as confidential business information shall be exempt from disclosure under KRS 61.870 to 61.884; allow the executive director to submit his or her own written report, statement of position, or dissenting findings to the Public Service Commission within 180 days of EPIC receiving a proposal from a utility to retire an existing fossil fuel-fired electricity generating plant; establish the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission fund and specify the purposes of the fund; allow the executive director to have standing either jointly or separately with the executive committee to intervene in any case before the Public Service Commission; make conforming changes; requires the Attorney General to make appointments to the EPIC executive committee on or before August 1, 2026, and terminates the terms of the current appointees for those positions on the effective date of the Act; directs EPIC to conduct a comprehensive assessment of coal resource viability and energy affordability in eastern Kentucky; and directs that EPIC report to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2026; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

SB 101

AN ACT relating to children.

Amends KRS 158.150 to require a local board of education to expel a student in grade 6 to 12 for at least 12 months if the student recklessly, with a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument, or intentionally caused or attempted to cause physical injury to a district employee; define terms; specify alternative program requirements and restrictions for expelling students; establish a

pathway for an expelled student to return to a school district prior to the end of the expulsion; amends KRS 158.155 to require a school employee to report to law enforcement acts of intentional physical injury, or intentional attempted physical injury, and intentional or wanton damage to property, unless the school employee has cause to believe a student's disability interfered with his or her ability to conform to the student code of conduct; require a law enforcement agency created by the board of education to submit a weekly report to a local law enforcement agency designated by the board of education of the reports received by the law enforcement agency created by the board; amends KRS 158.990 to provide for penalties for any person who intentionally violates KRS 158.155; and amend KRS 159.170 to require information regarding expulsions to be entered into the student information system within 5 days.

SB 102

AN ACT relating to the Department of Kentucky State Police and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 16.197 to allow an individual previously appointed to Trooper R Class or commercial vehicle enforcement officer R class to return to service with the Department of Kentucky State Police after 1 month of separation from service but no more than 60 months following the individual's latest separation date from service; EMERGENCY.

SB 104

AN ACT relating to first responders.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 519 to define terms; establish the crime of impeding a first responder; amends KRS 95A.292 to allow rescue squad members to participate in the Alan “Chip” Terry Professional Development and Wellness Program; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 39F to direct the Division of Emergency Management to enter into an agreement with the Kentucky Fire Commission to ensure that rescue squad members have access to the program; and provides that Sections 2 and 3 of the Act may be cited as Gavin’s Rights.

SB 110

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles and declaring an emergency.

Amends various statutes to include manufactured homes in the electronic title and registration system and the electronic lien system; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 186A to require that lienholders, motor vehicle dealers, and manufactured home retailers use the electronic title application and registration system to submit title, registration, and lien documents beginning July 1, 2027; provide exemptions; require the Transportation Cabinet to ensure the electronic title application and registration system and the centralized lien management system are operational by January 1, 2027; provide that titles will not automatically be printed and mailed to the owner of the vehicle or manufactured home, but kept electronically in the automated vehicle information system beginning July 1, 2027; establish procedures to obtain a printed title; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 186 to require the Transportation Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to establish fees for county clerk duties involving the titling and registration of motor vehicles; amends KRS 186A.130 to set fees for obtaining a printed title; amends KRS 134.805 to allow the notices for ad valorem taxes and registration renewal to be sent by email or text message; amends KRS 64.012 to establish the fee for the filing of a renewal of a security interest on a motor vehicle; amends KRS 186A.005 to define “manufactured home” and “termination statement”; amends KRS 186A.200 to eliminate the fine for late filing of a title lien statement; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 186 to allow county clerks to accept alternative forms of payment for

motor vehicle taxes and fees; collect convenience fees on alternative payments, and transmit funds via automated clearing house debit; amends KRS 186.230 to eliminate the requirement that the county clerk send duplicate receipts to the Transportation Cabinet; make technical corrections; amends KRS 138.464 to eliminate the requirement that the county clerk send duplicate receipts to the Department of Revenue; amends KRS 186A.060 to allow an individual to use a Kentucky personal identification card when registering a motor vehicle; amends KRS 186.077 to establish that by renewing the registration of a street-legal special purpose vehicle, the owner is certifying that the vehicle continues to meet all equipment requirements; amends KRS 186.170 to eliminate the use of a decal on the license to cover the trademark of a private corporation; amends KRS 142.010 to allow county clerks to report and remit taxes on the notation of a security interest on a certificate of title through AVIS and the Transportation Cabinet; amends KRS 189.010 to define "weigh station bypass system"; amends KRS 189.231 to require vehicle operators to comply with instructions from state-approved weigh station bypass systems; amends KRS 186.416 to eliminate the requirement for an operator's license holder to obtain a new license within 90 days of the license holder's 21st birthday; amends KRS 186A.555 to set the fee for a sheriff's inspection for a hail damaged vehicle at \$15; remove the requirement for the clerk to physically stamp the titles of a motor vehicle with a hail damaged brand and instead require the clerk to input that brand into AVIS; amends KRS 132.096 to exempt registered street-legal special purpose vehicles from state and local ad valorem taxation; amends KRS 186A.530 to prohibit a vehicle manufacturer from prohibiting or restricting the installation of vehicle software on a vehicle with a rebuilt title; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 186A to establish procedures for transfer of vehicles on death; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 281A to require the Transportation Cabinet to promulgate emergency and ordinary administrative regulations to extend the allowable time length for a limited CDL in accordance with the maximum length allowed under 49 C.F.R. sec. 383.3; repeals KRS 189.271, relating to special permits for hauling industrial materials; and amends various statutes to conform; EMERGENCY, in part; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2027; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2028.

SB 116

AN ACT relating to physician assistants.

Amends KRS 311.840 to modify the definition of "supervision"; amends KRS 311.844 to permit an exam to be waived; permit authorized licensed physician assistants to prescribe and administer Schedule II controlled substances after completing continuing education requirements; amends KRS 311.850 to add reference to the physician supervision agreement; amends KRS 311.854 to create the supervision agreement between a supervising physician and a physician assistant; permit physician assistants to have alternate supervising physicians; require the Board of Medical Licensure to promulgate administrative regulations establishing supervision agreements; amends KRS 311.856 to add references to the supervision agreement; remove the countersigning requirements for physician assistants; remove the 2-year reevaluation for physician assistants by supervising physicians; amends KRS 311.858 to limit Schedule II controlled substance prescriptions issued by a physician assistant to a 72-hour supply without any refill; limit hydrocodone combination products and nonnarcotic Schedule II controlled substance prescriptions issued by a physician assistant to a 30-day supply without any refill; amends KRS 186.577 to allow credentialed physician assistants to administer and sign driver vision tests; and repeals KRS 311.860, relating to supervising physicians.

SB 122

AN ACT relating to judicial proceedings.

Amends KRS 533.010 to allow a sentencing court to consider if the defendant is a caretaker; establish criteria for the court to consider if a defendant is a caretaker; allow the court to order a defendant to participate in various programs or services; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 403 to prohibit the removal from custody or the reduction in parenting time of a party solely for improvement of relationship between the child and the other party where the court has made a finding of domestic violence or abuse; require orders remediating the resistance of a child to contact with a violent or abusive parent to primarily address the behavior of that parent; amends KRS 403.270 to require a court to consider allegations of domestic violence or abuse and make written findings on the record prior to consideration of other factors relevant to determination of custody; add malicious false allegations of child abuse as a factor to be considered in custody determinations; amends KRS 403.290 to require paid visitation supervisors and parenting coordinators in custody proceedings to receive specialized training; amends KRS 403.315 to provide for a rebuttable presumption that joint custody and shared equal parenting time are not in the best interests of the child where the court finds that a party has committed 2 or more acts of domestic violence or abuse against another party; require a parent found to have committed 2 or more acts of domestic violence or abuse against another party to undergo counseling or treatment prior to being awarded custody of a child; amends KRS 403.727 to allow victim advocates to attend evidentiary hearings in orders of protection proceedings involving minors; amends KRS 456.035 to allow victim advocates to attend evidentiary hearings on interpersonal orders of protection proceedings involving minors; amends KRS 202A.011 to define "benefit from treatment," "individual with a mental illness," and "serious mental illness"; remove "mentally ill person" and redefine "danger"; amends KRS 202A.028 to allow the county attorney to make a motion for the judge to review the certification of an examination by a qualified mental health professional; require that a person not be involuntarily hospitalized based solely on his or her failure to comply with court ordered conditions; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 202A to allow the county attorney to make a motion for the judge to review the certification of an examination by a qualified mental health professional if the respondent is released prior to a preliminary hearing; require that a person not be involuntarily hospitalized based solely on his or her failure to comply with court ordered conditions; amends KRS 202A.051 to allow the county attorney to make a motion prior to the respondent's discharge for the court to order the respondent to participate in court-ordered outpatient psychiatric treatment; require that a person not be involuntarily hospitalized based solely on his or her failure to comply with court ordered conditions; require any petition filed for involuntary hospitalization to expire in 30 days if it has not been served on the respondent; amends KRS 202A.053 to allow a court that has ordered a respondent to participate in outpatient psychiatric treatment to transfer the case back to the respondent's county of resident; allow the court to retain venue if the county attorney has filed a certification review hearing; amends KRS 202A.061 to allow the county attorney to make a motion for the judge to review the certification of an examination by a qualified mental health professional; require that a person not be involuntarily hospitalized based solely on his or her failure to comply with court ordered conditions; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 202A to require the court to appoint an outpatient provider for every person who is ordered to community-based outpatient treatment; require a multidisciplinary team to regularly monitor a person's adherence to community-based outpatient treatment; allow a court or an authorized staff physician to order a 72-hour emergency admission to a hospital for every person who fails to comply with

an order for community-based outpatient treatment; require the court to conduct a review hearing prior to the expiration or request for early release by a hospital of a period of involuntary hospitalization for a person who has been found incompetent to stand trial within the past 12 months; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Administrative Office of the Courts to submit an annual report beginning October 1, 2027 to the Legislative Research Commission, including various data points regarding proceedings under KRS Chapter 202A; allow the court to enter consent orders of outpatient treatment upon agreement of the parties; amends KRS 202A.0811 to allow any responsible adult to file a petition for assisted outpatient treatment; amends KRS 202A.0815 to amend the criteria for a person to be ordered to assisted outpatient treatment; amends KRS 202A.0819 to allow a court to order a person who is receiving assisted outpatient treatment to comply with any other reasonable conditions; amends KRS 202A.0823 to allow a court to determine if a person should be ordered to receive specific care in line with his or her treatment plan; amends KRS 202A.091 to allow a petitioner who qualifies as a responsible party under KRS 311.631 to participate in an involuntary hospitalization proceeding and receive the respondent's discharge plan; amends KRS 202A.101 to allow a person to be transported to a hospital without a copy of the petition for involuntary hospitalization when a court orders it under KRS 202A.028 and 202A.061; amends KRS 202C.010 to amend the definition of "evidentiary hearing"; define "individual with a mental illness" and remove "mentally ill person"; amends KRS 202C.020 to establish the duties and pay for the guardian ad litem in a 202C proceeding; amends KRS 202C.030 to extend the date of the evidentiary hearing from 20 to 45 days, unless the court orders a later hearing date for good cause shown; prohibit the respondent from using the insanity defense; amends KRS 202C.040 to extend the date of the commitment hearing from 20 to 45 days, unless the court orders a later hearing date for good cause shown; establish the duties of the guardian ad litem; amends KRS 202C.050 to remove criteria to be committed under this chapter; amends KRS 202C.060 to provide that after the initial standard review hearing, subsequent review hearings shall occur once every 2 years unless a material change has occurred; require competency evaluations to be conducted at least once every 2 years; amends KRS 202C.130 to include notice of motions filed by forensic psychiatric facilities to the Commonwealth and all other parties of record; amends various sections to conform; repeals KRS 202A.081, relating to court-ordered community-based outpatient treatment; requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to provide a report to the Legislative Research Commission regarding services available to individuals receiving treatment under KRS Chapter 202A and 202C; and requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities to engage the services of the Treatment Advocacy Center to create a statewide training program; provides that Section 1 of the Act may be cited as the Family Preservation and Accountability Act; EFFECTIVE, in part, October 1, 2026 and January 1, 2027.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 129

AN ACT relating to unemployment insurance.

Amends KRS 341.243 to change the employer's contribution rate to the service capacity upgrade fund; provide that beginning January 1 2027, the rates shall be adjusted by subtracting 0.0115%; and requires the Secretary for the Education and Labor Cabinet to annually set the adjustment percentage to be effective January 1 of the subsequent year, not to exceed 0.025% and to suspend the subtraction from each rate if the service capacity upgrade fund balance is

\$15,000,000 or more, or the unemployment insurance trust fund does not exceed the balance of the trust fund as of December 31, 2022.

SB 133

AN ACT relating to the fiscal reporting of local entities.

Amends KRS 65A.030 to increase the fiscal reporting levels of special purpose governmental entities; allow entities conducting yearly audits to move to an audit every 4 years if the entity receives 2 sequential audit reports with unqualified opinions and report the fact that the entity is operating under the alternative audit schedule to the Department for Local Government; require an entity to have yearly audits if the entity receives anything but an unqualified audit opinion at a subsequent audit; require the Auditor of Public Accounts to determine certain procedures that specified special purpose governmental entities shall follow rather than the Department for Local Government; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 65A to allow qualifying entities to perform an agreed-upon procedures engagement and set out process; amends KRS 147.635, relating to area planning commissions, to align their audit requirements to those in KRS 65A.030; amends KRS 220.280, relating to sanitation districts, to align their audit requirements to those in KRS 65A.030; amends KRS 43.070 and 186.240 to combine the county clerks' independent audits of motor vehicle and motorboat registration fees and licenses, motor vehicle usage taxes, and ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles and motorboats into the county clerks' regular periodic audit; require the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to bear the cost of the portion of the audit attributed to receipts from motor vehicles and motorboats; amends KRS 64.830, relating to final settlements of outgoing county officials, to require the settlement to be complete within 60 days of the expiration of the term of office or the date a vacancy is otherwise created; require, in cases where an official's vacancy does not coincide with the end of the calendar year or end of the official's term, the outgoing county official to remit any remaining funds to the fiscal court as excess fees and require the fiscal court to provide an amount equal to the excess fees remitted by the outgoing official to the outgoing county official's successor for official use; amends KRS 65A.010 to exclude from the definition of "special purpose governmental entity" a local industrial development authority established pursuant to KRS 154.50-301 to 154.50-346 if the funds of the authority are audited as part of the budget of the establishing entity for the authority; amends KRS 64.012 to change the reporting deadline for county clerks from July 1 to August 1 for permanent storage of records fee reports; and repeals KRS 43.071, relating to the annual audit of county clerk's motor vehicle and motorboat tax receipts; EFFECTIVE, in part, July 1, 2027.

SB 136

AN ACT relating to unemployment insurance and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 341.350 to include an exemption to the work search requirements for employees with a bona fide return-to-work or recall-to-work prospect that is no longer than 1 year from the filing date of the initial or reopened claim; define "bona fide return-to-work or recall-to-work prospect"; require the secretary of the Education and Labor Cabinet to deny or rescind confirmation of a prospect if it does not comply with federal law; amends KRS 341.416 to require the Education and Labor Cabinet to refer suspected unemployment insurance fraud cases to the United States Department of Labor; and remove the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and the United States Department of Justice from the required referral; EMERGENCY.

SB 137

AN ACT relating to a provisional license to practice medicine.

Amends KRS 311.571 to allow and specify requirements for a physician licensed to practice medicine in another country to obtain a provisional license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth, including that an employing sponsor be located in a medically underserved area; specify requirements for a provisional license to be converted to a regular license; add conditions for the Board of Medical Licensure to revoke a provisional license; and make technical changes.

SB 145

AN ACT relating to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 243.033 to modify alcoholic beverage caterer duties and privileges; prohibit the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control from imposing or attempting to enforce minimum customer thresholds or maximum event limits for caterers; amends KRS 243.090 to require the department to approve or deny a license application within 45 days after receipt of the application; amends various sections of KRS Chapter 438 to delay the retailer tobacco, nicotine, and vapor product license requirement until July 1, 2026; amends KRS 243.039 to allow a regulation golf course to receive a limited golf course license in any territory where the sale of alcoholic beverages is lawful; and makes the retailer tobacco, nicotine, and vapor product license delay RETROACTIVE to January 1, 2026; EMERGENCY.

SB 149

AN ACT relating to the office of county treasurer.

Amends KRS 68.010, relating to the office of county treasurer, to time the appointment of county treasurer to the election of county officers; require the county treasurer's bond be corporate surety; stipulate that an acting county treasurer may be appointed due to the treasurer's absence; provide if the county treasurer is unable to perform the duties of the office for 5 days the fiscal court may appoint an acting county treasurer; set a time period of 60 days or upon the conclusion of the county treasurer's term, whichever occurs first, to fill the position of county treasurer; allow the appointment of a deputy county treasurer; and outline the authority, oath, and bond requirements of the position of deputy county treasurer.

SB 153

AN ACT relating to the prevention of harmful and fraudulent practices.

Amends KRS 367.620 to exclude certain activity from the definition of "goods or services relating to real estate"; amends KRS 367.624 to require contractors to furnish a notice relating to assignment of benefits prior to entering into a real estate goods or services contract; amends KRS 367.626 to prohibit requiring a person to pay a cancellation fee or any other fee contained in a contract that is not enforceable against the person; amends KRS 367.628 to prohibit certain representations and marketing by a contractor or person representing a contractor; provide that certain contracts between a contractor or person representing a contractor and an insured are not enforceable; modify provision prohibiting causing, or encouraging another person to cause, damage to real estate; prohibit contractors from having a financial connection with certain persons; prohibit contractors from soliciting or providing contracts on behalf of certain persons; provide that certain violations constitute a fraudulent insurance act under KRS 304.47-020 and criminal mischief in the first degree under KRS 512.020; amends KRS 367.627 to require the Attorney

General to enforce the contractor requirements; make technical corrections; create a new section of KRS Chapter 15 to provide the Attorney General with concurrent jurisdiction in the investigation and prosecution of offenses under KRS 304.47-020; amends KRS 304.47-020 to require the Attorney General, Commonwealth's attorneys, and county attorneys to refer any report, investigation, or discovery of a fraudulent insurance act to the Commissioner of the Department of Insurance unless the fraudulent insurance act was previously reported to the commissioner; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 367 to define terms; authorize the Attorney General to issue an order during certain states of emergency to require persons engaging in business as a contractor in the designated area to obtain a certificate of registration; authorize peace officers in the designated area to enforce an order issued by the Attorney General; establish registration application requirements; require contractors to post a copy of the contractor's certificate of registration at each job site within the designated area; require contractors to provide a copy of the certificate of registration or proof of registration to specified persons; prohibit contractors from soliciting business in person within the designated area for 90 days after a state of emergency is declared; prohibit local governments from imposing emergency registration or licensure for contractors under certain circumstances; exempt contractors from the registration and related requirements if the Attorney General determines that the local government imposes greater emergency registration or licensing requirements; permit a local government to submit a declaration to the Attorney General stating that the local government's emergency registration or licensure requirements are greater than those imposed under the section; require the Attorney General to affirm or reject a local government's declaration; authorize the Attorney General to promulgate administrative regulations; amends various statutes to conform; and directs that certain provisions apply to contracts entered into on or after the effective date of the Act.

SB 155

AN ACT relating to animal health emergencies and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 39A.020 to define "animal health emergency"; amends KRS 39A.100 to authorize the Commissioner of Agriculture, in consultation with the state veterinarian, to declare an animal health emergency; grant the Commissioner of Agriculture (commissioner) emergency powers to order veterinary or veterinary technician services; authorize the commissioner to request that the secretary of the Transportation Cabinet waive regulatory requirements relating to the transportation of animal feed stock or medicine; authorize the commissioner to order the quarantine of any livestock, poultry, domesticated animal, article, or equipment capable of acting as a vector of communicable disease; authorize the commissioner to establish roadblocks with the assistance of state and local law enforcement and game wardens employed by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to prevent the transportation of animals, articles, or equipment ordered quarantined; authorize the commissioner to purchase goods and services needed to stop the spread of the communicable disease without regard to the Model Procurement Code established in KRS Chapter 45A; and authorize the commissioner to request emergency assistance from any local government or special district, state agency, and the Governor in order to initiate any request for federal assistance; EMERGENCY.

SB 157

AN ACT relating to total net income limits on loans secured by a mortgage.

Amends KRS 286.8-125 to exempt loans for which the total points and fees do not exceed the threshold set forth in 12 C.F.R. sec. 1026.43(e)(3) from total net income limits; make technical

amendments; and directs that the Act applies to contracts entered into on or after the effective date of the Act.

SB 158

AN ACT relating to products that offer benefits in connection with personal property.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 367 to establish regulatory requirements for vehicle financial protection products; establish the purpose of the requirements; define terms; declare that vehicle financial protection products issued before, on, or after the effective date of the Act shall not be considered insurance; establish exemptions from the regulatory requirements; declare that amounts charged or financed for vehicle financial protection products are authorized charges to be stated separately and shall not be considered a finance charge or interest; prohibit conditioning the extension of credit, terms of a loan, or terms of a related vehicle sale or lease on the consumer's payment for a vehicle financial protection product; establish requirements for debt waivers; establish requirements for vehicle value protection agreements; amends KRS 190.100, and creates a new section of Subtitle 4 of KRS Chapter 286, to require retail installment contracts and consumer loan companies to comply with the regulatory requirements for vehicle financial protection products; creates new sections of Subtitle 19 of KRS Chapter 304 to establish regulatory requirements relating to credit personal property insurance; define terms; establish exemptions from the regulatory requirements; establish limits on the amount and term of credit personal property insurance sold in conjunction with a closed-end credit transaction; require credit personal property insurance to cover a substantial risk of loss of, or damage to, the collateral pledged or secured in the credit transaction; prohibit an insurer from requiring bundling of other credit insurance coverages and from using gross debt in determining premiums; require a creditor to deliver, or cause to be delivered, a policy, certificate, memorandum or other disclosure disclosing the costs and coverage within 30 days after the date of the loan; require policies, certificates, plans, contracts, applications, enrollment forms, and schedules of premiums rates to be filed with the commissioner of the Department of Insurance; establish requirements for the refund of unearned premiums upon cancellation prior to the scheduled maturity date; establish requirements relating to the reporting and payment of claims; allow a person aggrieved by a decision of the commissioner to request an administrative hearing; provide that a violation by an insurer is subject to the penalty provisions of Subtitle 99 of KRS Chapter 304; amends various statutes to conform; directs that certain sections apply to vehicle financial protection products that become effective on or after January 1, 2027; and directs that certain sections apply to contracts issued or renewed on or after the effective date of the section; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2027.

SB 170

AN ACT relating to status offenses.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 610 to establish a pilot program to be known as the Supporting Opportunities for Accountability and Restoration Program for children who are truant; require the pilot program to be established in no less than 10 public school districts; require each participating school to establish a Responsive Interventions to Support and Empower team; establish criteria for participation and procedures for the program; require the Administrative Office of the Courts to submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 159 to establish the duties of the director of pupil personnel in school districts that are participating in the pilot program; amends KRS 159.140 to conform; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 160 to require schools to collect certain data relating to habitual

truancy and require the Kentucky Department of Education to annually report data relating to habitual truancy to the Legislative Research Commission; amends KRS 610.030 to require the use of an evidence-based family screening tool to identify family strengths, needs, and risks; create family diversion plans and require a child's parent, guardian, or other person exercising custodial control or supervision to participate; amends KRS 605.030 to allow a court-designated worker to coordinate the pilot program in the school districts that participate; amends KRS 17.125 to allow Responsive Interventions to Support and Empower teams to access information on juveniles involved with the juvenile justice system; amends KRS 600.020 to amend the definition of "habitual truant" and define "Supporting Opportunities for Accountability and Restoration Program" or "SOAR Program" and "Responsive Interventions to Support and Empower team" or "RISE team"; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 630 to provide that a child who is alleged to be a status offender, adjudicated a status offender, or is a status offender alleged or found to have violated a valid court order shall not be detained in a secure detention facility until the child is at least 14 years old; amends various sections to conform; and repeals KRS 605.035 and 630.100.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 172

AN ACT relating to utility fuel adjustment and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 278.277 to allow the Public Service Commission to extend the period for recovery of an electric utility's fuel adjustment costs upon the request of the utility to reduce volatility for consumers and encourage stability in rates; and provides that the Act may be cited as the Fuel Surcharge Stability Act; EMERGENCY.

SB 173

AN ACT relating to legislative oversight of the Medicaid state plan and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to define terms; and establish an annual legislative review process for the Medicaid state plan and the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program state plan; EMERGENCY.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

SB 183

AN ACT relating to the regulation of proxy advisory services.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 367 to define terms; require proxy advisors to notify and disclose certain information to shareholders in a company doing business in Kentucky and to the company that is subject to the proxy advisory service when the proxy advisor is not acting solely in the interest of shareholders or is providing materially different advice to shareholders regarding a proxy proposal or company proposal; declare that failure to notify or disclose required information is an unfair, false, misleading, or deceptive trade practice in violation of KRS 367.170; establish remedies, including civil actions; prohibit suits against nonprofit organizations unless brought by the Attorney General; and specify when the Attorney General may bring suit against a nonprofit organization.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

SB 185

AN ACT relating to Kentucky State University and declaring an emergency.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 164 to define Kentucky State University's (KSU) mission as an 1890 land-grant polytechnic institution and Historically Black College or University; declare a state of financial exigency at KSU; require the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) to approve KSU expenditures of \$20,000 or more and provide designated financial oversight of KSU; require KSU to cooperate with the financial oversight of CPE; require KSU to transition to EMARS by July 1, 2027; prohibit KSU from incurring a budget deficit during the financial exigency; prohibit organizations that have public-private leases with KSU from entering into any such leases with KSU or any other state agency after the effective date of this Act; require KSU to conduct a review of academic programs, eliminate programs to align with the mission of a polytechnic institution in accordance with the requirements of the accrediting body of KSU, and terminate staff upon 30 day notice as necessary; prohibit enrolling new students in programs subject to closure by the 2026-2027 school year; close all but 10 in-person academic programs with limited exceptions; require that KSU abide by all instructions required to maintain institutional accreditation; create undergraduate admissions criteria for KSU; permit CPE to establish alternative admissions criteria for discretionary undergraduate admission for designated groups of applicants; prohibit KSU from enrolling an individual with a due and owing balance in excess of \$1,000 to KSU for 60 days; specify that an amount is not due if a student is making payments in accordance with a payment plan approved by the university, unless 1 or more payments under the plan have been due and owing for more than 60 days; provide that the KSU president has sole discretion to admit, readmit, or enroll any student or former student; require quarterly reports to the council detailing all outstanding debts over \$1,000 that are due and owing for more than 60 days and the university's collection efforts; require the council to provide an annual update on debts and collection efforts to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission; direct KSU to diligently collect debts and refer all debts in excess of \$1,000 due and owing for 90 days to the Department of Revenue for collection; grant KSU the unfettered right to intercept tax refunds; require KSU to intercept a tax refund for any due and owing debt in excess of \$1,000 due and owing for 90 days; provide that the Department of Revenue shall not decline withholding a tax refund referred by KSU; amends KRS 164.290 to remove the reference to the mission of KSU, which was reestablished in Section 1 of the Act; and maintains the charters of fraternities and sororities in good standing; EMERGENCY.

SB 189

AN ACT relating to the regulation of digital asset business.

Establishes Subtitle 13 of KRS Chapter 286 and creates new sections thereof to regulate virtual currency kiosk business; establish definitions and exemptions; provide for enforcement by the commissioner of the Department of Financial Institutions (commissioner); authorize the commissioner to require licensees to file special and regular reports; establish license requirements for virtual currency kiosk operators; permit regulatory filings to be submitted to a nationwide licensing system registry; establish initial and renewal application, reporting, bond and tangible net worth, and change of control processes and requirements; require the commissioner to promulgate administrative regulations to establish document submission and fee requirements; establish agent, record retention, and permissible investment requirements; establish virtual currency kiosk transaction limits, disclosures, receipt requirements, trade practice requirements, prohibited practices, anti-fraud and information security compliance procedures, and refund

requirements; authorize the commissioner to accept complaints and conduct investigations and examinations; provide for the confidentiality of certain documents provided to the commissioner; authorize the commissioner to share, disclose, and report information and take other actions to assist in the commissioner's duties; require the commissioner to publish an annual report on the department's website; establish due process requirements for adverse actions taken by the commissioner against licensees and other persons; establish requirements for the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license; authorize the commissioner to enter cease and desist orders and emergency orders; authorize the commissioner to order civil penalties; establish criminal penalties for false records and unlicensed activity; amends KRS 286.2-015 to authorize political subdivisions of this Commonwealth to enact and enforce ordinances, regulations, and resolutions pertaining to virtual currency kiosk business; amends KRS 431.073 to authorize expungement of a Class D felony under the virtual currency kiosk business subtitle; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 367 to provide that violation of digital asset business laws shall be deemed a violation of, and subject to the remedies and penalties of, KRS 367.170; creates a new section of KRS 369.130 to 369.139 to define "hardware wallet provider"; require hardware wallet providers to provide certain disclosures; and requires the commissioner to promulgate any required emergency and ordinary administrative regulation on or before January 1, 2027; EFFECTIVE, in part, April 30, 2027.

SB 192

AN ACT relating to local entities and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 91A.020 to allow cities bringing in or expending less than \$15 million to conform to cash or the modified cash basis of accounting rather than generally accepted governmental accounting principles; amends KRS 91A.040 to require cities bringing in or expending less than \$500,000 to perform an agreed-upon procedures engagement for the fifth consecutive fiscal year in which the city remains in that fiscal category; require cities conducting an audit to contract with an auditor to examine the basic financial statements that include financial statements prepared under the basis of accounting used by the city; require each city to publish an advertisement containing a budget-to-actual comparison schedule for the general fund and remove the publication requirement for copies be available at no cost; require the city to make a copy of the audit report available to the Auditor of Public Accounts upon request; amends KRS 424.220 to make conforming amendments; require a city to publish a financial statement within 30, rather than 90 days after submission to the Department for Local Government; exempt officers of cities that have completed an audit under KRS 91A.040 and cities that have completed an agreed-upon procedures engagement from the publication requirements; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 91A to allow cities, beginning with fiscal years on and after July 1, 2027, to complete an agreed-upon procedures engagement with the Auditor of Public Accounts or a certified public accountant rather than an audit if the city meets certain requirements; establish standards for the agreed-upon procedures engagement process; establish reporting, advertising, and access requirements; direct that the Department for Local Government may permit a city to use this process under certain circumstances when the city has not completed and reported an audit for 2 or more fiscal years; amends KRS 75.031 to require all trustees of a fire district to personally reside in the fire district and declare a vacancy if a trustee moves outside the district during his or her term; amends KRS 273.207 to require all board members of a fire department organized under KRS Chapter 273 to be residents of the area served by the corporation and declare a vacancy if the member moves outside the geographic area during his or her term; declares a vacancy to exist for board members

who do not reside in the district or area on the effective date of the Act; and provides a method to fill the vacancy; EMERGENCY.

SB 195

AN ACT relating to participants in the legal system.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 411 to define terms related to the construction, repair, or maintenance of a section of highway, road, bridge, or street; establish that acceptance of a project by the contracting entity creates a rebuttable presumption that the contractor followed the plans and specifications and satisfied their responsibility to the contracting entity; establish that a contractor or design professional entitled to the rebuttable presumption shall not be liable for any claims for injury or damages alleged to arise out of the work performed except under specified conditions; establish a rebuttable presumption that specified unlawful conduct by the operator of a motor vehicle was a substantial factor in causing any injury or damage claimed against a contracting entity, contractor, or design professional; amends KRS 14.302 and 14.304 to include Commonwealth's attorneys and assistant Commonwealth's attorneys, county attorneys and assistant county attorneys, attorneys in the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Public Advocacy, Western Kentucky Federal Community Defender, Inc., Offices of the United States Attorneys, and attorneys appointed to a panel to represent indigent clients under federal law as eligible individuals for protection under the Safe at Home Program; and amends KRS 118.125 and 118A.060 to provide that the 2 voters making the declaration and signing the candidate's petition for office shall not be participants in the Safe at Home Program; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2027.

SB 197

AN ACT providing funding and establishing conditions for state government agencies and institutions, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Amends 2026 RS HB 500/VO in part, 2026 RS HB 501/VO, and HB 900/EN to provide additional appropriations and provisions for various programs and projects; makes stand-alone supplemental appropriations; and establishes various conditions for supplemental appropriations; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

VETOED IN PART

SB 199

AN ACT relating to pesticide labeling.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 217 to establish that any pesticide registered with the Department of Agriculture or the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that displays an EPA approved master label, including an Agricultural Use Requirements label, for residential or production agriculture use, pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act is deemed sufficient warning for the purposes of a civil action concerning duty to warn; amends KRS 217.544 to conform.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

SB 214

AN ACT relating to agriculture and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 246.055 to authorize the Department of Agriculture to accept nonfederal funds and grants from any source, public or private, that benefit the Department's programs; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 247 to establish the Kentucky Urban Youth Agriculture Initiative co-administered by the Kentucky State University Cooperative Extension Service and the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service; EMERGENCY.

SB 219

AN ACT relating to debts.

Amends KRS 286.9-100 to increase the maximum amount of total proceeds that may be received by a customer for all open deferred deposit transactions to \$600; require the commissioner of the Department of Financial Institutions to annually adjust the maximum amount of total proceeds; prohibit an adjustment that results in the maximum amount of total proceeds exceeding \$850; amends KRS 286.9-140 to require the commissioner of the Department of Financial Institutions to impose a \$3 fee per deferred deposit transaction for data required to be submitted by a deferred deposit service business licensee; provide that a licensee may accept, collect, or seek payment on closed deferred deposit transactions if the transaction remains unpaid due to a returned or dishonored payment instrument under certain conditions; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 425 to establish minimum information to be included in an order of attachment or garnishment of earnings on a judgment-debtor employee; permit sensitive identifying information to be included as a separate addendum; directs that the Act applies to deferred deposit transactions entered on or after the effective date of the Act; establishes that any provision of an administrative regulation in conflict with the deferred deposit transaction provisions of the Act are null, void, and unenforceable; and requires the Department of Financial Institutions and any other administrative body to amend, as necessary, any administrative regulation that conflicts with the deferred deposit transaction provisions of the Act.

SB 222

AN ACT relating to environmental covenants and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 224.80-190 to allow for the amendment of an environmental covenant without the approval of some of the previously required signatories if the sole effect of the amendment is to remove or reduce a land use restriction in the environmental covenant that the Energy and Environment Cabinet has determined is no longer necessary and certain new procedural requirements have been satisfied; require that when the cabinet determines that a land use restriction in an environmental covenant can be reduced or eliminated, it shall provide written notice to the affected parties and opportunity for them to object to the determination; allow for affected parties to seek judicial review of a cabinet determination; and amends KRS 224.80-180 to conform; RETROACTIVE; EMERGENCY.

SB 226

AN ACT relating to preneed burial contracts.

Creates a new section of KRS 367.934 to 367.974 to allow an agent that guarantees a price for all merchandise and services to be provided under a preneed burial contract to collect an administrative fee not to exceed 15% of the total amount of payments to be paid under the contract; prohibit the administrative fee from being paid more than once; prohibit the administrative fee

from being paid until all installments have been paid; amends KRS 367.934 to conform; amends KRS 367.936 to exempt an administrative fee imposed on a fully paid contract from the refund requirements; make technical amendments; and directs that the Act applies to contracts entered into on or after the effective date of the Act.

SB 245

AN ACT relating to tobacco, nicotine, or vapor product licensure and declaring an emergency.

Creates new sections of KRS 438.305 to 438.350 to define "premium cigar" and "pipe tobacco"; require a retailer to verify that a recipient of a shipment or delivery of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products is at least 21 years old; exclude premium cigars and pipe tobacco from the definition of tobacco products; require visual examination or use of age verification technology to verify the recipient's identity at delivery; establish penalties for a retailer or common or private carrier in violation; establish penalties for a consumer who intentionally causes an unlawful shipment or delivery; require products to be returned to the retailer if the common or private carrier cannot complete delivery; prohibit any person under 21 from ordering, purchasing, receiving, or using tobacco products; establish the application form requirements for a tobacco, nicotine, or vapor product license; prohibit the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (department) from establishing any additional licensure requirements beyond those prescribed in statute; require the department to publish and maintain on its website the components required for a tobacco, nicotine, or vapor product license within 30 days of the effective date of this Act; amends various sections of KRS 438.305 to 438.350 to require the Secretary of State to annually notify retailers that a tobacco, nicotine, or vapor product license is required to sell authorized nicotine vapor products; establish the application requirements for a temporary tobacco, nicotine, or vapor product retail license; make the temporary license effective for 30 days for use at fairs, festivals, and other similar events; require the department to approve or deny a temporary license application within 14 business days; establish application requirements for a tobacco, nicotine, or vapor product license; require the department to publish the application form on its website within 30 days of the effective date of this Act; require the licensing fee to be refunded to the applicant if a license is not issued; integrate the temporary license into licensing, fee, and other requirements; require a licensure renewal form and a licensing fee to be remitted to the department upon the renewal of a tobacco, nicotine, or vapor product license; define "batch license"; allow a retailer with a license issued by the department under KRS Chapter 243 to renew a tobacco, nicotine, or vapor product license on the date of its next renewal; allow an applicant or licensee to batch license using a singular application or renewal form; allow a licensee to batch license on the date of its next alcohol licensure renewal or 1 year from the date of issuance of its tobacco, nicotine, or vapor product license; require an applicant or licensee who chooses to batch license to multiply the licensure fee by the number of locations to be licensed or premises to be renewed; require the department to establish a singular application and renewal form for a batch license; establish the licensure fee for a 30 day temporary license; grant a grace period to applicants for any error identified in an application by the department; establish requirements for a change of ownership; establish grounds for denial of an application; require the department to promulgate administrative regulations relating to tobacco, nicotine, and vapor licensing within 30 days of the effective date of this Act; creates a new section of KRS 438.305 to 438.350 to establish application form requirements for a temporary license; prohibit the department from establishing any additional licensure requirements beyond those prescribed in statute; require the department to publish and

maintain on its website the components required for a temporary tobacco, nicotine, or vapor product license within 30 days of the effective date of this Act; repeals KRS 438.3065, which establishes transitional licensing; prohibits this Act from delaying enforcement; requires any retailer selling tobacco, nicotine, or vapor products in Kentucky that does not currently hold a license to remit the initial application form and licensing fee within 60 days of the effective date of this Act; credits a licensee's 2025 licensing fee to the licensee's upcoming licensing fee payment for 2026; and protects previously issued licenses from the initial deadlines for new licenses; RETROACTIVE, in part, to January 1, 2026; EMERGENCY.

SB 249

AN ACT relating to workforce development and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 151B to grant the governor, in consultation with the Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board, the authority to approve all eligible workforce training programs for federal Workforce Pell Grants and coordinates approval of eligible workforce training programs to avoid duplicative payments; and require the board to establish an internal procedure to determine that a program meets applicable federal requirements and ensure that the implementation of this procedure does not impose requirements more restrictive than or inconsistent with any applicable federal rules governing the Workforce Pell Grants; EMERGENCY.

SB 251

AN ACT relating to the Department of Corrections.

Amends KRS 13A.100 to include the exemption of the Department of Corrections from any requirement to promulgate administrative regulations regarding the death penalty; amends KRS 197.020 to establish that the Department of Corrections shall not be required to promulgate administrative regulations regarding the death penalty and may prescribe and implement execution protocols and procedures by internal policy, memorandum, or other form of action without proceeding through the administrative regulations process; and require the Department of Corrections to publish on its website any internal policy, memorandum, or other action adopted by the department regarding execution protocols and procedures.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

SB 261

AN ACT relating to pedestrian swinging bridges.

Amends KRS 67.083 to allow fiscal courts to provide for the care and maintenance of pedestrian swinging bridges that are available for recreation and public enjoyment; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 82 to authorize cities to expend public funds for the care and maintenance of pedestrian swinging bridges that are available for recreation and public enjoyment; and amends KRS 411.190 to give liability protections to owners of land leased to a local government that maintains pedestrian swinging bridges that are available for recreation and public enjoyment on the land.

SB 263

AN ACT relating to education.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to make findings and declarations about locally driven innovation and the intent of the General Assembly to permit flexibility for school districts to improve practices; amends KRS 156.161 to modify the waiver process and the waiver authority of the Kentucky Board of Education; require the Kentucky Department of Education to assist local boards of education in the development of waiver requests; specify the analysis the department shall provide to the state board in reviewing a local board's waiver request; establish a process for a local board to submit a request for a school or program to be identified as a school of innovation with a set of waivers that operate collectively; provide protections for school districts that rely on waiver assistance from the department; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to require the state board to establish a list of expedited waivers; establish the expedited waiver process and authority; require the state board to annually review all waivers granted to determine necessary changes to administrative regulations or statutes or identify new best practices; amends KRS 157.360 to conform; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 160 to establish the school of innovation pilot project; establish the school of innovation pilot project fund; provide procedures for the operation of the pilot project; conclude the pilot project on June 30, 2028; require the department to annually report information and findings from the pilot project to the Legislative Research Commission; requires the board of education of Covington Independent Schools to submit waiver requests for establishing schools of innovation to the Kentucky Board of Education by August 1, 2026; requires the Kentucky Board of Education to approve any waiver that meets established requirements within 30 days of submission; and establishes requirements related to the distribution of funds.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

SB 278

AN ACT relating to the Department of Kentucky State Police.

Amends KRS 16.060 to require the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police to authorize officers of the department to engage in certain types of law enforcement-related off-duty employment; require the commissioner to establish policies and procedures for off-duty employment; amends KRS 16.070 to require the commissioner of the Department of Kentucky State Police to establish policies and procedures related to the use of uniforms, equipment, and facilities for off-duty employment; and amends KRS 44.045 to allow officers of the Department of Kentucky State Police to use motor vehicles with regular license plates for off-duty employment.

SB 291

AN ACT relating to recyclers and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 433.900 to define terms relating to secondary metals recyclers; repeals and reenacts KRS 433.902 to require secondary metals recyclers to be licensed; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 433 to provide for the licensing of secondary metals recyclers by the Motor Vehicle Commission (commission); establish notice requirements for secondary metals recyclers; establish requirements for law enforcement agencies, the commission, and secondary metal recyclers relating to persons convicted of a theft offense involving metals; amends KRS 433.906

to conform; repeals, reenacts, and amends KRS 433.890 as a new section of KRS Chapter 433 to require specified recyclers to enter a report into the LeadsOnline database for all metals transactions and keep a register that contains specified information; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 433 to require the commission to submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission; authorize the commission to promulgate administrative regulations; amends KRS 433.892 to add failure to enter a report into the LeadsOnline database; amends KRS 514.110 to establish that the intentional failure to enter a report into the LeadsOnline database or maintain the information in a register as required shall be prima facie evidence that a person knew property was stolen; amends KRS 433.894 to add the purchase or sale of copper telecommunication wire in any form or any metal property clearly identified as belonging to a telecommunications company, unless the purchase or sale is excluded from the recordkeeping requirements for metals transactions; repeals and reenacts KRS 190.010 to define terms, and alphabetize definitions relating to recyclers, and make technical corrections; amends KRS 190.030 to require automobile, vehicle, or machinery recyclers and material recyclers to be licensed; repeals, reenacts, and amends various statutes as new sections of KRS Chapter 190 to provide for the licensing of recyclers by the commission; amends KRS 190.990 to establish penalties for violations; amends various statutes to conform; repeals KRS 177.905 and 177.920; allows businesses with a certificate of registration from the Department of Professional Licensing or a permit from the Department of Highways to continue to engage in business for a period not to exceed 90 days following the effective date of the Act; requires a secondary metals recycler to surrender a certificate of registration within 30 days of receipt of a license or immediately upon denial of a license; and requires an automobile, vehicle, or machinery recycler, or material recycler to surrender a permit from the Department of Highways within 30 days of receipt of a license or immediately upon denial of a license; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

SB 324

AN ACT relating to the entertainment industry.

Amends KRS 141.383 to allow any unallocated portion of the \$75 million credit cap to be carried forward for utilization in subsequent calendar years for high-impact motion pictures, continuous film productions, or entertainment productions; amends KRS 154.12-280 to require the Kentucky Film Office to review applications submitted for a tax incentive, notify applicants of additional information needed, and forward applications to the Cabinet for Economic Development and the Kentucky Film Leadership Council; extend the sunset date for the transfer of a portion of the state transient room tax receipts to the Kentucky Film Office; amends KRS 154.12-282 to update the functions and purposes of the Kentucky Film Leadership Council; require the council to meet quarterly; provide that a member of the council shall not be subject to personal liability or accountability for execution of an obligation authorized by the council; amends KRS 154.61-010 to define new terms and update existing ones, including adding video games, music videos, and commercials to the definition of "motion picture or entertainment production"; amends KRS 154.61-020 to increase the minimum amount of qualifying expenditures and qualifying payroll expenditures that must be expended by an approved company to qualify for tax incentives; require, in addition to current reports, the submission of a certified audit by an approved company within 180 days of completion of production; amends KRS 154.61-030 to conform; and directs

the Kentucky Film Leadership Council to perform a study on the needs of Kentucky's musicians and music venues and submit its findings and results to the Legislative Research Commission.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 343

AN ACT relating to the Department of Workers' Claims and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 342 to establish the Department of Workers' Claims, to be administratively attached to the Office of the Governor; amends KRS 342.122 to provide that the special fund assessment imposed by the Kentucky Workers' Compensation Funding Commission shall continue to finance the expenditures for all programs in the Department of Workers' Claims, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, Department of Workplace Standards, excluding expenditures for the Division of Wages and Hours contained in the Department of Workplace Standards; requires the Workers' Compensation Funding Commission, the Department of Workers' Claims, the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, the Department of Workplace Standards, excluding the Division of Wages and Hours contained within the Department of Workplace Standards, and the Education and Labor Cabinet, to each submit a budget to the commissioner for approval; provides that the combined budgets of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, Department of Workplace Standards, and the proportional support for the general administration and approved indirect cost allocation to the Education and Labor Cabinet, shall not exceed 50% of the total combined budget submitted by the commissioner; amends KRS 342.228 to require the commissioner of the Department of Workers' Claims to have specified knowledge and experience in the areas of public administration, administrative law, and workers' compensation by having a minimum of 8 years of legal practice experience in the area of workers' compensation; amends KRS 342.230 to authorize the commissioner to fill all positions in the Department for Workers' Claims with KRS Chapter 18A employees; amends KRS 151B.015 to remove the Department of Workers' Claims from the Education and Labor Cabinet; amends various statutes to conform; provides that all records, equipment, staff, budgets, and unexpended funds associated with the Department of Workers' Claims shall be transferred as part of the reorganization; and provides that all administrative regulations, decisions, and actions of the department that have not been repealed or rescinded shall continue in effect after the effective date of the Act, unless and until they are amended, repealed, or rescinded by the department after the effective date of this Act; EMERGENCY.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions

SCR 9

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the Legislative Research Commission to conduct a feasibility study for an Accountable Communities for Health Medicaid delivery model pilot project.

Directs the Legislative Research Commission to conduct a feasibility study for an Accountable Communities for Health Medicaid delivery model pilot project; requires assessment of the Lincoln Trail, Barren River, and Green River Area Development Districts as an appropriate region for the pilot project; requires results of the study to be submitted by November 1, 2026; and establishes that a pilot project resulting from the feasibility study shall be known as the 20 by 30 Accountable Care Pilot Project.

MANDATED REPORT
STUDY DIRECTED

SCR 66

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville to explore opportunities to participate in federal nuclear-related programs and to expand their curricula to offer courses and degree paths to train the workforce that will construct and operate the next generation of nuclear energy facilities.

Urges the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville to explore opportunities to participate in the United States Department of Energy's Nuclear Energy University Program and to expand their curricula to offer courses and degree paths to train the workforce that will construct and operate the next generation of nuclear energy facilities; and encourages the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville to engage and collaborate with the United States Department of War to explore possible nuclear energy-related grant funding and research opportunities.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 23

A JOINT RESOLUTION declaring Kentucky a Food is Medicine state and directing state agencies to advance Food is Medicine initiatives.

Declares Kentucky to be a Food is Medicine state; directs state agencies to advance Food is Medicine initiatives; directs the Personnel Cabinet, in consultation with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, to integrate community supported agriculture purchases in the wellness rewards programs offered to public employees and retirees who receive health insurance coverage through the Kentucky Employees Health Plan (KEHP); requires the program to be offered for KEHP plan years 2027 and 2028; and requires the Personnel Cabinet to report on the program to the Interim Joint Committees on State Government and Appropriations and Revenue by July 1, 2028, and July 1, 2029.

MANDATED REPORT

SJR 74

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Legislative Research Commission and state agencies to collaborate to create a statewide fiscal map of substance use disorder programs and funding sources.

Directs the Legislative Research Commission and state agencies to collaborate to create a state fiscal map of substance use disorder programs and funding sources; requires the Legislative Research Commission to post the state fiscal map on its website and submit a report to the General Assembly by October 30, 2026.

MANDATED REPORT

STUDY DIRECTED

VETOED

SJR 116

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, and Eastern Kentucky University to coordinate a search for actionable solutions to physician shortages and to explore and expand health care opportunities in medically underserved areas in collaboration with community, state agency, professional associations, and other stakeholders.

Directs the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, and Eastern Kentucky University to coordinate a search for actionable solutions to physician shortages and to explore and expand health care opportunities in medically underserved areas in collaboration with community, state agency, professional associations, and other stakeholders; requires a report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2027 on the coordinated search; authorizes the University of Kentucky to develop a feasibility study to take advantage of HealthForce Kentucky to address the shortage of physicians and other clinicians; permits the feasibility study to be provided to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026; and requires the General Assembly to consider funding of up to \$10,000,000 in the 2027 Regular Session to address the findings of the feasibility study.

MANDATED REPORT

SJR 139

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating honorary names for various roads and bridges.

Directs the Transportation Cabinet to designate honorary memorial highways and bridges across the state and erect appropriate signage.

House Bills

HB 1

AN ACT implementing the federal education opportunity program in Kentucky.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 14 to declare that the General Assembly designates itself under state law to make the election with respect to federal tax benefits under 26 U.S.C sec. 25F; elect for the Commonwealth to participate in the qualified elementary and secondary education scholarship federal tax credit; designate the Secretary of State as the sole official authorized to report the state's election and submit the required list to the United States Secretary of the Treasury; require the Secretary of State to publish associated administrative regulations and other guidance on a website; authorize the Secretary of State to promulgate administrative regulations to carry out the program; require the Secretary of State to collect a fee or accept private contributions to pay for necessary costs and establish requirements for the administration of the funds; and waive Eleventh Amendment immunity for the section.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

HB 2

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

Amends KRS 205.5371 to implement federally-established demonstrated community engagement requirements for Medicaid eligibility; amends KRS 205.6312 to implement federally-established cost-sharing requirements for Medicaid covered services; amends KRS 205.556 and 205.618 to conform to new federally-established cost-sharing requirements; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 205 to implement federally-required 6-month eligibility redeterminations; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to access and review certain data sources when conducting Medicaid eligibility redeterminations; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to determine eligibility for nonemergency medical transportation services at the time of Medicaid eligibility determinations or redeterminations; establish procedures for identifying and, when appropriate, disenrolling individuals from the Medicaid program who are concurrently enrolled in more than 1 state's Medicaid program; amends KRS 205.178 to require benefit tracking agencies associated with the Medicaid program to receive and review information that may affect an individual's eligibility for Medicaid from the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation, the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, the Department of Revenue, the Department of Corrections, the National Change of Address database, and the Social Security Administration; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to initiate a full and complete eligibility redetermination upon review of any information that indicates a possible change in eligibility for the Medicaid program; amends KRS 205.5375 to require hospitals to assist individuals who have been determined to be presumptively eligible for Medicaid in submitting a completed Medicaid application; amends KRS 205.200 to apply existing restrictions of self-attestation to determinations of demonstrated community engagement; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 205 to establish Medicaid managed care organization contract requirements and penalties; establish a restricted fund to be known as the Medicaid managed care organization compliance fund within the State Treasury; prohibit expenditures from the fund unless expressly appropriated by the General Assembly; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to submit recommendations for use of monies in the fund to increase Medicaid

reimbursement by November 1 of each odd-numbered year; amends KRS 205.533 and 205.534 to establish procedures for provider audits conducted by Medicaid managed care organizations; require the Department for Medicaid Services to submit an annual report on provider audits to the Legislative Research Commission; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 205 to establish requirements for the provision of Medicaid-covered nonemergency medical transportation services; permit hospital and skilled nursing facilities to provide nonemergency medical transportation services; require the Department for Medicaid Services to submit an annual report related to the provision of nonemergency medical transportation services to the Legislative Research Commission; establish requirements for the administration of 1915(c) home and community based waiver programs; creates new sections of KRS 7A.270 to 7A.290 to require the cabinet to provide the Legislative Research Commission with access to all databases, datasets, electronic records, and files pertaining to any aspect of the Medicaid program determined by the director of the Legislative Research Commission to be necessary for the meaningful and effective discharge of the General Assembly's legislative duties; require the Legislative Research Commission to collaborate with the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville to design and develop a web-based healthcare transparency dashboard; require the dashboard be overseen by a subcommittee of the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board; require the dashboard be maintained and operated by the Legislative Research Commission; amends KRS 7A.283 to permit the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board, upon approval of the Legislative Research Commission, to include in the membership of an advisory committee or subcommittee individuals who are not members of the board and to appoint as co-chairs of an advisory committee or subcommittee individuals who are not members of the General Assembly; amends KRS 7A.286 to revise the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board's schedule of reports and studies; amends KRS 205.5372 to prohibit the Cabinet for Health and Family Services from providing any Medicaid benefit or expending general fund monies on any Medicaid benefit not expressly authorized by the General Assembly or required under federal law; establish that limitations on the cabinet's authority to make changes to the Medicaid program shall not apply to reimbursement rates or fee-for-service fee schedules; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 13A to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to provide a draft copy of certain administrative regulations related to the Medicaid program to the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board for comment at least 30 days before filing the administrative regulation with the regulations compiler; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 205 to require current contracts with Medicaid managed care organizations be extended through December 31, 2028; prohibit initiation of a procurement process to secure new Medicaid managed care organization contracts prior to January 1, 2028; prohibit the Medicaid program from providing coverage for prescription drugs when prescribed primarily for weight loss; require the Department for Medicaid Services to employ a Medicaid dental director beginning July 1, 2028; require the provision of Medicaid-covered dental services be administered through an administrative service organization delivery model beginning January 1, 2029; require the Department for Medicaid Services to submit an annual report on Medicaid-covered dental services to the Legislative Research Commission beginning August 1, 2029; repeals KRS 205.515, related to the administration of the Medicaid program; repeals KRS 311A.172, related to nonemergency medical transportation services; directs the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board to establish a Waiver Waitlist Management Subcommittee to review the administration of 1915(c) home and community based waiver programs during the 2026 Legislative Interim; requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to submit a report on waiver waitlists to the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board by October 1, 2026; requires the

Waiver Waitlist Management Subcommittee of the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board to submit findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2026; requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or the Department for Medicaid Services to seek federal approval if it is determined that the approval is necessary; provides authorization from the General Assembly to make changes in the Medicaid program as required under KRS 205.5372(1); directs the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board to evaluate the Medicaid nonemergency medical transportation services program during the 2026 Legislative Interim; requires the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board to submit findings and recommendations on nonemergency medical transportation services to the Legislative Research Commission by December 31, 2026; and directs the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to distribute \$5,000,000 in each fiscal year of the 2026-2028 fiscal biennium to Volunteers of America to support implementation and administration of a community engagement pilot program; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

STUDY DIRECTED

VETOED IN PART

OVERRIDDEN

HB 3

AN ACT relating to reimbursements for pharmacist services.

Amends KRS 205.522 and 205.6485 to require Medicaid and the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program to comply with pharmacy reimbursement requirements established in KRS 304.12-237; requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or the Department for Medicaid Services to seek federal approval if it is determined that such approval is necessary; and provides authorization from the General Assembly to make changes to the Medicaid program as required under KRS 205.5372(1).

HB 4

AN ACT relating to grooming a minor.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 510 to establish the offense of grooming a minor; provides that any sentence imposed on a defendant for grooming a minor shall run concurrently with any sentence imposed for an offense under KRS Chapter 510 arising from the same course of conduct with the same victim; provides that the section shall not be construed to prevent a person from communicating with a minor for any lawful or legitimate purpose; amends KRS 510.010 to define "course of conduct," "grooming behavior," and "sexual conduct"; amends various statutes to conform; and makes technical corrections.

HB 5

AN ACT relating to prison educational programs.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 197 to establish the Kentucky Community and Technical College System Prison Education Program within the Department of Corrections in partnership with the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) to provide inmates with job training; establish convictions that preclude participation in the program; require the parties to enter into a memorandum of agreement establishing the responsibilities of each party that may be amended to address the needs of the program; require KCTCS to construct a facility to house the program at Northpoint Training Center; establish that the program does not create any

private right or benefit for any inmate or limit the discretion of the Department of Corrections regarding operational and security requirements; amends KRS 196.281 to establish entitlement to a certificate of employability upon successful completion of the program and require reporting by the department; and amends KRS 335B.020 to establish that a person shall not be disqualified from public employment or obtaining an occupational license solely because of previous criminal conviction, and obtaining a certificate of employment from the department shall constitute rebuttable evidence of rehabilitation and fitness for the occupation.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 6

AN ACT relating to child care and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 199 to declare the intent of the General Assembly related to the quality-based graduated early care and education program; establish processes and procedures for how the program is changed by administrative regulation; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to submit a program modernization plan by October 1, 2026, and final recommendations for modernization by December 1, 2027, to the Legislative Research Commission; amends KRS 199.891 to define terms; create new requirements for how the Cabinet for Health and Family Services establishes and operates the Certified Child Care Community Designation Program; delete language related to a previous 1 time requirement for the cabinet to submit recommendations and best practices to the Legislative Research Commission; establish a new January 1, 2028, submission deadline for the cabinet to make publicly available a standardized application for certification and instructions for the program; establish new requirements for applications by local governments to participate in the program; require an annual report by the Cabinet for Economic Development regarding the program; amends KRS 199.8983 to increase the membership of the Kentucky Child Care Advisory Council; require the council to advise the Cabinet for Health and Family Services on the operations, funding, and licensing of child-care microcenters; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 199 to define terms; establish licensure for child-care microcenters; establish the Kentucky Child-Care Microcenter Program to regulate the standards and operations of child-care microcenters; establish early care and education training requirements for licensed child-care providers and certified family child-care home providers; require the Education and Labor Cabinet to compile, produce, and make publicly available a monthly report providing a comprehensive snapshot of all licensed and certified child care services, Head Start services, child care services regulated by the United States Department of Defense, and state-funded public preschool services operating within the Commonwealth; establish a voluntary designation process through which any licensed or certified child-care provider may identify as a faith-based program; require the Office of State Budget Director to produce a comprehensive annual report outlining all state and federal spending on child care and early childhood education services and submit the report annually to the Legislative Research Commission; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to submit an approval request to the federal Administration for Children and Families to utilize a cost estimation model to inform payment rates beginning with the fiscal year 2028-2030 Child Care and Development Fund state plan; amends KRS 199.882 to change the definitions of "contribution" and "state match" and define "third-party administrator"; amends KRS 199.883 to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to enter into a contract with a private third-party administrator to administer the Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership Program and establish duties and requirements of the third-party administrator; amends KRS 199.885 to require the third-party administrator to issue state

matches out of the Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership fund; amends KRS 199.886 and 199.887 to specify how employers and employees interact directly with the third-party administrator; amends KRS 199.8982 to establish an exemption from the state certification requirements for a child-care provider on a military installation or military facility that is licensed or certified as a family child-care provider by the United States Department of Defense, any branch of the United States Armed Forces, the National Guard, or reserve component thereof; establish a pilot program related to specific family child-care homes that meet requirements set by the Armed Forces and the United States Department of Defense; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 199 to define terms; establish the Kentucky Kindergarten Readiness Performance-Based Child-Care Incentive Pilot Program; require the University of Kentucky to operate the pilot program; establish the purpose and directives of the pilot program; establish completion date and reporting requirements; require the pilot program to determine how to award incentive funds, including but not limited to direct payments or refundable tax credits; amends KRS 199.896 to establish standards and factors for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to consider in determining whether to issue a plan of correction, directed plan of correction, or suspension or revocation of a child-care license in response to any alleged violation of an administrative regulation by a child-care center; prohibit suspension or revocation of a child-care center's license due to a single violation of a directed plan of correction unless the violation is solely determined by the cabinet to be serious enough to justify suspension or revocation; permit documentation to be submitted to the cabinet up to 5 business days following a request; require weekly support contacts for a child-care center with a preliminary license; prohibit the cabinet from issuing violations during the probationary period; permit, but not require, the inspector general, the inspector general's designee, or other cabinet representative, to take actions relating to a child-care center license; makes technical corrections; and provides that the provisions of the Act relating to licensed child-care centers shall apply to actions that are pending and not yet final and to all actions that occur on or after the effective date of the Act; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 7

AN ACT relating to school bus safety.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 158 to define terms; allow the use of camera monitoring systems on school buses operated by a school district for the enforcement of a civil penalty against the owner of a motor vehicle for stop arm camera violations recorded by a camera monitoring system; permit the use of recorded images from the stop arm camera only for the purposes of enforcing the stop arm camera violations; establish the amount of the civil penalty; require that the revenue generated from a civil penalty be retained by the school district; allow a law enforcement agency to charge a fee of \$25 from every civil penalty enforced by the law enforcement agency; require specific notice for a stop arm camera violation; establish defenses to a violation; establish procedures for a contest to a violation; allow for suspension of motor vehicle registration for failure to timely pay a penalty; require a school district or law enforcement agency to notify the Transportation Cabinet of the need to release a motor vehicle registration suspension within 1 business day of payment; amends KRS 189.370 to require traffic in the opposite direction of a school or church bus to stop for the bus on a highway that is not divided by an elevated barrier or unpaved median; and amends KRS 189.990 to increase the maximum fines for failing to stop for a school or church bus that is receiving or discharging passengers.

HB 10

AN ACT relating to executive branch operations and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS 12.210 to 12.230 to require the Attorney General, in consultation with the Finance and Administration Cabinet, to review and approve or disapprove any settlement of pending or threatened litigation within 180 days before a gubernatorial inauguration that exceeds \$1,000,000; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 61 to define "executive branch official" and "state constitutional officer"; grant immunity from prosecution and absolve from any ethical violation a person who within 12 months before or after a transition between outgoing and incoming state constitutional officers was involved in an act that would result in a criminal conviction or violation of state ethics law, if the person brings forth evidence against an executive branch official who was involved with or directed the person to commit the wrongful act, and the evidence assists in the criminal prosecution or finding of an ethical violation against the executive branch official; prohibit the person from being granted immunity from criminal prosecution or from being absolved of an ethical violation if he or she commits perjury; amends KRS 18A.111 to require a 24-month probationary period for any person who at any time in the 18 months prior to a gubernatorial inauguration is appointed to a position in the classified service and who held a position that was unclassified under KRS 18A.115; deny that person preferences in hiring or reemployment; amends KRS 18A.115 to conform; amends KRS 41.100 to require all state constitutional officers except the State Treasurer to submit all travel expense requests to the State Treasurer within the last 6 months of their term; require the State Treasurer to submit his or her travel expense requests within the last 6 months of his or her term to the Auditor of Public Accounts; amends KRS 45A.095 to define "executive branch agency"; require any contract executed or renewed through noncompetitive negotiation within 180 days preceding a gubernatorial inauguration be certified as necessary due to an emergency condition by the State Treasurer and secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet; amends KRS 150.022 to require the commissioner of the Department of Fish and Wildlife to provide notice of the location, date, and time of a meeting to fill a vacancy of a member of the Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission; require a person who desires to be a member of the commission to present documentation to a representative of the department establishing how he or she is qualified to be a member of the commission; amends KRS 150.061 to require the commissioner of the Department of Fish and Wildlife be subject to Senate confirmation; amends KRS 12.255, 156.029, 158.6452, 161.028, 164.011, 164.013, 183.862, and 198B.032 to require various board, cabinet, and committee positions to be confirmed by the Senate; amends KRS 171.530 to require certain records be preserved in the 12 months preceding a gubernatorial inauguration for the Governor-elect and his or her transition team; amends KRS 171.990 to establish a penalty for a violation of the record preservation requirement; grant the Attorney General concurrent original jurisdiction to enforce; amends KRS 174.020 to require the commissioner of the Department of Aviation be subject to Senate confirmation; and amends KRS 198B.030 to require the commissioner of the Department of Housing, Buildings, and Construction be subject to Senate confirmation; EMERGENCY, in part.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

HB 36

AN ACT relating to interstate licensure compacts.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 314A to enact and enter into the Respiratory Care Interstate Compact; establish that employees and agents of the commission have the same legal immunity protections as officials, employees, and agents of the Commonwealth; specify applicability of the compact to Kentucky state law and administrative regulations; creates a new sections of KRS Chapter 310 to enact and enter into the Dietitian Licensure Compact; establish that employees and agents of the commission have the same legal immunity protections as officials, employees, and agents of the Commonwealth; specify applicability of the compact to Kentucky state law and administrative regulations; add background check requirements to the Dietitian Licensure Compact; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 311 to enact and enter into the Athletic Trainer Compact; establish that employees and agents of the commission have the same legal immunity protections as officials, employees, and agents of the Commonwealth; and specify applicability of the compact to Kentucky state law and administrative regulations.

HB 43

AN ACT relating to deputy coroner training.

Amends KRS 72.415 to allow the commissioner of the Department of Criminal Justice Training or the commissioner's designee to grant an extension to a deputy coroner to complete the required training; specify when the extension begins to toll; specify consequences for failure to complete the training within the time period of the extension; and delete provisions relating to reinstatement and pay modification of deputy coroners who fail to complete the required training.

HB 45

AN ACT relating to the licensure of certified public accountants.

Amends KRS 325.261 to include additional options for meeting the education requirements for licensure; modify experience requirements for licensure; amends KRS 325.282 to allow practice privileges to a person who does not have an office located in the state and holds a valid license in good standing from another state if certain conditions are met; amends KRS 325.280 to conform; and repeals KRS 325.263.

HB 48

AN ACT relating to physical therapy.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 327 to declare legislative findings relating to the practice of physical therapy; repeals and reenacts KRS 327.010 to define terms; amends KRS 327.020 to require physical therapist assistants to be licensed by the Board of Physical Therapy; amends KRS 327.025 to require a practitioner or employer to report a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant who has been convicted of certain misdemeanors; amends KRS 327.030 to require members of the Board of Physical Therapy to not have been under any disciplinary action in the past 5 years; permit the board to employ an executive director and purchase professional liability insurance; amends KRS 327.040 to authorize the board to promulgate administrative regulations to establish fee amounts, issue advisory opinions and declaratory rulings related to KRS Chapter 327, and issue a license to a physical therapist assistant applicant; authorize the board to convene committees and task forces to review and advise the board on pertinent issues; amends KRS 327.050 and 327.060 to provide for the licensure of physical therapist assistants; amends KRS 327.070 to prohibit physical therapists and physical therapist assistants from engaging in

sexual contact with any active patient of record or parent or legal guardian of an active patient of record; require the board to develop guidelines to follow upon receipt of an allegation of sexual misconduct by a physical therapist or physical therapist assistant; allow the board to receive periodic education on issues affecting the practice of physical therapy and public protection; allow the board to determine which disciplinary records may be expunged; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 327 to authorize the board to establish the amounts, limits, or ranges for any fines imposed; repeals and reenacts KRS 327.080 to require all fees and other moneys received by the Board of Physical Therapy be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit of a revolving fund for the use of the board; require all expenses of the board to be paid from the revolving fund; and amends various statutes to conform.

HB 49

AN ACT relating to professional engineering and land surveying scholarships.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 322 to establish and grant scholarships through the Kentucky professional engineer and professional land surveyor incentive scholarship fund; declare the General Assembly's intent to address engineer and land surveyor workforce development and needs by providing Kentucky residents with scholarships to attend qualifying programs and become licensed; direct the engineer and land surveyor board to administer the fund and award scholarships to qualified applicants; require a scholarship recipient to agree to obtain an engineer or land surveyor license within 6 years of graduation and practice in Kentucky for at least 1 year for each year of scholarships received; acquire moneys for the fund through penalties and fines, assessments from license renewals, and the board's budgeted funds; provide that an applicant that fails to complete the terms of the contract is subject to recovery of the assistance provided, attorney's fees, and 8% annual interest; and require the board to annually report scholarship data to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 56

AN ACT relating to programs administered by the Department of Agriculture.

Amends KRS 247.234 to require amusement ride and attraction business registrants and insurance carriers to notify the Department of Agriculture of each intended operating site that is open to the public; specify that the tag issued upon inspection will be valid for 1 year from the date of issue; amends KRS 251.355 to establish a process for the Department of Agriculture to issue violation notices and assess civil fines before the suspension or revocation of a grain dealer's license; permit a licensee to contest the violation notice with the Department of Agriculture prior to appeal to either the Franklin Circuit Court or to the respondent's local circuit court; amends KRS 260.600 to update the expiration of an egg dealer license to January 31, in accordance with similar licenses issued by the Department of Agriculture; amends KRS 246.220 and 260.540 to conform; repeals various statutes relating to tobacco; and repeals KRS 260.570, relating to the Egg Marketing Board.

HB 58

AN ACT relating to privacy protection.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 189 to define terms related to automated license plate readers; restrict the use of automated license plate readers; establish limitations on the use

and sale of data captured by automated license plate readers (ALPR); allow the Transportation Cabinet to collect ALPR data for road fund revenue collection, commercial vehicle permitting and credentialing enforcement, and commercial vehicle safety enforcement and monitoring; allow third-party entities contracted with law enforcement to collect ALPR data for purposes of protecting public safety and conducting criminal investigations; establish provisions for ALPR data use and retention for commercial vehicles; provide that captured license plate data may be retained longer than 90 days only if it is being used in a criminal or insurance investigation or has become subject to a preservation of evidence notification; allow insurance carriers and related entities to collect ALPR data for purposes of investigating insurance fraud, assisting in vehicle recovery, adjudicating insurance claims, and insurance fraud prevention; require insurance carriers and related entities to notify applicants for insurance on or after January 1, 2027, of potential ALPR data collection; allow financial institutions and related entities to collect ALPR data for purposes of collateral recovery, enforcement of a lien, recovery of defaulted funds, or verification of loan application information; require those entities to notify loan applicants on or after January 1, 2027, of potential ALPR data collection; require law enforcement agencies to adopt and make public a written policy governing use of automated license plate readers; provide that any recorded images or data captured by an automated license plate reader may be made available to the National Insurance Crime Bureau or its successor organization; require the Transportation Cabinet to establish a permit process for installation of automated license plate readers on highway rights-of-way and to promulgate administrative regulations; and amends KRS 189.990 to establish a penalty for violations.

HB 67

AN ACT relating to schools and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 160.145, relating to unauthorized electronic communication with public school students, to expand existing definitions and define "commercial or local government affiliation," "private electronic communication," and "qualified school volunteer"; limit the scope of unauthorized electronic communication to private electronic communication; exclude designated types of communication from the scope of the requirement to obtain written parental consent prior to communicating with students outside of the traceable communication system; include designated Kentucky Department of Education and educational cooperative employees assigned to a school district to the scope of the requirement to obtain written consent; limit the scope of school volunteers subject to this section to qualified school volunteers; specify that the requirement to obtain written parental consent only applies to students enrolled within the same school district as the school district employee or qualified school volunteer; allow a local school district more flexibility in disciplinary actions arising from a violation of this section; allow a written parental consent form to designate more than 1 school district employee or qualified school volunteer; allow the written consent to be revoked by the parent who filed the consent; require notice of the revocation to be sent to the identified school district employee or qualified school volunteer; prohibit a school or school district from refusing to accept parental consent forms; prohibit requiring parental consent forms under this section as a requirement for a student to participate in an academic, athletic, or extracurricular opportunity; provide an emergency exception to allow a school district employee or qualified school volunteer to communicate electronically without prior written parental consent if the individual discloses the communication after the fact; provide exceptions to allow a school district employee or qualified school volunteer to communicate electronically without prior written parental consent during and in direct relation

to a fieldtrip or work-based learning opportunity; provide exceptions to permit a school district employee or qualified school volunteer to communicate electronically without prior written parental consent if the communication is directly related to a commercial or local government affiliation that has been previously disclosed; permit school district employees to notify a school district of a commercial or local government affiliation; require reasonable belief to trigger a duty to report unauthorized electronic communication; require parental notification for all material phases of an investigation of or disciplinary actions arising from unauthorized electronic communication with students; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 160 to establish the calendar and procedures for a district superintendent and local board of education to adopt a school district budget; require a school district budget to include a reserve of not less than 2%; amends KRS 160.431 to require the annual financial report and the Kentucky Department of Education's written report be published on the district financial disclosure website; amends KRS 160.463 to require a school district to maintain a district financial disclosure website; identify the information that shall be published on the website; require school additional reporting for a school districts with a budget reserve below 4% of the total budget; amends various statutes to conform; requires districts to publish the most recent information available on the district financial disclosure website upon the effective date of the Act; and permits a school district to reconsider allowing previously prohibited volunteers; EMERGENCY.

HB 78

AN ACT relating to firearms liability protections and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to define terms; establish liability protections for manufacturers and sellers of firearms and ammunition, and trade associations, against specified legal actions arising from criminal or unlawful use of firearms or ammunition; establish that the provisions expressly preempt any local statutes, laws, or regulations that impose liability on specified entities; establish criteria for any qualified civil liability action or action involving a claim premised on an exception to immunity; establish timelines and burden of proof; establish a civil cause of action for violation of the liability protections for manufacturers, sellers, and trade associations and provide available relief; provide the Attorney General with enforcement authority; establish that the provisions of the Act apply to any qualified civil liability action filed on or after the effective date of the Act; and provide for severability; EMERGENCY.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

HB 96

AN ACT relating to the postsecondary education working group and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 164.092 to change the membership of the postsecondary education working group of the Council on Postsecondary Education; require the 5 members of each chamber of the General Assembly to be appointed based on proportional political affiliation in their respective chambers; and require the working group to convene every 4 calendar years beginning in 2026; EMERGENCY.

APPOINTMENTS

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

HB 111

AN ACT relating to on-farm animal health.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 257 to require the determination and implementation of an on-farm animal health care or animal health production practice be made solely by a farmer or owner of the livestock or poultry; allow that person to consult with a veterinarian or other professional at his or her discretion; exempt an equine owner or equine operation from the requirement; and provide that the requirement shall not limit, preclude, or restrict a state or federal official from carrying out his or her official duties.

HB 134

AN ACT relating to sexual assault nurse examiners.

Amends KRS 314.142 to require the Kentucky Board of Nursing to employ a health professional as a statewide sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) coordinator; establish requirements for the description, essential duties, and responsibilities of the SANE coordinator position; require the board to collaborate with others to develop a statewide strategic plan that utilizes a regional model to ensure SANE coverage for all Kentucky hospitals; require the strategic plan to be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2026; require the board to develop a state registry of SANEs that is accessible from the board's website by December 1, 2026; require the board to notify newly registered SANEs about the registry; and amends KRS 403.707 to make technical corrections in the membership of the Sexual Assault Response Team Advisory Committee.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 136

AN ACT relating to campaign finance.

Amends KRS 121.175 to allow the use of campaign funds to pay for the reasonable costs of security measures for a state candidate, officeholder, member of his or her family, and employees of the candidate's campaign or the officeholder's office; and define "security measure" and "usual and normal charge."

HB 139

AN ACT relating to elections and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 116.112 to allow the State Board of Elections to enter into intergovernmental agreements with other governmental agencies for the purpose of exchanging data to remove ineligible voters; amends KRS 117.125 to require voting systems and equipment meet or exceed a standard approved by the Election Assistance Commission; prohibit the purchase of voting equipment or voting systems that utilize nonhuman readable codes, including barcodes, QR codes, or other encrypted markings to represent or tabulate a voter's choices on the ballot; allow a county to continue using a voting system or equipment that was approved by the State Board of Elections as of the effective date of the Act until a replacement is acquired; amends KRS 117.145 to require county clerks to equip voting equipment with the necessary supplies for write-in votes on the day before any in-person voting occurs; amends KRS 117.265 to change the date a person running for President or Vice President must file a declaration of intent to be a write-in candidate to the same deadline as the certification of candidates; amends KRS 117.355 to require county boards of elections to deliver signature rosters and precinct results to the State Board of Elections within 10 days after any primary or general election; amends KRS 117.379 to require voting systems to meet

a previously established Election Assistance Commission standard; amends KRS 117.389 to require county clerks to test automatic tabulating equipment after any petitions for local option elections have been filed; amends KRS 118.015 to change the definition of "political party"; amends KRS 118.125 to require that the notification and declaration be in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State; amends KRS 118.129 to allow a contraction of a name as an acceptable form of a candidate's name; amends KRS 118.165 to require that candidates for Commonwealth's attorney file nomination papers with the Secretary of State; amends KRS 118.315 to require that the form of petition be prescribed by the Secretary of State; amends KRS 118.367 to exempt candidates for a special election or election for an unexpired term from the requirement to file a statement-of-candidacy form; require that the statement-of-candidacy form be prescribed by the Secretary of State; amends KRS 118A.060 to require that the petition for nomination be in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State; amends KRS 119.015 to remove the term "falsely"; amends KRS 119.165 to remove the penalty of a Class B misdemeanor for voters who vote at a regular or special election before residing in the state 30 days; amends KRS 132.017 to require that questions as to whether the property tax rate shall be levied shall be submitted to voters in a common school election not less than 50 days nor more than 60 days from the date the signatures are validated; require the school district holding the election to post bond with the Circuit Court to cover the costs of the election within 5 days after the petition is found to be sufficient; amends KRS 160.210 to prohibit changes in the boundary of any division after June 1 in the year in which a school board member is to be elected; amends KRS 83A.170, 83A.175, 118.212, and 118A.150 to prohibit precinct election officers and the county board of elections from disclosing or reporting the official certification of votes cast for a candidate who withdraws, dies, or is disqualified after the certification of candidates; require that precinct election officers display a notice advising voters when votes for a candidate shall not be disclosed or reported; amends KRS 27A.070 to require the Administrative Office of the Courts to send the State Board of Elections an all-time list of persons convicted of a felony, including those whose case is currently on appeal, by July 24, 2026; require the State Board of Elections to remove any person identified through the list as ineligible to vote from the voter registration records by August 4, 2026; amends KRS 83A.040 to require a special election if more than the majority of the membership of a legislative body is vacated because of an election error due to no fault of any candidate or fraud; establish that members of the legislative body whose term expires shall remain in office until the contest and any appeals of the regular election are complete and final; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 116 to allow the State Board of Elections to enter into agreements with agencies of the federal government for the purpose of identifying and removing individuals who are not citizens of the United States or who are deceased from the voter registration records; establish procedures for identifying and removing unauthorized voters; amends KRS 117.383 to require that the ballot scanner and race selected for a hand-to-eye recount by the Secretary of State shall have more than 10 votes cast; amends KRS 118.176 to allow a person who successfully challenges the bona fides of a candidate to recover certain costs; creates a new chapter of KRS Chapter 118A to allow judicial candidates to disclose their political party, state current and past voter registration status, and communicate political values or viewpoints consistent with that party affiliation; prohibit judicial candidates from claiming to be the official nominee of a political party, using language or materials that imply nomination, designation, or endorsement by a political party, or using party symbols, slogans, or imagery in a manner that would lead someone to believe they are running in a partisan election; amends KRS 120.165 to require the county clerk and local board of elections to call a special election if a majority of the offices of a legislative body are deemed vacant; allow

a person bringing a successful election contest to recover certain costs; amends KRS 121.015 to define "executive committee of a political party"; change the definition of "contributing organization" to require that contributions in excess of \$200 shall be reported to the registry; change the definition of "contribution" to include goods, advertising, or services with a value of more than \$200; establish that certain fees are not included in the definition of "contribution"; amends KRS 121.065, relating to limits on political advertising rates, to include digital media platforms; amends KRS 121.110 to require that any vacancy on the registry be filled within 30 days; establish that members of the registry shall be reimbursed for necessary travel and expenses in the same manner as state employees; amends KRS 121.120, 121.160, and 121.220 to require certain information from contributors that contribute more than \$200; amends KRS 121.140 to establish that certain penalties shall not accrue or be assessed until 5 business days after the registry has provided notice to the candidate or campaign treasurer of the delinquency; amends KRS 121.150 to allow a state or county executive committee of a political party to make contributions to certain civic organizations; allow federal candidates to contribute to a party executive committee if the amount of the contribution is within contribution limits and if the contribution is not earmarked for any particular candidate or slate of candidates; allow a qualified political party committee, including a state or county executive committee, to endorse, support, oppose, and make contributions or expenditures to nonpartisan candidates; increase campaign finance contribution limits; amends KRS 121.180 to require that reports to the registry be received within 7 business days after the date the reporting period ends; require certain information from contributors that contribute more than \$200; allow any member of the General Assembly who has a remaining balance in his or her campaign account to transfer those funds to a campaign account to seek election to statewide constitutional office; amends KRS 121.190, relating to identification of contributors and advertisers, to include digital media; amends KRS 117.228 to remove Social Security cards and public benefits cards, which do not include a person's photograph, from the available list of additional documents that may be offered to establish identity when a person seeking to cast a ballot in an election cannot provide proof of identification as required in KRS 117.225; remove language allowing an election officer to execute an election officer affirmation if a voter is personally known to the election officer; amends KRS 116.114 to allow the State Board of Elections to enter into agreements or contracts for the purpose of exchanging data to remove ineligible voters; make technical corrections; amends various statutes to conform; and repeals KRS 118.551, relating to the definition of political party; EMERGENCY, in part; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2028.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

HB 142

AN ACT relating to depredating wildlife and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 150.170 to establish requirements for a landowner, tenant, or designee to take or trap wildlife that is causing damage to the landowner's land or real or personal property; require that an approved designee hold a valid Kentucky hunting license; allow an approved designee to request a destruction tag from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources in order to take wildlife causing damage to a landowner's property; establish provisions for the renewal of deer destruction tags; require that a landowner, tenant, or designee report the destruction of wildlife through a reporting mechanism established by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources within 24 hours of the take; amends KRS 150.390 to authorize the

Fish and Wildlife Commission to promulgate administrative regulations establishing an additional 7 to 10 day season allowing the taking of antlerless deer in overpopulated areas, as designated by the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources; authorize the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to allow an individual who has taken and reported a minimum of 4 female antlerless deer to enter the department's special agency fundraising permit drawing; and requires the department to promulgate administrative regulations within 120 days of the effective date of the Act; EMERGENCY.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

HB 144

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle titles.

Amends KRS 186A.295 to limit the cost of repair calculation used to determine whether title surrender is required to the cost of labor and parts for actual damage; exclude cosmetic damages from the cost of repair calculation; provide that the calculation of the cost of repair shall not alter any obligation of an insurer to pay for the cost of cosmetic repairs; require a motor vehicle that is exempt from title surrender to be issued a salvage title; and amends various statutes to conform.

HB 164

AN ACT relating to coverage for hearing aids and related services.

Amends KRS 304.17A-132 to modify the definition of "hearing aid"; increase the coverage amount for hearing aids from \$1,400 to \$2,500; establish network adequacy requirements relating to the provision of hearing aids and related services that are required to be covered; amends KRS 18A.225 to increase the cap on hearing aids and hearing aid-related services under the state employee health plan from \$1,400 to \$2,500; and directs that the Act applies to health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2027.

HB 169

AN ACT relating to coverage for feeding or eating disorders.

Creates new sections of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to define terms; require health plans to provide coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of feeding or eating disorders; prohibit insurers from using certain standards, including body mass index, to deny, limit, or restrict coverage; authorize insurers to consider certain factors when determining medical necessity or the appropriate level of care for an individual diagnosed with a feeding or eating disorder; amends various statutes to require limited health services benefit plans, limited health service organizations, Medicaid, KCHIP, self-insured employer group plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution, and the state employee health plan to comply with the coverage requirements for feeding or eating disorders; provides that various sections apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027; requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or the Department for Medicaid Services to seek federal approval if it is determined that the approval is necessary; and provides authorization from the General Assembly to make changes in the Medicaid program as required under KRS 205.5372(1); EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2027.

HB 176

AN ACT relating to prior authorization.

Creates new sections of KRS 304.17A-600 to 304.17A-633 to define terms; prohibit insurers of health benefit plans from requiring prior authorization for a health care service for which the provider has an exemption; require insurers of health benefit plans to establish a program under which participating providers may qualify for exemptions from prior authorization; establish mandatory and permitted provisions of an insurer's prior authorization exemption program; establish requirements for sending forms and notices; require the commissioner of the Department of Insurance to submit an annual report relating to prior authorization, provide a detailed briefing upon request, and promulgate administrative regulations; amends KRS 304.17A-611 to prohibit conducting a retrospective review that is based solely on a participating provider having a prior authorization exemption; provide that certain utilization review time frames do not apply to retrospective reviews conducted for the purposes of determining eligibility for a prior authorization exemption; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to require the commissioner of the Department for Medicaid Services to submit an annual report relating to prior authorization, provide a detailed briefing upon request, and promulgate administrative regulations; amends various statutes to conform; and applies the provisions to contracts delivered, entered, renewed, extended, or amended on or after January 1, 2028; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2027, and January 1, 2028.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 178

AN ACT relating to the psychiatric collaborative care model.

Creates a new section of KRS 304.17A-660 to 304.17A-669 to define "psychiatric collaborative care model"; require the commissioner of insurance to promulgate and maintain an administrative regulation to list alterations and additions to relevant billing codes; require health benefit plans that provide coverage for treatment of a mental health condition to provide reimbursement for those benefits that are delivered through the psychiatric collaborative care model; authorize insurers to deny any benefit billed under a covered billing code on grounds of medical necessity if certain conditions are met; apply requirement to health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed on or after January 1, 2027; and requires the Department of Insurance to seek a federal waiver if cost defrayal is determined.

HB 184

AN ACT relating to health savings account-qualified insurance plans.

Creates a new section of Subtitle 1 of KRS Chapter 304 to limit the application of cost-sharing requirements that would result in a health insurance policy, certificate, plan, or contract losing its health savings account-qualified status under federal law; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 18A to subject the cost-sharing requirements in that chapter to the applicability limitation; provides that the applicability limitation applies to policies, certificates, plans, and contracts issued or renewed on or after the effective date of the Act; provides the purpose of the applicability limitation; and states that the applicability limitation provision of the Act may be cited as the Health Savings Account State-Federal Regulatory Coordination Model Act.

HB 185

AN ACT relating to employment and declaring an emergency.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 335B.010 to 335B.070 to declare legislative findings; require hiring or licensing authorities to establish an application process that gives persons convicted of a crime an opportunity to obtain a determination about whether the crime will disqualify the individual from a position of public employment or occupational license before pursuing employment or training; require hiring or licensing authorities to formulate policies and procedures for the application process by promulgating administrative regulations no later than January 1, 2027; require hiring or licensing authorities to submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission by November 1, 2027, to confirm compliance; provide that certain entities are exempted from the requirements of the application process; amends KRS 335B.020 to add criteria for hiring and licensing authorities to consider when determining if a conviction directly relates to the position of public employment or occupational license sought; amends KRS 335B.030 to require hiring or licensing authorities to evaluate information and provide written findings of fact to the applicant upon determination; amends KRS 337.010 to modify the definition of "tipped employee"; and amends KRS 337.065 to exclude salaried employees, managers, and supervisors from tip pooling arrangements; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 188

AN ACT relating to public safety.

Amends KRS 508.025 to expand assault in the third degree to include causing or attempting to cause physical injury to a healthcare provider in a jail, penitentiary, or local or state correctional or detention facility, including facilities which provide for the care, treatment, or detention of juveniles charged with or adjudicated delinquent because of a public offense or as a youthful offender; and amends KRS 65.1591 to allow jailers, deputy jailers, and correctional officers employed by a local detention center, local correctional facility, or regional jail to participate in a peer support counseling program.

HB 189

AN ACT relating to pedestrians.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 189 to define terms; prohibit a person from remaining on any portion of a state-maintained right-of-way that is not designated for pedestrian use; provide exemptions; allow local governments to enact ordinances to authorize limited exceptions to the prohibition; allow the Transportation Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to define minimum standards for state-maintained rights-of-way; and amends KRS 189.570 to conform.

HB 212

AN ACT relating to rabies vaccinations.

Amends KRS 258.005 to change the definition of "veterinarian" and define "veterinary technician"; amends KRS 258.015 to authorize a Kentucky-licensed veterinary technician to vaccinate a dog, cat, or ferret against rabies; and require that the veterinary technician be under the direct supervision of a veterinarian that is located on the premises of the facility.

HB 213

AN ACT relating to reemployment of retired police officers.

Amends KRS 70.292, 70.293, and 95.022, regarding city and county programs, to reemploy retired police officers without incurring employer retirement contributions; allow retired police officers reemployed under the programs established by KRS 70.291 to 70.293 and 95.022 to obtain health insurance coverage if authorized by the county or city governing body; make technical amendments; amends KRS 164.952, regarding programs at postsecondary institutions, to reemploy retired police officers without incurring employer retirement contributions; allow retired officers to take health insurance coverage through the employing postsecondary institution if authorized by the institution's governing body; and amends KRS 61.702 and 78.5536 to conform.

HB 220

AN ACT relating to pension spiking in the systems administered by the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority.

Amends KRS 61.598, relating to pension spiking and the definition of "bona fide promotion or career advancement," to retroactively exempt pension spiking adjustments that were due to increases in rates of pay authorized or funded by the legislative or administrative body of an employer or mandated in a collective bargaining agreement approved by the legislative body of the employer for members of the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, County Employees Retirement System, or State Police Retirement System who retired on or after July 1, 2021; and requires the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority to review and make necessary adjustments to benefits payable on or after July 1, 2021, to impacted members; RETROACTIVE.

HB 236

AN ACT relating to medical services.

Amends KRS 165A.310 to exclude emergency medical services training and education institutes from the authority of the Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education, unless an emergency medical services training and education institute elects to be governed as a proprietary school; amends KRS 165A.340 to require the Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education to create a process for emergency medical services training and education institutes to opt in to governance by the Kentucky Commission on Proprietary Education; amends KRS 311A.010 to define terms; amends KRS 311A.020 to empower the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services with authority over emergency medical services training programs and emergency medical services training and education institutes; amends KRS 311A.030 to set licensure standards for emergency medical services training and education institutes; amends various sections to conform; make technical corrections; establishes the Chapter 75 Fire District and Chapter 108 Emergency Ambulance Service District Task Force and its membership; requires the task force to submit recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2026; and repeals KRS 311A.120, relating to education for emergency personnel.
TASK FORCE

HB 253

AN ACT relating to education and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to define terms; require the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to establish an approved list of reading curriculum and interventions that do not use a three-cueing system; prohibit public school districts from using any

curriculum, intervention, or program that utilizes a three-cueing system; prohibit the use of a three-cueing system in teacher professional development; require the Educational Professional Standards Board to promulgate administrative regulations establishing criteria for reading curriculum to be used by state-approved educator preparation programs; amends KRS 158.307 to require rather than allow local boards of education to develop a policy on dyslexia; require rather than allow the policy to include specific items; beginning on June 30, 2028 and annually for 5 years, require each local school district to submit data regarding students with dyslexia to the KDE; amends KRS 164.304 to require postsecondary institutions offering teacher preparation programs to include instruction on dyslexia by the 2027-2028 academic year, rather than the instruction being contingent on funding availability; amends KRS 164.306 to specify that educator preparation programs shall use evidence-based reading instruction and intervention programs, not provide instruction on a three-cueing system, and align with KDE academic standards and approved curriculum and intervention utilized by local districts; amends KRS 161.028 to require the board to include that teacher preparation programs shall use evidence-based reading instruction and intervention programs and shall not provide instruction on a three-cueing system within the standards set for teacher preparation programs; require all interdisciplinary early childhood through grade 5 educators who received certification through Options 1 to 5 and 8 to complete a science of reading professional learning program within 2 years of initial employment; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 160 to prohibit a public school district or public charter school from entering into a nondisclosure agreement relating to misconduct involving a minor or student; amends KRS 160.380 to define "abusive conduct"; require Kentucky nonpublic schools and public school districts and those located in member states of the Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact to disclose any disciplinary actions related to abusive conduct of applicants; provide immunity for disclosures made regarding school employee conduct; require school districts to request all related information from the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB); require schools, districts, and EPSB to provide the records relating to abusive conduct; require requests for information to be satisfied in 10 working days; require that an applicant or employee with a finding of abusive conduct be ineligible for employment; require EPSB to create and implement procedures for information requests; require a school district employees to internally report and the district to investigate to completion all allegations of abusive conduct; require all records relating to an allegation of abusive conduct to be retained in an employee's personnel file unless the allegation is proven false or unsubstantiated; require any certified or classified employee of a district to notify the superintendent within 7 days of being charged with a felony; require the superintendent to annually notify school district employees of self-reporting requirements; provide that certain requirements apply to public charter schools; amends KRS 156.160 to direct the Kentucky Board of Education to include employment standards in the voluntary certification standards for private schools; amends KRS 160.151 to define "certified nonpublic school"; require employees of certified nonpublic schools to submit to a national and state criminal background check and a CA/N check; prohibit a certified nonpublic school from hiring a violent or felony sex crime offender; prohibit a certified nonpublic school from entering into a nondisclosure agreement related to misconduct involving a minor or student; amends KRS 156.095 to require the Kentucky Department of Education to develop training related to sexual misconduct and inappropriate relationships for school district employees by May 1, 2027; makes technical corrections throughout; and amends various statutes to conform; EMERGENCY.

HB 257

AN ACT relating to the education assessment and accountability system.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to define terms; permit local school districts to develop and implement a local accountability system; require data publication on the local accountability system; require the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to provide technical assistance in the development of local accountability; permit KDE to incentivize local accountability; authorize the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate necessary administrative regulations; amends KRS 158.6453 to update terminology regarding academic standards; remove requirement for summative assessments in writing and in editing and mechanics; require inclusion of specified targeted quality measures in the school report card until June 30, 2030; require KDE to incorporate a writing program into academic standards and professional development; require school-based decision making councils to adopt a writing program policy and publish it on the school's website; remove requirement for KDE to establish recommendations on using preliminary assessment data to identify students for advanced coursework; amends KRS 158.6455 to add individual student growth metric and student engagement as state indicators in the accountability system; remove quality of school climate and safety as state indicator; add specified targeted quality measures as state indicator beginning July 1, 2030; remove "status" and "change" metrics from the state accountability system; amends KRS 158.6459, 164.7874, and 157.069 to conform; directs KDE to submit a study by November 1, 2026, to the Interim Joint Committee on Education on middle school mathematics and middle school advanced mathematics coursework; defines the minimum contents of the report; and authorizes the department to collect data and reports from Kentucky public schools and school districts relevant to inform the study.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 264

AN ACT relating to theft by deception.

Amends KRS 514.040, relating to theft by deception, to establish a presumption that a person creates or reinforces a false impression when the person lists or advertises residential or commercial real property or vacant land for sale, lease, or rent without legal title or authority.

HB 265

AN ACT relating to regulatory authorizations by the commissioner of insurance.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 299 to establish procedures and authorization by the commissioner of the Department of Insurance (commissioner) for the voluntary dissolution of certain companies transacting the business of insurance upon the cooperative or assessment plan; amends KRS 304.50-010 to prohibit the commissioner from authorizing additional workers' compensation self-insured groups on and after July 15, 2027; and amends KRS 342.350 to conform; EFFECTIVE, in part, July 15, 2027.

HB 266

AN ACT relating to healthcare credentials eligible for the Kentucky healthcare workforce investment fund.

Amends KRS 164.0401 to add a speech-language pathology or audiology license to the definition of "eligible healthcare credential" for the purpose of the Kentucky healthcare workforce investment fund.

HB 280

AN ACT relating to health care and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 314.041, relating to registered nurse licensure, and KRS 314.051, relating to licensed practical nurse licensure, to add credential requirements; amends KRS 314.042 to require physicians collaborating with an advanced practice registered nurse to have an active and unrestricted license in Kentucky; amends KRS 314.109 to reduce the time from 90 to 30 days for a person under the jurisdiction of the board to notify the board of a conviction of certain misdemeanors or felonies; amends KRS 209.032 to permit a state licensing board to query the cabinet for a validated substantiated finding of adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation against an individual under the licensing board's jurisdiction; creates a new section of KRS 158.830 to 158.838 to define terms; permit health care practitioners to prescribe and dispense undesignated glucagon in the name of an authorized entity or to a trained individual; permit trained individuals to administer undesignated glucagon during diabetic medical emergencies; require proper storage of undesignated glucagon; provide for immunity from civil liability for any personal injury resulting from good-faith actions to use undesignated glucagon to treat diabetic medical emergencies under certain circumstances; amends KRS 158.832 to add definition of "documented medical conditions"; add medicines to the definition of "medications"; amends KRS 158.834 to add "documented medical conditions" as medications that may be self-administered in schools with parental authorization and a prescription; amends KRS 158.836 to permit students to have and use bronchodilator rescue inhalers, nebulizers, glucagon, Solu-Cortef, or other prescribed medications; encourage schools to stock undesignated glucagon; and provide for immunity from civil damages for the administration of glucagon, Solu-Cortef, or other prescribed medications for authorized school employees; EMERGENCY.

HB 281

AN ACT relating to the donation of food.

Amends KRS 217.127 to define "charitable food donor" as a nonprofit or religious organization that is recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or home-based processor, which produces food for distribution to a homeless shelter or to individuals displaced due to a declared natural disaster; exempt a charitable food donor from the licensing requirements of KRS 217.005 to 217.215 and application of State Plumbing Code requirements; amends KRS 217.218 to conform; and amends KRS 411.241 to exempt a nonprofit or religious organization that is recognized as tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or a home-based processor from civil or criminal liability arising from the production or donation of food to a homeless shelter or to individuals displaced due to a declared natural disaster.

HB 290

AN ACT relating to the provision of legal research resources.

Amends KRS 172.100 and 172.200, relating to county law libraries, to ensure that law library funds can be expended for subscriptions to computer-assisted legal research, internet access, and computers and related equipment; allow the state to provide electronic access to books and legal resources in lieu of bound volumes; and amends KRS 57.320 to allow, rather than require the state law librarian, if requested by a Chief Justice, judge, or the county law librarian, under the direction of the Supreme Court, to purchase bound volumes, advance sheets, and electronic access

to the opinions of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals for the use of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, county law libraries, or Circuit or District Courts.

HB 293

AN ACT relating to vehicle wheels.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 189 to require vehicles operating on a highway with an iron, steel, or wooden wheel to be equipped with a rubberized strip on the portion of the wheel that is in contact with the highway; provide an exception for certain animal-drawn vehicles; and amends KRS 189.990 to set penalty for violation at \$20 to \$100 for each offense.

HB 305

AN ACT relating to grand jury service.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 29A to prohibit a person who is present at any part of a grand jury proceeding from knowingly recording any testimony or evidence presented during the proceeding or disclosing or disseminating any evidence, testimony, or other information that the person witnessed, read, or heard while present at the proceeding; amends KRS 29A.990 to provide that the penalty for knowingly recording any testimony or evidence presented during a grand jury proceeding shall be a Class A misdemeanor; provide that the penalty for knowingly disclosing or disseminating any evidence, testimony, or other information that the person witnessed, read, or heard while present at a grand jury proceeding is a Class D felony; provide that if the person is a public servant as defined in KRS 519.010 the person shall be penalized 1 class more severely; and provides that the Act may be cited as the Crystal Rogers Act.

HB 307

AN ACT relating to proactive postsecondary admission.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to define terms; establish a proactive postsecondary admissions program; require each public postsecondary education institution in Kentucky to establish the minimum academic qualification for prospective admission to the institution and implement the common online application approved by the Council on Postsecondary Education by July 1, 2027; direct each public school district to annually invite each enrolled student to participate in the proactive postsecondary admissions program and notify the Kentucky Department of Education of students that opt in to notifications about the program by July 1 each year; direct the department to annually provide public postsecondary education institutions designated information for all students and additional information for students that opt in; direct public postsecondary education institutions to send a personalized prospective admissions notification to each qualified eligible high school student that includes designated content; provide that the personalized letter shall not constitute a guarantee of admission; retain the right for public postsecondary education institutions to perform a comprehensive review of all admissions applications internally; direct the council to collaborate with public institutions to promote and report annually on the program; direct the department to collaborate with local school districts to maximize student participation in the program and to report annually on designated information related to those efforts; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 151 to direct the Kentucky Department of Education to submit designated information to the Kentucky Center for Statistics annually; direct the Kentucky Center for Statistics to collaborate with the Kentucky Department of Education and the Council on Postsecondary Education to publish annual data on academic and workforce outcomes; amends KRS 164.020 to direct the Council on Postsecondary

Education to establish a common online application and maintain a website for students to apply to Kentucky public postsecondary institutions through the common online application; directs each public postsecondary education institution to provide the institution's program application form to the council by November 1, 2027; requires the council to review each form and offer suggestions; requires the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to begin in 2027 including a link, address, or QR code provided by the council for the common online application in the KEES eligibility notifications sent to students; directs the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to consult with the department to evaluate sending KEES eligibility notifications electronically; and provides that the Act may be cited as the My Kentucky Future Act.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 311

AN ACT relating to railroad crossings.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 277 to require each railroad company destroy or remove obstructive vegetation at public railroad-highway grade crossings under certain circumstances; provide that a railroad company shall not be authorized or required to enter private property to remove obstructive vegetation; allow a railroad company to petition the Transportation Cabinet (cabinet) to waive or modify obstructive vegetation removal requirements when the terrain or other conditions make removal impossible, impractical, or unnecessary by written notice and allow the cabinet to deny or modify the written notice within 60 days; require the cabinet or local government to remove obstructive vegetation if the railroad company fails to do so after receiving written notice; provide that the cabinet or local government shall coordinate a mutually agreeable time to access the railroad right-of-way to remove obstructive vegetation pursuant to the railroad's safety processes; establish procedures for reimbursement by the railroad company for the vegetation removal by the cabinet or local government; require all railroad companies be and remain in compliance with obstructive vegetation removal by January 1, 2029; and provide that the requirements in the section constitute the sole standards for all vegetation removal at public railroad-highway grade crossings, unless superseded by federal law or regulation.

HB 312

AN ACT relating to concealed firearms and deadly weapons.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 237 to define “provisional license” and “standard license”; require the Department of Kentucky State Police (KSP) to issue provisional licenses to carry concealed firearms and other deadly weapons to persons who are 18 to 20 years of age and meet specified criteria; require KSP to provide notice of expiration of provisional licenses and an application to switch from a provisional license to a standard license; allow the provisional license holder to apply by paper to his or her sheriff or online to KSP for a standard license; establish criteria for a provisional license holder to be issued a standard license; and allow KSP to promulgate administrative regulations to administer provisional and standard license issuance.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

HB 313

AN ACT relating to city franchises.

Amends KRS 96.010 to change the time period that a city has to provide for the sale of a new franchise before the expiration of the current utility franchise from 18 months to 6 months.

HB 314

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Communications Network Authority and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 154.15-010 to remove the definition of "executive director" of the Kentucky Communications Network Authority (KCNA); amends KRS 154.15-020 to administratively attach the KCNA to the Finance and Administration Cabinet; remove references to the executive director and the advisory group of the KCNA; abolish the KCNA advisory group; remove references to KCNA staff and require the executive director of the Commonwealth Office of Technology (COT) to assign COT personnel to carry out the functions and responsibilities of the KCNA; amends KRS 154.15-030 to replace all current members of the KCNA board, except the representative designated by the Center for Rural Development, with the chief information officer of the Department of Education, as chair, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Secretary of State, and the Treasurer, or their designees; add 2 additional members to the board to be appointed by the Governor, 1 nominated by the Kentucky League of Cities and 1 nominated by the Kentucky Association of Counties; amends KRS 42.726 to add carrying out the functions and responsibilities of the KCNA to the roles and duties of the COT; amends KRS 42.732 to remove the executive director of the KCNA from the Kentucky Information Technology Advisory Council; amends various statutes to conform; requires that on the effective date of the Act, all functions and responsibilities previously undertaken by KCNA personnel be transferred to existing COT personnel; requires all records, files, or documents previously maintained by KCNA personnel to be transferred to the COT; provides that the position of executive director of the KCNA shall be terminated; and requires the executive director of COT to determine on or before June 30, 2026, which staff previously employed by KCNA shall be retained and employed by COT; EMERGENCY.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

HB 333

AN ACT relating to housing.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 100 to define terms; make affordable housing developed by a religious developer a permitted use; require only a ministerial review by a planning unit for compliance with specified requirements, including that the affordable housing development be on property owned by a religious institution prior to January 1, 2026, exclusively contain affordable housing, be less than 24 units and be located only on a parcel in certain zones, and that the religious developer has obtained all other permits; require a religious institution that does not continue to qualify to seek approval from a planning unit; allow the Kentucky Housing Corporation to advise religious developers regarding affordable housing developments; and allow homeless shelters operated by a religious institution to be permitted uses in commercial or business zones.

HB 355

AN ACT relating to real property appraisers.

Amends KRS 324A.010 to change "real estate appraisal" to "real property appraisal"; define "evaluation," "federally related transaction," and "real property-related financial transaction"; creates a new section of KRS 324A.010 to 324A.100 to require actions against a

certified or licensed real property appraiser or an appraisal management company to be brought within 1 year, and any actions for fraud or misrepresentation within 5 years; amends various sections of KRS Chapter 324A to replace the Real Estate Appraisers Board with an independent agency to be known as the Real Property Appraisers Board; attach the Real Property Appraisers Board to the Department of Professional Licensing for administrative purposes; change the number of board members from 5 to 7; require 2 board members to be certified residential real property appraisers; require those employed by the board to investigate grievances to have 10 years of experience, hold a credential equal to the credential held by the appraiser under investigation, and have experience in appraising the type of property relevant to the investigation; allow the board to refer violations to the Attorney General, Commonwealth's attorneys, and county attorneys rather than file actions directly; allow the board to employ an executive director and any persons it deems necessary to carry on the work of the board; require an executive director to be a certified general or residential real property appraiser and have 10 years of experience in Kentucky; allow the board to use hearing officers provided by the Attorney General's Office; allow the board or its authorized agents to give advice on best practices management; prohibit legal action arising from any advice given by the board or its agents relating to best practices management; allow the board to hold additional meetings upon the call of the chair or upon the written request of 2 board members; prohibit the use of the title "real property appraiser," "real estate appraiser," "real property damage appraiser," or "appraiser" unless certified or licensed by the board; prohibit any person not licensed or certified as a real property appraiser from providing any type of appraisal performed by a licensed or certified real property appraiser unless they are exempt; allow a licensed or certified real property appraiser to provide an evaluation; exempt a bank, banker, or farm credit institutions for appraisals or appraisal reviews in the normal course of business, and a staff or independent adjuster licensed under KRS Chapter 304 or any other representative of an insurance company in the settlement of an insurance claim from KRS Chapter 324A; prohibit an appraiser from negotiating, or advertising to negotiate, on behalf of an insured on an insurance claim relating to real property; allow an appraiser to advocate for the accuracy of his or her appraisal report; establish a biennial license renewal period; require a certificate or license holder to complete 28 continuing education hours; allow hours completed for 1 USPAP update course to apply toward the continuing education requirement; require complaints to be filed with the board within 1 year after the date of transmittal of the appraisal report; require the board to establish fee amounts by administrative regulation; delete fee amounts set in statute; amends KRS 324B.045 to remove the Real Estate Appraisers Board from the Division of Real Property Boards; amends KRS 133.120 to allow a tax consultant and licensed real estate sales associate to receive compensation to represent a property owner at a conference with the property valuation administrator or in an appeal before the board; amends KRS 324A.152 to require an appraisal management company to certify that all appraisal reports meet the minimum reporting requirements in accordance with USPAP; amends various statutes to conform; retains the current members of the Real Estate Appraisers Board as members of the Real Property Appraisers Board until the expiration of their terms; and requires the Governor to appoint the 2 additional board members within 1 year of the effective date of this Act.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

HB 366

AN ACT relating to possession or viewing of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor.

Amends KRS 531.335, relating to possession or viewing of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor, to provide that the sexual performance may be by a computer-generated image of a minor; and provide that any person convicted of possession or viewing of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor shall not be released on probation or parole without serving 85% of the sentence imposed.

HB 369

AN ACT relating to veteran treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder.

Amends KRS 217.930 to define "post-traumatic stress disorder"; and amends KRS 217.934 and 217.936 to include post-traumatic stress disorder as a qualifying medical condition for hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

HB 379

AN ACT relating to postsecondary education.

Amends KRS 164.001 to remove the definitions of "committee," "P-16 council," and "remedial education"; amends KRS 164.321, 164.821, and 164.131 to provide that governing board members' attendance at mandatory orientation or training does not constitute a meeting under the Open Meetings Act; amends KRS 164.330 to remove the requirement for board of regents meetings to be held within 30 days of an appointment; amends KRS 45.238 to prohibit the Department of Revenue from returning enrollment-related debt or liquidated debt to a public postsecondary education institution unless certain requirements are met; amends KRS 45.241 to define "enrollment-related debt"; require an annual contract between public postsecondary education institutions and the department for the collection of enrollment-related debts and liquidated debts referred by the institution; prohibit the department from declining to collect a specific enrollment-related debt or liquidated debt referred by an institution unless certain conditions are met; amends KRS 164.525 to require that the Center for Mathematics be administered by Northern Kentucky University and require an annual report on the center to designated entities; amends KRS 164.230, 164.360, and 164.830 to require preliminary discussions by a postsecondary governing board relating to productivity and performance evaluations of presidents occur in closed session and that the summative evaluation report be presented in an open meeting; amends various statutes to conform; and repeals KRS 164.003, 164.004, 164.0285, 164.0286, 164.0287, 164.0288, and 164.033.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

HB 387

AN ACT relating to veterinarians and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 218A.025 to remove 1 physician and 1 nurse from the Controlled Substances Prescribing Council; add 1 livestock veterinarian and 1 equine veterinarian; and amends KRS 218A.202 to provide that a veterinarian shall not be required to report on prescribing,

administering, or dispensing controlled substances to the Controlled Substances Prescribing Council or any other governmental entity except the Kentucky Board of Veterinary Examiners; EMERGENCY.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

HB 388

AN ACT relating to prescription drugs.

Amends KRS 205.529, 218A.172, 218A.205, and 304.17A-165 to remove references to a Schedule III controlled substance containing hydrocodone; amends KRS 218A.010 to add optometrist and physician assistant to the definition of "practitioner" licensed in other states; amends KRS 218A.182 to exempt charitable health care practitioners from electronic prescription requirement for a controlled substance; amends KRS 218A.202 to require an active account with the electronic monitoring system be maintained by practitioners or pharmacists prescribing or dispensing Schedule II, III, IV, or V controlled substances; and amends KRS 218A.245 to permit the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to enter reciprocal agreements or contracts with any federal agency of the United States or its territories relating to a prescription monitoring program.

HB 392

AN ACT relating to local public agency transactions.

Amends KRS 45A.385 to increase the small purchase limit to \$50,000 and raise that amount by \$10,000 every 5 years beginning in 2030; require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to announce the small purchase maximum amount in effect for the current year and post that information on its website; amends KRS 45A.420 to allow local public agencies to make purchases using an established discount, quote, formula, or other pricing method as established by the state in the agreement; amends KRS 82.083 to include within the definition of "independent appraisal" a city officer or employee using, for the sale or disposition of city owned personal property with no nationally published valuation standard, a generally accepted method to determine a good faith estimate of that property; amends KRS 82.084 to exclude the purchase of law enforcement vehicles and equipment from KRS 45A.345 to 45A.460 and 424.260 if the purchaser gets at least 3 quotes and retains records documenting the quotes; amends KRS 424.260 to increase the limit for making advertisements for purchases to \$50,000 from \$40,000 and increase that amount by \$10,000 every 5 years beginning in 2030; and require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to announce the small purchase maximum amount in effect for the current year and post that information on its website.

HB 393

AN ACT relating to services for Alzheimer's and related dementias.

Amends KRS 194A.601 to require the dementia services coordinator to prepare an annual report on the operations of the Office of Dementia Services and the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Council, including a progress report on the Kentucky Alzheimer's and Related Dementias State Plan; require submission of the report to the Legislative Research Commission; amends KRS 194A.603 to change the membership of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Advisory Council by increasing the individual unpaid caregiver members by 1; change the council's annual reporting date from July 1 to December 1; require the council to

develop and implement an annual year-long initiative advancing a key area of the state plan; and directs the council to create a provider toolkit on early detection and diagnosis as its first year-long initiative beginning December 1, 2026, to be distributed to stakeholders.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 398

AN ACT relating to decommissioning costs for electric generating units.

Amends KRS 278.264 to provide that the Public Service Commission maintains its authority to approve a utility's right to record and seek, prior to retirement authorization, the recovery of any electric generating unit's decommissioning, removal and salvage costs, and depreciation expenses through rates over the unit's estimated depreciable life; and provide that Public Service Commission approval of an electric generating unit's decommissioning and related costs shall not be considered approval or support for its retirement.

HB 419

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Fire Commission.

Amends KRS 95A.020 to increase the Kentucky Fire Commission to 18 members by transferring the 4 ex officio members to full member status; provides for terms of office of the members not subject to gubernatorial appointment; amends KRS 95A.262 to allow firefighter cancer screening reimbursements to be made from the remaining portion of funds allocated to the Firefighters Foundation Program fund for hepatitis A and B vaccinations; provide that any reimbursement to the Kentucky Career and Technical College System for administrative activities is subject to the 5% reimbursement cap in KRS 94A.240; amends KRS 95A.400 to rename the thermal vision grant program to the Thermal Vision and Technical Innovation Grant Program; amends KRS 95A.420 to define "automated external defibrillator," "gas monitor," and "technical device"; amends KRS 95A.430 to permit the program to assess and provide grants for technical devices in addition to thermal vision devices; and amends various statutes to conform.

HB 422

AN ACT relating to crimes and punishments.

Amends KRS 439.3406 to prohibit an inmate from qualifying for mandatory reentry supervision if the inmate has previously been convicted of 2 or more offenses that would classify him or her as a violent offender under KRS 439.3401 or has been recommitted to prison for a violation of probation, shock probation, parole, or conditional discharge; require that the Department of Corrections shall provide an annual report on the results of the mandatory reentry supervision program to the Legislative Research Commission by February 1 of each year; amends KRS 540.020 to provide that a person is not responsible for criminal conduct if at the time of the conduct, as a result of mental illness or intellectual disability, he or she lacks substantial capacity to appreciate the nature and quality of his or her conduct; amends KRS 504.060 to conform; amends KRS 504.120 to prohibit a jury from finding a person not guilty by reason of insanity for 1 charge and guilty or guilty but mentally ill of another charge arising out of a single course of conduct and tried during the same trial; amends KRS 504.150 to provide that the treating professional or the Commonwealth shall petition the sentencing court for involuntary hospitalization or admission under KRS Chapter 202A or 202B or court-ordered community-based outpatient treatment under KRS Chapter 202A; and provides that this Act may be cited as Logan's Law.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 424

AN ACT relating to social work.

Creates a new section of KRS 335.010 to 335.160 to require a national and state criminal background check for social worker applicants seeking an initial license, reinstatement of a license, or authorization to practice in another state under a compact; prohibit board distribution of the results except to the requesting applicant or as evidence in a legal proceeding; limit the background check fee charged by the Department of Kentucky State Police to the department's actual costs; forbid the board from requiring a criminal background check solely for the purpose of renewing a license; amends KRS 335.010 to exempt student interns or trainees from social work licensure requirements; exclude employees and applicants of child-caring facilities or child-placing agencies from social worker licensure requirements, except for the practice of clinical social work, if the facility or agency is contracted with the state for foster care services; direct the Kentucky Board of Social Work to promulgate administrative regulations to define standards for student involvement in clinical social work and to implement background checks; amends KRS 335.020 to define terms; amends various sections of KRS 335.010 to 335.160 to establish licensure standards, including use of a multistate license and telehealth; amends KRS 335.050 to require that at least 1 member of the Kentucky Board of Social Work is a teacher actively engaged in social work education; and amends KRS 387.610 and 457.090 to conform.

HB 436

AN ACT relating to state parks.

Amends KRS 148.021 to allow PGA HOPE program graduates and 1 guest to use golf courses at state parks without green fees or associated golf rates, except for golf cart rental fees.

HB 448

AN ACT relating to background checks.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 17 to define terms; require criminal justice agencies to provide criminal history records information to requesting agencies when that requesting agency is conducting a basic suitability or fitness assessment for federal or contractor employees under 5 U.S.C. sec. 9101; authorize the agency to request a fee of \$25 for reimbursement of expenses related to the check from entities other than an agency of the Commonwealth; amends KRS 610.340, relating to juvenile justice records, to conform.

HB 456

AN ACT relating to the State Treasurer and unclaimed property.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 2 to designate the fourth week of September of each year as Unclaimed Property Week; amends KRS 41.020 to remove the requirement that the State Treasurer maintain his or her residency at the seat of government; and amends KRS 393A.740 to include deficient reports as punishable by civil penalty.

HB 459

AN ACT relating to licensed occupations.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 335B to require the licensing authorities of healthcare occupations to collect workforce participation data during the annual, biennial, or triennial licensure renewal process; prohibit the collection of a licensee's Social Security number; require the collection of a licensee's date of birth and mailing address for data collection; allow a licensee to decline to allow the sharing of his or her data; require licensing authorities to report

collected data to the Office of the Kentucky Center for Statistics and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; creates a new section of KRS 335.300 to 335.399 to authorize the board to grant licensure to an applicant who holds an active license from another state to practice as an independent marriage and family therapist; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 335.300 to 335.399 to require the board to notify an applicant of any technical error in any licensure, permit, renewal, or reinstatement application within 1 week of its discovery; provide the applicant 2 weeks to correct the error; require the board to review the correction within 1 week of the submitted correction; and provides that each licensing authority required to collect data shall have until the licensing authority's next licensure renewal date following the effective date of the Act to comply with the collection requirement; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2028.

HB 470

AN ACT relating to behavioral health services and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 222.233 to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to promulgate administrative regulations that, beginning January 1, 2027, require licensed alcohol and other drug treatment entities, behavioral health service organizations, behavioral health multi-specialty groups, and any entities that bill for peer support services that employ an alcohol and drug peer support specialist to only employ an alcohol and drug peer support specialist who is registered under KRS 309.0831; remove references to temporary alcohol and drug peer support specialists; remove the prohibition on limits to the maximum number of hours of direct client care that may be provided by registered alcohol and drug peer support specialists; remove permission for licensed alcohol and drug counselors to provide the same services as and be reimbursed at the same rate as licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselors; prohibit alcohol and drug peer support specialists employed by specified entities from providing psychoeducational services in individual or group settings; amends KRS 309.0805 and 309.0813 to remove references to temporary alcohol and drug peer support specialists; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to prohibit the Kentucky Medicaid Program from providing coverage for individual or group psychoeducational services; repeals KRS 309.0836, relating to temporary alcohol and drug peer support specialists; establishes the Peer Support Professionals Work Group; and requires the work group to submit recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission, for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services, regarding the creation of a state licensing board for peer support professionals; EMERGENCY, in part.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 480

AN ACT relating to state contracts.

Amends KRS 45A.035 to require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to establish policies and procedures regarding timely payments, partial payments, reimbursement, and payment resolution; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 45A to define "purchasing agency" and "undisputed amount"; require government contracts to include terms to address timely payments, penalties for nonpayment, partial payments, a payment process for disbursement of funds, a payment schedule, and a payment resolution process; require all undisputed amounts to be paid within 30 business days of receipt of the goods, services, or invoice or in accordance with the terms of the contract; require a purchasing agency to make a good-faith effort to notify a contractor or vendor of an invoice that has been rejected, of any errors in an invoice, and of any requirement of additional or missing information; establish an invoice

correction period; require any revised or corrected invoices that are submitted by a contractor or vendor outside of the correction period be considered a new invoice for the purpose of calculating the late payment fee; establish requirements for the payment of interest and cost of credit by the purchasing agency under certain circumstances; require the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations on or before October 1, 2026; require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to publish the payment resolution process for late payment claims on its website by October 1, 2026; and require the Finance and Administration Cabinet to submit a report every 6 months to the Legislative Research Commission detailing late payment contract disputes.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 490

AN ACT relating to employment at public postsecondary education institutions and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 164.360, 164.230, and 164.830 to allow for the removal of faculty members at public postsecondary education institutions for bona fide financial reasons; and require the boards of regents and trustees of the institutions to establish the process for removal of faculty members based on financial reasons with specified parameters; EMERGENCY.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

HB 500

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

The State/Executive Branch Budget: Details Part I, Operating Budget; details Part II, Capital Projects Budget; details Part III, General Provisions; details Part IV, State Salary/Compensation, Benefit, and Employment Policy; details Part V, Funds Transfer; details Part VI, General Fund Budget Reduction Plan; details Part VII, General Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; details Part VIII, Road Fund Budget Reduction Plan; details Part IX, Road Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; details Part X, Phase I Tobacco Settlement; and details Part XI, Executive Branch Budget Summary; APPROPRIATION.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED IN PART

OVERRIDDEN IN PART

HB 501

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.

The Transportation Cabinet Budget: Details Part I, Operating Budget; details Part II, Capital Projects Budget; details Part III, Funds Transfer; and details Part IV, Transportation Cabinet Budget Summary; APPROPRIATION.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED IN PART

OVERRIDDEN

HB 502

AN ACT relating to road projects and declaring an emergency.

Sets out the 2026-2028 Biennial Highway Construction Plan; EMERGENCY.

HB 503

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

The Legislative Branch Budget: Details Part I, Operating Budget; details Part II, General Provisions; and details Part III, Budget Reduction or Surplus Expenditure Plan; APPROPRIATION.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED IN PART

OVERRIDDEN

HB 504

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.

The Judicial Branch Budget: Details Part I, Operating Budget; details Part II, Capital Projects Budget; details Part III, General Provisions; and details Part IV, Budget Reduction or Surplus Expenditure Plan; APPROPRIATION.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED IN PART

OVERRIDDEN

HB 506

AN ACT relating to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Amends KRS 15.460 to allow Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources game wardens to receive annual supplements from the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund; amends KRS 150.061 to require the commissioner of the department to establish a salary structure for the department's Division of Law Enforcement that is competitive with other state and local law enforcement personnel and adequate to meet the department's recruitment and retention goals; require the secretary of the Personnel Cabinet to take every action necessary to implement the pay structure established by the commissioner and to ensure that employees of the Division of Law Enforcement are otherwise subject to the requirements and benefits of KRS Chapter 18A; and amends KRS 150.150 to conform.

HB 510

AN ACT relating to organ donation safety.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 311 to define terms; establish conditions and processes for a pause in procedure for an organ donation; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to submit a report on pauses in procedures to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services by October 1 each year; establish administrative actions that may be taken for noncompliance with pause in procedure requirements; require the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to implement and enforce the pause in procedure requirements; and establish that the pause in procedure provisions should not be construed to conflict with the determination of death under KRS 446.400, discourage ethical organ donation, interfere with independent end-of-life decision making, conflict with the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act, or authorize the Commonwealth to affect the federal certification, designation, or service area of an organ procurement organization.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 518

AN ACT relating to the collection of local business taxes and fees.

Amends KRS 67.767 to require the Secretary of State to prescribe standard forms, instructions, and fillable portable document format versions for net profits, gross receipts, and payroll occupational tax returns; form an advisory committee to develop the forms; require the advisory committee to file the completed forms with the Interim Joint Committee on Local Government by June 24, 2027; require the Secretary of State to file administrative regulations including the standard forms and electronic links, if appropriate; allow the Secretary of State to determine if current forms fulfill the new requirements; require tax districts to accept or adopt the standard forms and the associated payments electronically on and after July 1, 2029; provide an opt-out from the adoption of the forms if a tax district has, on or before January 1, 2025, or has entered into a binding contract for, on or before July 1, 2026, an online filing and payment system; allow for exemption of certain tax districts from adopting the electronic forms and payments; and require the Secretary of State to provide electronic links for downloading the form and for the various tax districts' online tax filing payment systems.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 521

AN ACT relating to crimes and punishments.

Amends KRS 508.130 to define "social media platform" and modify existing definitions; establish elements of the crime of stalking and penalize as a Class D felony unless certain aggravating circumstances are met, in which case it is a Class C felony; amends KRS 511.010 to define "employee", "employer", "threatening behavior", and "workplace"; amends KRS 511.070 to expand the elements of criminal trespass in the second degree to include knowingly entering or remaining in a workplace while engaging in threatening behavior where notice against trespass is given; establish that a second or subsequent criminal trespass in the second degree offense within 3 years is a Class A misdemeanor; amends KRS 511.080 to establish that a second or subsequent criminal trespass in the third degree offense within 3 years is a Class B misdemeanor; amends various statutes to conform; repeals KRS 508.140 and 508.150, relating to stalking in the first and second degrees; and provides that the Act shall not affect the validity of restraining orders on the basis of domestic violence and abuse or dating abuse, interpersonal protective orders, or domestic violence orders in place prior to the effective date of the Act.

HB 527

AN ACT relating to insurance regulatory requirements and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 304.1-050 and 304.1-110 to make technical amendments; amends KRS 304.2-160 to define "licensee"; amends KRS 304.2-220 to modify persons who are subject to examination by the commissioner of the Department of Insurance (commissioner); amends KRS 304.2-450 to require the commissioner to make 1 time financial grants of up to \$15,000 in aggregate to certain approved building contractors to mitigate insurable dwellings under the Strengthen Kentucky Homes Program; amends KRS 304.4-040 to apply license revocation for failure to pay a tax or fee to licensees; amends KRS 304.5-080 to define "inland marine insurance" and repeal the definition of "marine and transportation insurance"; amends KRS 304.9-035 to establish an insurer's liability for acts of its adjusters; amends KRS 304.9-051 to provide that certain individuals working for an administrator are not acting as an administrator; amends KRS 304.9-105 to modify the financial responsibility requirement for an agent license; amends KRS 304.9-133 to establish individual designation requirements for licensed business entities; amends KRS 304.9-135 to modify the definition of "insurance agency activities"; amends KRS 304.9-140 to establish nonresident license requirements for nonresidents with a limited line of authority that is not offered in this state; repeal the requirement to surrender a license upon termination; amends KRS 304.9-170 to modify the prelicensing education and examination exemption for applicants licensed within the previous 12 months; amends KRS 304.9-200 to repeal the refund of an appointment fee upon license refusal; amends KRS 304.9-230 to repeal the surety limited line of authority and establish preneed funeral limited line of authority; amends KRS 304.9-260 to repeal the requirement to send the license renewal list to an insurer or employer; require proof of compliance with continuing education requirements for nonresident independent or public adjusters; repeal the requirement to surrender license a upon termination; amends KRS 304.9-270 to repeal the approval requirement for specialty credit producers and managing employees; amends KRS 304.9-295 to require nonresident independent and public adjusters that designated Kentucky as their home state to satisfy continuing education requirements; modify requirements for continuing education certifications; repeal the license surrender and reissuance requirement; repeals and reenacts KRS 304.9-436 to prohibit authorized insurers from doing business with unlicensed persons; amends KRS 304.13-346 to require property insurers to offer an optional policy provision to upgrade the roof structure of non-FORTIFIED dwellings; amends KRS 304.15-365 to establish requirements for optional maturity dates offered for individual deferred annuities; amends KRS 304.17A-600 to define "adverse benefit determination" and "coverage denial"; repeal the definition of "adverse determination"; amends various statutes to require internal appeals and external reviews for certain benefit determinations; amends various statutes to conform; amends KRS 304.99-020 and 304.99-100 to repeal civil penalties and renewal requirements for specialty credit producers and managing employees; and makes technical amendments throughout; EMERGENCY, in part.

HB 529

AN ACT relating to the Parole Board and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 439.320 to establish a term of 4 years for members of the Parole Board; prohibit the expiration of more than 3 terms in a given year; allow the Parole Board to utilize panels of 2 or more members for parole and final parole revocation hearings; amends KRS 439.340 to change the time for parole review eligibility to 180 or more days remaining to serve; makes technical changes; and requires, for 1 of the terms expiring in 2026, the immediate successor to serve for a term of 2 years; EMERGENCY.

HB 542

AN ACT relating to eminent domain and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 382.850 and KRS 262.850 to define "feasible alternative location"; require certain condemnors in eminent domain actions involving property subject to a conservation easement or property located in an agricultural district to provide a sworn written report to the court justifying the condemnation due to lack of feasible alternative locations; allow the court to dismiss the condemnation action if the lack of alternative locations is not demonstrated; amends KRS 416.550 to prohibit a condemnor from engaging in false, intimidating, or misleading negotiation tactics; allow an owner of potentially condemned property to obtain an independent appraisal within 60 days of an initial offer for purchase; reduce the independent appraisal period to 30 days if the property owner refuses the initial offer for purchase; prohibit the filing of a condemnation action within the independent appraisal period; require condemnors to take into consideration the value of the property determined by the property owner's appraisal in negotiating a purchase price; require all parties to use certified appraisers for any appraisal of the property unless the value of the property to be taken is less than \$25,000; require condemnors to pay costs, expenses, and attorney's fees in actions dismissed for improper negotiation tactics; amends KRS 416.560 to specify requirements for contents of notice of entry to owners of property; require the condemnor to use only current data for surveys and provide a copy of a survey to the property owner within 15 days of completion; require the condemnor to give notice of a material change to the project; allow the property owner to petition a condemnor for a public meeting regarding the proposed taking; provide that a property owner may only request a public meeting if a public meeting has not previously been held; require the condemnor to host and secure a site in the county where the project is located for a public meeting; provide that the sole purpose of a public meeting shall be to accept comments from the public regarding a proposed project; establish the penalty for failure to give notice; amends KRS 416.610 to require the condemnor to take measures to ensure access to property during on-site work on a project where only a portion of the property has been condemned; amends KRS 416.660 to include preexisting improvements on property and the value of agricultural improvements in the determination of fair market value of condemned property; amends various statutes to conform; and provides that this Act shall not be interpreted to conflict with any laws applicable to takings by federal entities; EMERGENCY.

HB 555

AN ACT relating to school foods.

Amends KRS 158.854 to define "student-based enterprise"; authorize local school boards to permit student-based enterprises within their district to sell competitive foods throughout the school day; require that competitive foods sold by a student-based enterprise comply with minimum nutritional standards; authorize local school boards to establish policies regarding the operation of and revenue generated by student-based enterprises; and amends KRS 165.160 to exempt student-based enterprises from the penalties.

HB 562

AN ACT relating to alternative high school diplomas.

Amends KRS 156.160 to require the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations for an alternate high school diploma and a modified high school diploma; specify requirements for alternate and modified high school diplomas; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require the Department of Workforce Development to identify, compile, and publish a list of employers willing to employ individuals possessing an alternate high school diploma; amends KRS 158.140 to conform; and amends 164.787 and 164.7882 to establish that a modified high school diploma satisfies scholarship requirements in the same manner as an alternate high school diploma.

HB 565

AN ACT relating to fire protection.

Amends KRS 227.331 to define "fire protection official"; require that anyone who violates any administrative regulation, emergency order, or final order of the fire protection official be subject to an administrative fine or suspension or revocation of certificate of authority, occupancy, or other license or permit; authorize the fire protection official to enforce proper orders of or taken by the fire protection official in Circuit Court; and require that all actions for enforcement, recovery of administrative fines, and injunctive relief for violations be brought in the name of the fire protection official.

HB 566

AN ACT relating to judicial sales.

Amends KRS 426.522 to change the auctioneer's fee structure for judicial sales; allow real property to be sold at another location in the county in which the property is located if the auctioneer determines that is the best location to conduct the sale; require nonforeclosure sales to be conducted in a manner agreed to by the master commissioner or plaintiff and the auctioneer; amends KRS 382.110 to establish that a municipal government may initiate a cause of action to compel the filing of a commissioner's deed if more than 30 business days have passed since the grantee's receipt of the deed from the commissioner; establish available relief; and make technical corrections.

HB 568

AN ACT relating to public protection and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 304.9-020 to modify definitions; amends KRS 304.9-430 and 304.9-432 to prohibit the issuing of public adjuster licenses and apprentice public adjuster licenses for a period of 2 years; allow existing temporary or apprentice adjuster licensees to apply for and be issued a public adjuster license; amends KRS 304.9-433 to prohibit a public adjuster from providing services until the required rescission period has concluded; establish information to be included in contracts between a public adjuster and an insured; require a public adjuster to provide a physical copy of the contract to the insured and insurer; modify the required rescission period for contracts between a public adjuster and an insured; provide that contracts in violation of KRS Chapter 304 are not enforceable; amends KRS 304.9-4331 to prohibit a public adjuster from being affiliated with an entity or person that obtains business in connection with a claim, utilizing a contractor, another form of business, or other person to solicit or obtain contract signatures; prohibit a public adjuster from negotiating with an insurer on behalf of an insured for a period of 2 years; amends KRS 304.9-4332 to require a public adjuster to provide an insured with a receipt of deposit within

3 business days; amends KRS 304.9-4333 to modify fees that may be charged by a public adjuster; amends KRS 304.9-440 to require the commissioner to take certain regulatory actions against an adjuster or apprentice licensee under certain conditions; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 367 to apply Consumer Protection Act remedies, powers, and duties to violations of public adjuster trade practice requirements; amends various statutes to conform; amends KRS 196.026, relating to organizational units of the Department of Corrections, to establish the Division of Central Kentucky Medical Correctional Complex within the Department of Corrections Office of Adult Institutions; amends KRS 342.908, relating to self-insurance guaranty funds, to define terms; require the amount of the annual special fund assessment imposed upon a member to be retained by the member fund and paid to the credit of the group fund for the purpose of satisfying the group fund's outstanding workers' compensation claims for calendar years beginning January 1, 2027, and January 1, 2028; require the member fund to pay the amounts of its annual special fund assessment to the group fund on the schedule set forth in KRS 342.122(a) and (b) and require notice of the assessments paid to the Division of Workers' Compensation Funds; makes conforming and technical amendments throughout; and directs that certain sections apply to contracts entered on or after the effective date of the sections; EMERGENCY, in part.

HB 571

AN ACT relating to light pollution and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 176 to define terms; require the Transportation Cabinet to fully shield outdoor lights encroaching on agricultural land; and allow an owner of agricultural land to submit a written complaint to the cabinet; EMERGENCY.

HB 576

AN ACT relating to workforce investment.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 154.12 to establish the Kentucky Talent Recruitment Grant Program under the Cabinet for Economic Development; define terms; establish the duties of the cabinet in implementation of the program subject to approval of the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority; establish eligible grant applicants' duties and program reporting requirements; and establish the Kentucky Talent Recruitment Grant Program fund.

HB 577

AN ACT relating to economic development.

Amends KRS 154.12-305 to change the Kentucky Innovation and Commercialization Center program to the Kentucky Entrepreneurship and Innovation Hub Program; add strategies to achieve the program's goal; amends KRS 154.12-300 to define terms relating to the program; amends KRS 154.12-310 to conform; amends KRS 164.6011 to include definitions of "early-stage company" and "high-growth company" in the Kentucky Innovation Act; amends KRS 164.6019 to provide that moneys received in the Kentucky enterprise fund may be subject to restrictions imposed by the contributing entity and subject to approval by the Cabinet for Economic Development; amends KRS 164.6021 to declare that a purpose of the Kentucky enterprise fund is to attract, recruit, and support early-stage and high-growth companies to locate, relocate, or establish a presence in the Commonwealth; amends KRS 164.6023 to allow companies based outside of Kentucky to be eligible by becoming a Kentucky-based company within 180 days after certification authorizing funding; amends KRS 154.20-234 to allow a pass-through entity to qualify for participation in the Angel Investor Program; and amends KRS 154.20-254 to conform.

HB 600

AN ACT relating to the collection of delinquent tax bills.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 68 to establish that a county may enforce the collection of any tax bill due to the county by the procedure authorized in KRS 91.481 to 91.527, subject to the statute of limitations in KRS 134.546; amends KRS 134.504 to allow a county attorney to determine whether to proceed to enforce the collection of a certificate of delinquency by the procedure authorized in KRS 91.481 to 91.527; amends KRS 134.504 to establish alternative attorney's fees available to county attorneys arising from the prosecution of a certificate of delinquency; amends various sections of KRS Chapter 91 to make technical corrections; and amends KRS 92.810 to conform.

HB 607

AN ACT relating to consolidated local governments.

Amends KRS 65.003, relating to local government ethics codes, to specify the composition of the group responsible for the enforcement of the ethics code in a consolidated local government; allow the group to procure the services of an attorney through the county attorney's office; amends KRS 67C.103 to place controls on council district formation and redistricting; prohibit the council from not accepting legislation with specified form requirements of KRS 83A.060; allow the consolidated local government council, or either of the 2 major political caucuses, to hire or retain legal counsel; allow the consolidated local government council to override regulations issued by local health boards and local solid waste management boards operating under KRS Chapter 109 or 212 that apply to individuals residing or businesses operating within the jurisdiction of the consolidated local government within 45 days of issuance; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 67C to require an office of internal audit to be created and headed by a chief audit executive who is appointed; amends KRS 67C.115 and 69.210 to conform; amends KRS 67C.111 to set additional controls and procedures for the submission of a petition for incorporation or annexation; amends KRS 67C.147 to allow the consolidated local government council to sub-classify property into land and improvements for purposes of levying the ad valorem tax within the area formerly comprising the city of the first class; establish controls on the calculation of the compensating tax rate and the 4% tax rate, and the application of the homestead exemption; outlines the transition of presently serving ethics commission members; and outlines the transition from the current chief audit executive to the appointed position.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

HB 611

AN ACT relating to domestic relations.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 508 to provide that a judgment of conviction for assault in the first degree or assault in the second degree or a felony criminal attempt, conspiracy, facilitation, or solicitation to commit assault in the first degree or assault in the second degree shall operate as an application for an order of protection under KRS Chapter 403 or as an interpersonal protective order under KRS Chapter 456 if the relationship between the defendant and the victim meets the definition of a family member or member of an unmarried couple or dating relationship; amends KRS 209A.122 to require the Department of Kentucky State Police to provide all statistical information from all JC-3 forms and all fields on a JC-3 form, relating to domestic violence and abuse and dating violence and abuse; remove the number of orders of protection in LINK; require

the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide information regarding whether parties to a petition for an order of protection were represented by legal counsel or guardians ad litem; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to provide the Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center with the number of reports of substantiated child dependency, neglect, or abuse with family violence as a factor; make technical corrections; and amends KRS 15A.190 to require JC-3 forms to be electronic.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 619

AN ACT relating to public postsecondary education.

Amends KRS 164.321 to increase the membership of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) board of regents to a total of 17; reduce the term length of appointed members of the KCTCS board of regents to 4 years; establish eligibility requirements for the KCTCS board of regents; prohibit the nonteaching member of a board of regents from being an employee who supervises more than 2 employees or reports directly to the president; allow a member of a board of regents to be removed if the member does not attend 3 consecutive regularly scheduled meetings and the president requests the member's removal; provide cause for the Governor to remove all appointed board members; amends KRS 164.350 to authorize the board of the KCTCS to review the president's biennial budget and the budget planning and implementation processes; require the KCTCS board of regents to adopt policy setting the qualifications of the president of the system and the chancellors of the colleges; amends KRS 164.580 to set forth the responsibilities of the president of the KCTCS; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to require the president of the KCTCS to employ a chief financial officer; specify the responsibilities of the chief financial officer; amends KRS 164.583 to create requirements for the KCTCS when approving the offering of a new accredited program that requires dedicated general fund appropriations; amends KRS 164.591 to require the president of the KCTCS to present a plan for review and approval by the board of regents when considering the creation or expansion of any college or campus requiring an appropriation by the General Assembly; require the KCTCS to submit the proposed plan and a report on the plan to the appropriate committees of the General Assembly; require the KCTCS to submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the appropriate committees regarding the properties utilized by the KCTCS; amend KRS 164.600 to define "campus" and "chancellor"; specify the responsibilities of the chancellor of each college; amends various statutes to conform; amends KRS 164.7011 to include a certified public postsecondary pilot school regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration in the definition of "aviation program"; repeals KRS 164.586, 164.587, 164.594, 164.602, and 164.5833; provides for staggering initial terms for KCTCS appointments; and makes technical corrections throughout.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

HB 622

AN ACT relating to roads and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 179 to define "chip seal" and "reclaimed asphalt pavement" or "RAP"; require the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid to establish a pilot project starting on July 1, 2026, and continuing to June 30, 2030, to evaluate the efficacy of chip seal pavement and RAP on gravel county roads; limit the amount of county road aid funds a county may use to use chip seal or RAP on county roads in any year; require the Department of Rural and Municipal Aid to report annually to the Legislative Research Commission on the use of chip seal pavement and RAP on gravel county roads; set forth required elements of the report; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 176 to prohibit the Transportation Cabinet from restricting the use of recycled asphalt on state highways, provided the asphalt mixture meets established performance standards; and require the Transportation Cabinet to report annually on the use of RAP as opposed to traditional asphalt on state highways; EMERGENCY; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2026.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 627

AN ACT relating to insurance.

Amends KRS 304.39-020, relating to personal injury protection benefits, to modify requirements for certain medical expenses paid by a reparation obligor; amends KRS 304.39-130 to increase the allowable weekly reimbursement for work loss and other loss from \$200 to \$500; amends KRS 304.39-210 to establish requirements for a reparation obligor paying medical expenses and a person submitting and collecting medical expenses; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 15 to provide the Attorney General with concurrent jurisdiction in the investigation and prosecution of offenses under KRS 304.47-020; amends KRS 304.47-020 to conform and require certain referrals to the commissioner of the Department of Insurance (commissioner); creates a new section of Subtitle 47 of KRS Chapter 304 to require the commissioner to publish an annual insurance fraud report; and directs that certain provisions apply to basic and added reparation benefits issued or renewed on or after the effective date of the Act.

HB 642

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System.

Amends KRS 161.520 to remove the requirement for dependent children over the age of 18 to have their mental or physical condition approved by a majority of a medical review committee to receive survivor benefits; amends KRS 161.605 to raise the minimum amount a retired reemployed member may earn per day from \$170 to \$200; remove alternative separation from service provisions; reinstate the pension waiver program and establish a 10% cap on the amount a participant can increase their retirement benefit by per year; amends KRS 161.608 to require the Teachers' Retirement System to use a member's earliest participation date in another state-administered retirement system to determine benefit tier; and amends KRS 161.620 to allow a member who is a parent to apply for and manage payments to a disabled child without necessity of a court order or other legal authority.

HB 647

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

Amends KRS 154.14-020 to include the United States Department of Justice and the United States Department of Defense as qualifying federal entities; amends KRS 154.14-030 to extend the sunset date of the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation Program from December 31, 2026, to December 31, 2028; amends KRS 154.14-040 to increase the possible extension of a project from 6 months to 12 months and require grant application submissions to be made no later than 90 days after the applicant's federal grant submission; amends KRS 154.14-050 to increase local matching funds percentages for applications submitted on or after July 1, 2026; and amends KRS 154.14-070 to make technical changes; EMERGENCY.

HB 648

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle dealers.

Amends KRS 190.046 to establish conditions for reimbursement of motor vehicle dealers by manufacturers, component manufacturers, and distributors for parts and warranty or recall work on motor vehicles with a classification of 7 or higher as established in 49 C.F.R. sec. 565.15; define "component manufacturer"; and expand the time frame for a dealer to submit a claim for warranty work from 30 days to 90 days.

HB 651

AN ACT relating to public water and wastewater systems and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 224A.320 to require that eligible funding recipients for the Kentucky Water and Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems (WWATERS) Program meet 3 or more of the specified eligibility criteria instead of 1; exclude projects that expand the utility service of funding applicants from the definition of "eligible project"; require that a funding application include a detailed budget for all proposed project expenses; require that depreciation plans be included in the detailed budget; require that a funding application for a capital project include cost and timeline estimates; allow the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority board to evaluate and score funding applications for proposed projects in phases; require approved eligible funding recipients to adopt best management practices that would address the performance deficiencies that made the applicant eligible for funding; remove the funding evaluation criteria categories of current accounts payable turnover ratio and current days' sales in accounts receivable ratio; remove the requirement from the evaluation criteria that the applicant's receipt of a notice of violation of drinking water or other water quality standards occur in the past year; add to the funding eligibility criteria that the funding applicant can demonstrate that the amount of stormwater inflow and groundwater infiltration entering the funding applicant's system seriously impairs its effectiveness; add to the funding evaluation criteria that the funding applicant can demonstrate that the estimated costs are comparable to actual costs incurred for similar projects; add to the funding evaluation criteria that the funding applicant previously received funding through the program for a prior phase of the proposed project; add to the funding evaluation criteria that for a capital construction project a licensed professional engineer reviewed the application; and require that in the evaluation of the funding applications, the board separately score and individually rank all eligible projects, with additional consideration given to projects that provide or restore safe water or wastewater utility service; EMERGENCY.

HB 652

AN ACT relating to critical facility mapping and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 158.4433 to require the Kentucky 911 Services Board to administer the School Mapping Data Program; specify responsibility for mapping data accuracy walk-throughs; and amends KRS 65.7629 and 158.442 to conform; EMERGENCY.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

HB 657

AN ACT relating to professional licensing background checks.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 319, 319A, 334A, 335.010 to 335.160, and 335.500 to 335.599, relating to psychologists, occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists and audiologists, social workers, and professional counselors, to require a national and state background check for applicants seeking an initial license, reinstatement of a license, or authorization to practice in another state in accordance with a compact; provide that the results of a national and state criminal background check shall not be distributed by the boards except to any applicant upon request or under seal as evidence in a legal proceeding that involves a challenge to any disciplinary action taken by the board based on information contained in the results; provide that the fee charged by the Department of Kentucky State Police shall be an amount no greater than the actual cost of processing the request and conducting the background check; require the boards to review criminal background checks for every Kentucky licensee seeking to practice in another state before the board makes a determination on whether the person is eligible to apply for compact privileges; provide that boards shall not require a criminal background check solely for the purpose of renewing a license; and require boards to promulgate administrative regulations to implement this Act.

HB 669

AN ACT relating to child welfare.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 605 to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to determine whether each child in the cabinet's care and custody is receiving or eligible for earned federal benefits administered by the United States Social Security Administration or the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, including survivor or dependent benefits; require the cabinet to establish a program to be called the Success Sequence Savings and Disbursement Plan; require a child to complete a cabinet-approved financial literacy or savings readiness program before accessing a portion of conserved benefits; and require the promulgation of administrative regulations to implement the new requirements.

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

HB 676

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky statewide health data utility.

Directs the staff of the Legislative Research Commission (Commission) to conduct a study on the development of a Kentucky statewide health data utility; provides authority to the Commission in carrying out the study; and requires a written report be submitted to the Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services by December 1, 2026.

STUDY DIRECTED

HB 677

AN ACT relating to energy production and byproduct management.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 353 to establish the purposes of the Act; define terms; require and specify the types of permits required before constructing or operating a carbon dioxide facility; exempt enhanced oil or gas recovery under KRS 353.592; require any oil, natural gas, or coalbed methane well converted to a carbon dioxide sequestration well to be governed by this Act; set forth the requirements and process to obtain a Class VI underground injection control permit; require permit fees to be put in the carbon dioxide sequestration facility administrative fund; set forth a process for commercially valuable minerals; require the consent of owners of pore space for an administratively complete application; specify when the Energy and Environment Cabinet can begin technical review of the application; require financial responsibility sufficient to cover specific activities and cabinet review of financial responsibility annually; provide that the cabinet's determination is considered final; allow for the adjustment of financial responsibility based on adjustments in cost estimates; list the type of financial instruments which can be used as qualifying financial responsibility instruments; authorize the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations for financial responsibility; prohibit the approval or transfer of a permit to an operator for conditions specified and allow eligibility after an applicant, operator, or control person takes certain remedial actions; identify reasons why the cabinet shall deny an application for a permit; authorize the cabinet to restore applicant eligibility for permit under specific grounds and circumstances; require cabinet approval for a transfer of a permit and require rights and liabilities to pass to the new transferee; require periodic review of permits; prescribe the notice and comment requirements for a Class VI permit; delineate the cabinet's actions for applications that are complete and incomplete; establish requirements to maintain the integrity of carbon sequestration wells and notification of affected parties when activities occur on the well site; provide a mechanism of redress for parties that are not in agreement over activities on the well site; specify the requirements for plugging and abandoning a Class VI well or monitoring well; authorize the secretary of the Energy and Environment Cabinet to enter into cooperative agreements; specify the requirements for a completion certificate issued by the Energy and Environment Cabinet after demonstrating compliance for 50 years or another time frame designated by the cabinet, along with notice and a public hearing; require ownership of the stored carbon dioxide to be transferred to the Commonwealth as of the effective date of a completion certificate; establish that both pore and surface owners are held harmless from liability, unless the pore space owner or surface owner caused or contributed to migration or release of stored carbon dioxide; establish a carbon dioxide sequestration facility administrative fund; specify the moneys to be placed into the fund and the purposes and use of the fund; establish an application fee to be paid to the carbon dioxide sequestration facility administrative fund and authorize the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations for a fee schedule; establish a carbon dioxide sequestration facility trust fund; specify the purposes and use of moneys in the fund; require sequestration operators to pay a fee on each ton of carbon dioxide sequestered and have the fees remitted to the carbon dioxide sequestration facility trust fund; require the cabinet to prepare an annual report on the Class VI underground injection control permit and the carbon dioxide sequestration facility trust fund; establish that the report is due December 31 of each year beginning with the receipt of the first application for an underground injection control permit; require the Energy and Environment Cabinet to certify the amount of carbon dioxide sequestered by each permittee and allow amounts sequestered to be used for a carbon dioxide credits, allowances, trading, emissions allocations, or offsets; prohibit the altering of legal rights or relationships of severed mineral estates and pore space owners in

common law; specify methods for nonconsenting owners; allow for the cabinet to make a determination on missing or nonconsenting pore space owners for a sequestration facility and notice for a pooling order; require the applicant to pay the cost of the administrative hearing with a pooling order; establish notice for a pooling order and the compensation of owners; establish requirements for a seismic survey of lands; require the sequestration operator to deposit funds for unknown or missing pore space owners and allow funds to be moved to the carbon dioxide sequestration facility trust fund after 7 years; create a severability clause; establish violations and penalties; require notice and service for violations and establish courts with jurisdiction and a requirement for a stay of notice and administrative hearing; authorize the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to develop a regulatory program for the administration of the underground injection control program; amends KRS 278.704 to provide for minimum setback distances for proposed merchant electric structures used in connection with the generation, transmission, or storage of electricity; prohibit the construction of a merchant electric wind turbine with a maximum height that exceeds 350 feet, subject to local primacy; provide that the minimum merchant electric decommissioning bond amount is not subject to local primacy; amends KRS 278.706 to provide that changes to minimum decommissioning plan requirements can only be made by agreement of the current landowner at the time of decommissioning; require that the minimum decommissioning bond amount is the greater of the estimated cost of decommissioning or the bond amount set by local government; require that as part of an application for a construction certificate for a wind merchant electric generating facility the applicant shall certify that the wind facility will not be artificially lit and that shadowing and flicker impacts will be mitigated; provide that the entity carrying out the decommissioning plan be entitled to the proceeds from any salvage material recovered; amends KRS 278.710 to provide that as part of the criteria for the approval of a wind merchant electric generating facility's construction certificate, the board shall consider whether the applicant will comply with its required certifications regarding lighting, shadowing, and flicker impacts; require that discarded or replaced wind turbine components of a merchant electric generating facility be removed within 90 days of completion of the replacement; amends various statutes to conform; and repeals various statutes, relating to geologic storage of carbon dioxide.

HB 689

AN ACT relating to the establishment of a Medicaid state-directed payment program.

Amends KRS 205.6412 to require the Department for Medicaid Services to seek authorization for the United States Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to implement a state-directed payment program for physician and nonphysician professional services provided to a Medicaid beneficiary by a qualifying hospital's affiliated physician groups or physicians and other professionals employed or contracted by the qualifying hospital; require the Department for Medicaid Services to terminate the state-directed payment program if an appropriate source of funding for the state match becomes unavailable; establish that the state shall not be liable for providing any reimbursement to the federal government and that qualifying hospitals shall be liable for all reimbursements that may be sought by the federal government; and requires the Department for Medicaid Services to direct Medicaid managed care organizations to issue payments back to January 1, 2026, upon federal approval; RETROACTIVE.

HB 692

AN ACT relating to data privacy.

Amends KRS 367.3611, relating to the Kentucky Consumer Data Protection Act, to define "automatic content recognition data" and "smart monitor"; and amends KRS 367.3617 to prohibit controllers from collecting automatic content recognition data without a consumer's consent; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2027.

HB 727

AN ACT relating to education and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 161.028 to authorize the Education Professional Standards Board to use proceeds from certification fees for the development and maintenance of the Kentucky Educator Placement Service System (KEPS); amends KRS 160.152 to require KEPS to allow a potential applicant to create and submit applications to multiple school districts or public charter schools; amends KRS 161.030 to require the Education Professional Standards Board to issue a 5-year teaching certificate to eligible applicants; amends KRS 157.220 to require the Kentucky Department of Education (department) to promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with the maximum class sizes and caseloads specified for exceptional children and youth; amends KRS 157.200 to define "caseload" and "special classes"; amends various statutes to conform; amends KRS 156.029 to rotate nonvoting member appointments of the Kentucky Board of Education by Supreme Court district instead of congressional district; provide that the nonvoting student member on the state board shall be classified as a sophomore at the time of appointment; amends KRS 156.160, 156.670, 157.615, and 157.655 to remove references to the Council for Education Technology and place the council's responsibilities with the department; amends KRS 156.802 to direct that the department have administrative responsibility for the Kentucky FFA Leadership Training Center; amends KRS 156.161 to provide that certain school district facility project waivers shall not expire unless the Kentucky Board of Education provides for expiration when granting the waiver; require the state board to consider waivers no later than 30 calendar days after submission; amends KRS 157.360 to provide for a temporary exemption from maximum class sizes; require the state board to review the exemption issued by the department within 45 business days; amends KRS 160.180 to require that the annual in-service trainings for school board members include ethics, open meetings and open records, and finance training; create additional training timeline requirements for board members who begin their initial service on or after January 1, 2015, and require 1 hour of superintendent evaluation training for those members; direct the Kentucky Board of Education to identify criteria for school board members to fulfill all training requirements; amends KRS 160.160 to direct each board of education to review the procedures and responsibilities of board and district employees regarding the school district budget; establish that the review will not count toward annual in-service training requirements; amends KRS 156.808 to require the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations governing maternity leave for certified and equivalent staff in the Office of Career and Technical Education; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 157 to allow for an adjustment to support education excellence in Kentucky (SEEK) program funding if the impact of amended real and personal property is equal to or greater than 1% of a school district's net general fund allotment; amends KRS 160.380 to remove superintendents' annual reporting requirement on a district's minority teacher recruitment process; amends KRS 158.1413 to remove superintendents' reporting requirement on school districts' essential workplace ethics programs; amends KRS 158.647 to allow the Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee to temporarily

authorize the department and Kentucky Board of Education to require a new report not expressly authorized by state statute or federal law when the General Assembly is not in session; provide that temporary authorization expires upon sine die adjournment of the following regular session; repeals KRS 156.660, relating to definitions, 156.690, relating to teachers' computer purchase system, 157.077, relating to summer programs, 158.865, relating to legislative findings, 158.866, relating to definitions, and 158.867, relating to minimum requirements for summer learning camps; authorizes the department and Kentucky Board of Education to continue to collect designated existing reports; provides procedures for the initial appointment of the nonvoting teacher and student representatives representing Supreme Court districts; and makes technical corrections throughout; EMERGENCY; EFFECTIVE, in part, July 1, 2026.

HB 757

AN ACT relating to revenue measures and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 139.340 to provide that a taxable service provided in this state is considered to be used in this state; redefine the sales and use tax nexus standard for remote retailers and marketplace providers; amends KRS 131.383 and 141.044 to allow the Department of Revenue to refund estimated tax payments submitted in error without requiring the filing of tax returns; amends KRS 96.895 to require reporting by the Department for Local Government to the Legislative Research Commission related to the Tennessee Valley Act in lieu of tax payments; amends KRS 154.30-030 to sunset the tax increment financing state-participation programs; allow projects approved prior to the sunset date to continue to be governed in accordance with the tax incentive agreement's terms and conditions; prohibit amendments or extensions to tax incentive agreements; amends KRS 141.010 to conform to the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) in effect on December 31, 2025, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026; amends 141.019 and 141.039 to decouple from certain IRC provisions; delay the deferred tax deduction until January 1, 2028; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 138 to define terms; impose an excise tax on fantasy contest service providers; set requirements for administering the tax; amends KRS 2.015 to prohibit persons under 21 years of age from participating in fantasy sports contests; amends KRS 139.010 to define "data brokering services"; amends KRS 139.200 to impose sales and use taxes on pay phones and data brokering services; amends KRS 139.202 to exempt certain pre-existing contracts, and lease or rental agreements, related to data brokering services from tax; amends KRS 139.470 to exempt gross receipts from sales of data brokering services by government entities from tax; amends KRS 224.50-868 to extend the fee currently imposed for each new motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer tire sold in Kentucky to July 1, 2034; amends KRS 224.50-872 to require reporting by the Energy and Environment Cabinet to the Legislative Research Commission on the waste tire trust fund; amends KRS 45.760 and 45.770 to limit the transfer of moneys for a capital project from 15% to 5%; amends KRS 45.345 and creates new sections of KRS Chapters 65, 160, and 367 to establish rounding guidelines for cash transactions; amends KRS 139.210 to prohibit retailers from being relieved of their responsibility to collect the correct amount of sales tax regardless of the purchaser's payment method; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to define terms in relation to regional industrial development districts; amends KRS 65.302 to expand the purposes for creating the district; require all cities, which are a part of the interlocal agreement, to agree upon the occupational license fee rate to be imposed within the district; allow stacking of occupational license fees within the district, but subject city and county occupational license fees to crediting requirements; allow the occupational license fee revenues to be distributed as set out in the interlocal agreement; allow wage assessments to be imposed in the district and sets

requirements for expiration of the wage assessments; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 65 to require reporting to the Department for Local Government and the Legislative Research Commission; require notification to all local governments with territory in the boundaries of the multicounty region before an interlocal agreement is executed; prohibit inclusion of any portion of a city as part of the district if that city has not consented to participation; allow the district to be a county industrial district under KRS 81A.532 to 81A.536 upon the enactment of an ordinance; amends KRS 143A.030 to tax fluorspar as a natural resource; amends KRS 143A.010 to add fluorspar to the definition of "natural resources"; amends KRS 140.160 to extend the deadlines for filing an inheritance tax return for deaths on or after July 1, 2026; amends KRS 140.210 to extend the due date for payment of tax and receiving a discount; amends KRS 134.490 to modify notification requirements for third-party purchasers of delinquent taxes; amends KRS 138.130 to define "premium cigar" and amend the definitions of "distributor" and "vending machine operator"; amends KRS 138.140 to tax premium cigars at the rate of 6% of the actual price; amends KRS 138.195 to require a vending machine operator to secure a license for dispensing tobacco products and vapor products in vending machines; amends KRS 141.0205 to order income tax credits; amends KRS 131.190 to allow the Department of Revenue to report on certain credits to the Legislative Research Commission; amends KRS 160.6131 to impose the utility gross receipts license tax on the furnishing of pay phone service; amends KRS 139.538 to sunset sales and use tax exemptions for filming and producing motion pictures in this state as of July 1, 2030; modify reporting requirements; amends KRS 132.096, 139.480, and 141.0401 to delete tax exemptions for property certified as a fluidized bed energy production facility; amends KRS 139.481 to extend the agricultural exemption license number for sales and use taxes; amends KRS 141.065 to sunset the credit for hiring unemployed persons as of January 1, 2028; amends KRS 141.412 and 141.0101 to sunset the qualified farming operation credit as of January 1, 2028; amends KRS 151B.402 to sunset the employer High School Equivalency Diploma program incentive credit as of January 1, 2028; amends various statutes to require reporting by the Department of Revenue to the Legislative Research Commission on certain credits; amends KRS 171.396 to define "affordable," "commercial residential property," and "median family income"; allocate 15% of the certified rehabilitation credit cap to owner-occupied residential property and 85% to all other property; amends KRS 171.397 to sunset the current application process; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 171 to apply the certified rehabilitation credit to insurance premium taxes; establish 2 application rounds by which the credit may be applied; set a \$50,000,000 cap for each application round; allow a portion of the surplus credits to roll to the next application round; allow credit based on 30% of the qualified rehabilitation expenses if the commercial residential property is affordable to households earning 80% of the median family income or less; allow surplus credits in the owner-occupied residential property or commercial property pools to be used interchangeably; establish a penalty equal to the credit amount if the taxpayer performs disqualifying work or fails to maintain affordability standards for 5 years; creates a new section of KRS 198A to require the Kentucky Heritage Council and Kentucky Housing Corporation to collaborate on the administration of the credit; amends KRS 441.135 to require compensation received from disposal of property that was purchased from a jail canteen account to be returned to the canteen account; require jailers to report proceeds to the Legislative Research Commission; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 224A to require an administrative fee of 0.5% to be paid for each project funded by the infrastructure for economic development fund for coal-producing counties and the infrastructure for economic development fund for tobacco counties; amends KRS 43.050 to require certain audit expenses, including a required audit of federal funds, to be paid by the agency being audited; amends KRS

18A.080 to require the Personnel Board to assess executive branch agencies for the operation of the Personnel Board; require the assessed amount to be determined and collected by Finance and Administration Cabinet based on the number of full-time employees of each agency on July 1; amends KRS 151.723 to prohibit state and local taxes on water withdrawal fees; amends KRS 304.17B-021 to require insurance premium and retaliatory taxes for accident and health and insurance premiums to be deposited into the general fund; amends KRS 11.068 to require the Office of State Budget Director to publish on its website by September 1 of each year an estimate of general fund and road fund revenue loss from tax expenditures; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 16 to require billing of Kentucky State Police security services provided to nonstate-operated events; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 138 to impose a new excise tax on prediction market operators; set requirements for administering the tax; establish officer's liability for fantasy contest service providers and prediction market operators; amends KRS 132.017 to require the petition committee challenge information be published on the home page of the county clerk's website; amends KRS 160.470 to increase the publication requirements when a local board of education proposes to levy a general tax rate; amends KRS 160.473 to prohibit a personal property tax rate levied by a local board of education to be higher than the rate levied on January 1, 2028; amends KRS 160.607 to increase the county population threshold from 300,000 to 500,000 for a school district to impose a tax rate that exceeds the maximum occupational license tax rate by 0.25%; prohibit an occupational license tax from being imposed in a school district that does not currently have one imposed as of January 1, 2027; prohibit an occupational license tax rate levied for a school district to increase on or after January 1, 2027; amends KRS 157.621 to require the equalization of equivalent tax rates levied prior to January 1, 2026, and require equalization funds to terminate upon the earlier of 20 years or the date the bonds supported by the funding are retired; disallow equalization for equivalent tax rates levied on or after January 1, 2026; require reporting by the Kentucky Department of Education to the Legislative Research Commission on equivalent tax rate levies and related bonds and debt service; amends KRS 11A.211 to increase the registration fee for each employer of 1 or more executive agency lobbyist and real party in interest from \$500 to \$750; creates a new section of KRS 363.510 to 363.850 to require an electric vehicle power dealer to obtain a retail electric charging license before operating an electric vehicle charging station; require the department to impose an annual license fee of \$100 per electric vehicle charging port located at an electric vehicle charging station; establish the retail electric vehicle charging station license fund; require the Department of Agriculture to inspect each licensed electric vehicle charging station at least once every 2 years; require the inspection to be made using the standards in the current edition of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Handbook 44 or other applicable standards relating to specified criteria; exempt certain electric vehicle charging stations; amends KRS 363.510 to define terms; amends KRS 138.477 to include a person who receives the payment for the charges for power distributed through an electric vehicle charging station within the definition of "electric vehicle power dealer"; amends KRS 138.446 to remove taxicab companies' ability to receive a refund of the motor fuels tax paid on motor fuels used in their regularly scheduled operations in Kentucky; amends KRS 138.210 to define "cellulosic ethanol," "ethanol," "ethanol flex fuel," and "fuel grade ethanol" and include fuel grade ethanol in the definition of "gasoline"; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 246 to establish the Friends of Kentucky Agriculture fund; amends KRS 186.162 to establish that a portion of the initial and renewal fee for a Kentucky National Guard plate is dedicated to the National Guard Association of Kentucky and that a portion of the initial and renewal fee for a Friends of Kentucky Agriculture plate is dedicated to the Friends of Kentucky Agriculture fund; amends KRS 186.164

to set a \$200,000 threshold for auditing groups receiving funds from special license plate fees; require reporting by groups receiving funds from special license plate fees; amends KRS 143.022 to extend the allowance of coal severance tax refunds related to coal transported directly to a market outside of North America; allow additional refunds for coal exported out of the United States, but still within North America; establish a 2.5 M tonnage cap for the additional refunds; require reporting to the Legislative Research Commission relating to the refunds; amends KRS 278.130 to increase the Public Service Commission assessment from 2 mills to 0.23% of intrastate receipts; amends KRS 278.150 to remove the Finance and Administration Cabinet's authority to set the assessment rate; amends KRS 117.322 to require an intent to deceive or mislead for a cause of action relating to changes in the content of an electioneering communication; amends KRS 154.30-010 to extend the sunset date to the year 2048 for modified new revenues for income tax and reduce the modifier; amends KRS 132.380 to require the Department of Revenue to continuously hold the property valuation administrator examination when there is not a qualified candidate before the filing deadline for the primary election until 2 people for a county are certified or 30 days prior to the certification of candidates for the regular election; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 211, 194A, and 224A to create various funds; amends KRS 196.288 to remove the cost savings calculations for the local corrections assistance fund; require \$4,630,200 to go to the local corrections assistance fund and \$16,383,500 to go to several substance abuse treatment programs, the Department of Public Advocacy for funding the Social Worker Program, and the Prosecutors Advisory Council for rocket docket prosecutions in controlled substance cases; amends KRS 441.207 to require moneys in the local corrections assistance fund to be distributed to counties each year to support local correctional facilities and programs, including transporting of prisoners; requires the first \$3,000,000 to be divided equally among the counties and any amount above that to be distributed based on county inmate population; amends KRS 217.2202 and 217.2207 to prohibit the distribution, dispensing, selling, preparing, manufacturing, or making available for sale kratom, kratom extract, or kratom product and sets penalties for violation; amends KRS 139.495 to define "educational or charitable institution" and "religious institution"; exempt purchases and sales of tangible personal property, digital property, or services made by qualifying religious institutions from state sales and use taxes; amends KRS 132.195 to exempt leasehold interests in real property owned by Kentucky Housing Corporation and leasehold interests in public-private partnerships projects or property developed, acquired, or leased in accordance with public-private partnership agreements executed by a state contract or local government; amends KRS 65.494 to require a new development area to exist for 30 years; allow a new development area to be extended 25 years to accommodate a pilot program term; set requirements on contracts regarding the application of increment derived from the new development area; require amendments of projects for an existing development and any negotiation or agreement made related to an existing development area or new development area to be approved by Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority; amends KRS 141.438 to increase the tax credit cap from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 on or after July 1, 2026; amends KRS 278.010 to exempt "municipal interlocal gas utility" from the definition of "utility"; define "municipal interlocal gas utility"; amends KRS 65.230 to define "municipal interlocal gas utility"; creates a new section of KRS 65.210 to 65.300 to require the governing body of a municipal interlocal gas utility to include 1 nonmember ex officio representative of each county and city government in the Commonwealth; prohibit municipal interlocal gas utilities from serving residential customers and provide exceptions; amends KRS 65.240 to allow public agencies to enter into agreements to acquire natural gas facilities outside of its municipal jurisdictional

boundaries; amends KRS 96.5375 to allow municipal interlocal gas utilities to extend or construct natural gas systems outside the constituent city's boundaries; amends KRS 164.2847 to require a waiver of tuition and fees for any undergraduate or graduate program of a Kentucky public postsecondary institution for a student who was adjudicated dependent, neglected or abused under KRS Chapter 620, removed from parental custody, and subsequently adopted by a relative; amends KRS 154.32-010, relating to the Kentucky Business Investment Program, to add laboratory equipment, computer servers, software, capitalized leases, and leasehold improvements directly related to research and development, headquarters, high-technology operations, or service sector facilities to the definitions of "eligible costs" and "start-up costs"; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 11 to require the state curator to accept a statute, monument, or object to art that is privately funded and created depicting or representing United States Senator Addison Mitchell McConnell for display in the New State Capitol rotunda; require the Historic Properties Advisory Commission to reserve a spot in the rotunda for the display; authorize the installation and permanent display by the General Assembly; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 139 to define terms; establish a sales tax incentive related to professional sporting events equal to 100% of the tax collected from the sale of admissions, tangible personal property, and services related to the qualifying attraction; establish requirements for applying for the tax incentive; require annual reporting by the Department of Revenue on qualifying attractions receiving the tax incentive; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 171 to establish an income tax credit for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027, but before January 1, 2031, for the certified rehabilitation of a certified historic structure containing at least 25 stories and total qualified rehabilitation expenses exceeding \$150,000,000 for the taxable year; cap the credit at \$40,000,000; apply the requirements from the certified rehabilitation credit to this credit, but exclude it from the maximum credit amounts; allows a governing board of a postsecondary institution to sell or dispose of real property purchased with capital construction funds or equipment or state funds; requires reporting of property sold or disposed; requires proceeds to be designated by the postsecondary institution on a proportionate basis based on funding sources used for the acquisition and maintenance of the real property or equipment sold; requires school districts receiving urgent needs school allotments to reimburse the Commonwealth when funds are received for the original facility as a result of litigation or insurance; requires the Legislative Research Commission to study the taxation structure of depository financial institutions; amends various statutes throughout to conform; makes technical changes throughout; and repeals various statutes; RETROACTIVE, in part to January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2026; EMERGENCY; EFFECTIVE, in part, August 1, 2026, July 1, 2026, and January 1, 2027.

MANDATED REPORT

STUDY DIRECTED

VETOED IN PART

OVERRIDDEN

HB 762

AN ACT relating to the criminal justice system.

Amends KRS 31.010 and 31.020 to make technical corrections; amends KRS 31.030 to require the Department of Public Advocacy to file an annual report with the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary, informing the public of the work of all divisions of the department; amends KRS 31.110 to require the Department to provide legal representation to a person who is accused of being in contempt of court for noncompliance

with a court-ordered obligation only when the obligation arises out of a criminal prosecution or conviction or an action or adjudication for a public or status offense; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 31 to provide that the Department of Public Advocacy shall not provide or be compelled to provide legal representation except as authorized under KRS 31.110; amends KRS 31.211 to require any attorney providing legal representation under KRS Chapter 31 to forward all information that indicates payment or reimbursement for services to the public advocate; amends KRS 31.215 to provide that any attorney providing legal representation under KRS Chapter 31 shall not accept fees for legal representation; create an exception for unsolicited gifts of de minimis value; amends KRS 31.219 to provide that any attorney providing legal representation under KRS Chapter 31 shall file a notice of appeal after trial if requested by his or her client; amends KRS 202A.121 to provide that an attorney appointed under KRS Chapter 202A shall be paid a fee fixed by the court not to exceed \$500; amends KRS 533.020 to provide the court 60 days after the expiration of any period of supervision to determine if a violation of the period of supervision has occurred and any appropriate action; require that a period of supervision shall be tolled between the issuance of a warrant for any violation of supervision to the defendant's first appearance before the court after service of the warrant; and directs the secretary of the Personnel Cabinet to work with the Department of Public Advocacy to develop and implement a new classification series for Department of Public Advocacy attorneys.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 767

AN ACT relating to emergency management and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 39A.050 to require the Division of Emergency Management to institute and maintain the Kentucky Qualification System, relating to the qualification, certification, and credentialing of professionals involved in disaster and incident management; EMERGENCY.

HB 776

AN ACT relating to health care services and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 313.010 to modify definitions; amends KRS 313.020 to alter the membership of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry (board); amends KRS 313.021 to require the board to affiliate with all testing organizations that administer qualifying examinations for licensure; require the board to purchase liability insurance for board and staff members against acts performed in good faith; amends KRS 313.022 to permit the board to designate trust and agency account funds to administer scholarships or education loan repayment assistance; amends KRS 313.035 to require the board to only recognize specialty fields approved by the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards; amends KRS 313.040 to require the board to promulgate specified administrative regulations relating to dental hygienists; clarify how a dental hygienist is required to operate in a dental practice; amends KRS 313.045 to modify conditions for dental assistants to provide services; amends KRS 313.060 to permit consent by a patient's legal representative during telehealth sessions; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 313 to establish controls over clinical settings by licensed dentists; amends KRS 313.080 to modify license and registration restrictions related to licensure and ownership titles; amends KRS 313.090 to permit the Law Enforcement Committee to offer an agreed order during complaint investigations; amends KRS 313.130 to permit the Well-being Committee to enter into contractual agreements; amends KRS 313.550 to direct employment provisions for dental laboratories operating or doing business in Kentucky; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 313 stating the chapter may be cited as the

Kentucky Dental Practice Act; amends KRS 304.17C-085 to modify the definition of "covered services" to exclude services and materials for which reimbursement would be available but for the application of the enrollee's contractual limitation of an annual maximum benefit; prohibit contractual waivers; amends various statutes to make technical corrections; and applies covered service and material provisions to contracts issued or renewed on or after the effective date of the Act; EMERGENCY, in part.

HB 778

AN ACT relating to child welfare.

Amends KRS 199.462 to prohibit an individual from being approved to provide foster care or relative caregiver services to a child, to be considered a fictive kin placement for a child, or to receive a child for adoption if the individual, or an adult or minor child living in the individual's home, is on the adult or juvenile sex offender registry; amends KRS 199.801 to require the Department for Community Based Services to have certain placement provisions for children in the custody of the state; amends KRS 600.020 to update definitions for "diversion agreement," "eligible youth," and "informal adjustment"; amends KRS 610.030 to establish which individuals shall have access to diversion agreements related to juvenile court cases; amends KRS 610.345 to add school superintendents, school directors of pupil personnel, and school resource officers to the list of individuals that a judge shall notify when a child is adjudicated guilty of an offense which classifies him or her as a youthful offender; amends KRS 620.050 to expand the list of individuals or entities that can have access to a report of suspected child abuse, neglect, or dependency; remove certain individuals and entities that could have access to files, reports, notes, photographs, records, electronic and other communications, and working papers used or developed by a children's advocacy center related to child welfare investigations; allow medical professionals to administer comprehensive urine drug screens on children when they suspect abuse or neglect; amends KRS 620.140 to expand the ability for a dependent, neglected, or abused youth to request to have his or her commitment extended or reinstated beyond the age of 18 up to the age of 21; amends KRS 620.055 to allow the child fatality and near fatality review panel to compel the attendance of members from an investigating agency to discuss cases in closed session; allow the panel to access additional data; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 211 to define and establish requirements for "plan of safe care" and "plan of safe care safety assessment response" related to substance-exposed infants; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 625 to require the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to collect certain data on involuntary termination of parental rights cases; require reporting of the data to the Legislative Research Commission; amends KRS 508.090 to define "controlled substance" and "abuse or neglect"; amends KRS 508.100, 508.110, and 508.120, related to criminal abuse or neglect, to apply to acts committed against a person under 13 years old; criminalize abuse or neglect which places a person in a situation that creates a substantial and unjustifiable risk of serious physical injury; enhance the punishment for abuse or neglect in the third degree if the victim is under 13 years old and suffered serious physical injury as a result of ingesting or inhaling a controlled substance; amends KRS 15.440 to require law enforcement agencies to possess a policies and procedures manual related to pediatric ingestion or inhalation of controlled substances; and amends various statutes to require continuing education on pediatric ingestion or inhalation of controlled substances for certain professionals.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 781

AN ACT relating to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training state plan.

Amends KRS 205.2003 to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (cabinet) to develop and implement initiatives under Kentucky's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP, Employment and Training state plan to promote improved employment outcomes and workforce participation; require the cabinet to submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission and appear before the Interim Joint Committee on Health Services regarding the program.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 816

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

Appropriates funds for the payment of claims against the Commonwealth and authorizes the payment of certain claims against the state to be made from restricted funds; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

HB 826

AN ACT relating to education.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 151B to require no less than 85% of general fund appropriations to the Office of Adult Education to be used for programs fulfilling the adult education mission and goals of the office; amends KRS 151B.403 to require a qualifying test to obtain a High School Equivalency Diploma to offer a written or paper test administration; repeals Section 15 of 2026 RS SB 4 relating to the McConnell Center; and amends Section 16 of 2026 RS SB 4 to conform.

HB 869

AN ACT relating to fiscal matters and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to establish a refundable economic development credit for the Kentucky Business Investment Program of up to 2.25% of the wages paid to full-time employees of a project located in a heritage county or up to 1.25% of the wages paid to full-time employees of a project located in any other county within this state; amends KRS 141.0205 to order credits; amends KRS 131.190 to allow the Department of Revenue to report on credits; amends KRS 154.12-204 to revise the definition of "approved costs," "employee," and "minimum base hourly wage"; amends KRS 154.12-207 to increase the maximum amount of skills training investment credit that may be allowed to \$4,500 per trainee for approved companies in a heritage county or \$3,500 per trainee for locations in any other county; increase the time frame an approved company is required to complete all programs of skills upgrade training or occupational upgrade training to 3 years; amends KRS 154.21-017 to increase the maximum funding available for an approved development project to \$2,500,000 in a heritage county; amends KRS 154.21-035 to include propane as a required utility service for property of an eligible project; amends KRS 154.25-010 to revise the definition of "eligible company" and "jobs retention project"; amends

KRS 154.25-030 to revise the requirements for which the term of the jobs retention project agreement may be extended; amends KRS 154.32-010 to revise the definition of "eligible company," "eligible costs," "lease agreement," "start-up costs," "term," and "wage target"; remove the provisions that limit eligible costs to be recovered at \$20,000 for each new full-time job created; amends KRS 154.32-020 to increase the wage target to 200% of the federal minimum wage in heritage counties or 300% of the federal minimum wage in any other counties for certain economic development projects; amends KRS 154.32-030 to allow the recovery of eligible costs incurred 90 days prior to receiving preliminary approval; amends KRS 154.32-040 to allow a 1-time extension up to 5 years for certain economic development projects approved prior to January 1, 2023; amends KRS 154.32-070 to allow a refundable credit of up to 2.25% of the wages paid to full-time employees maintained at an economic development project located in a heritage county and 1.25% of the wages paid to full-time employees maintained at an economic development project located in any other county; set a cap for the total refundable credits awarded to all approved companies at \$4,000,000 per taxable year; amends KRS 154.32-100 to require reporting by the Department of Revenue and the Cabinet for Economic Development on the new economic development credit established under this Act; creates a new section of subchapter 12 of KRS Chapter 154 to require the Cabinet for Economic Development to work with the liaison appointed by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System for workforce needs; amends various statutes to define "heritage county"; creates a new section of subchapter 20 of KRS Chapter 154 to define terms; allow a refundable certified mixed-use rehabilitation credit under approval by the Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (KEDFA); allow the credit to be transferrable; provide that the certified mixed-use credit be available against the income taxes or insurance premium taxes that are imposed; create a process by which an eligible taxpayer may apply for the credit; require KEDFA to approve the credit and report to the Department of Revenue; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to define terms; provide for the administration and reporting of the credit as it relates to income taxes and limited liability tax; require reporting by the Department of Revenue and the Cabinet for Economic Development to the Legislative Research Commission; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 136 to provide for the administration, ordering, and reporting of the credit as it relates to insurance premiums tax; amends KRS 148.853 to allow an approved company to enter into a new tourism development agreement for an entertainment destination center project, if the approved company has an expired agreement and has not been party to an agreement in the last 5 years; require 100% of the incentive received under the new agreement to be reinvested into the project; require reporting of the incentives to the Kentucky Tourism Development Finance Authority; amends 65.490 to define "existing development area" and "new development area"; amend the definition of "pilot program" to include a new development area that exists for 30 years; amends KRS 186.456 to extend the pilot program for operator's license skills testing from June 30, 2026, to December 31, 2028; amends KRS 154.30-050 to increase the capital investment requirement for a state participation project from \$200,000,000 to \$500,000,000; require that the project be owned by a Section 501(c)(3) organization; amends KRS 424.110 and 61.805 to define "time"; require that time be stated in both eastern standard time and central standard time in advertisements and notices made by government agencies; amends KRS 141.070 and 140.080 to include a nephew, niece, or nephew or niece of the half blood as a Class A beneficiary; delete language that only applies to deaths occurring prior to July 1, 1995, or between July 1, 1995, and June 30, 1998; apply to estates of decedents who die on or after January 1, 2026; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to define terms; establish a nonrefundable income tax credit for alternative jet fuel producers; require the Department of

Revenue, in conjunction with the Department of Agriculture and the Energy and Environment Cabinet, to promulgate administrative regulations and report the regulations to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue; require the Department of Revenue to report on the credit to the Legislative Research Commission; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 139 to define terms; provide a rebate of 75% of the Kentucky sales tax generated by the sale of alternative jet fuel and agriculturally based alternative jet fuel at a commercial airport located in Kentucky; require that the rebate be used for reinvestment back into airport facilities and operations; amends KRS 67C.147 to disallow payments and reimbursements for a fire district operating under KRS Chapter 75 that received a payment or reimbursement from a consolidated local government for an emergency response made prior to July 1, 2025 into an urban service tax district; amends KRS 367.990 to establish caps on the amount of civil penalties that the Attorney General can recover in actions brought under KRS 367.190 when the court finds that the person has used unlawful methods, acts, or practices under KRS 367.170; establish what constitutes a separate violation of KRS 367.170; set perimeters on the penalties to be assessed; directs the Kentucky Film Leadership Council to perform a study on the needs of Kentucky's musicians and music venues; requires the study to be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission by November 1, 2026; amends 2026 RS HB 757/VO, Section 118, to amend the definition of "new development area" to be independent of an existing development area; amends 2026 RS SB 185/EN, Section 1, to allow organizations that have entered into a public-private lease agreement with Kentucky State University to be eligible to transact business or enter into a contract with the university or any other agency or instrumentality of the Commonwealth or subdivision thereof; amends 2026 RS HB 757/VO, Section 5, to extend the sunset of the Signature Projects Program to December 31, 2028; amends 2026 RS HB 757/VO, Section 107, to amend the definition of "modifier" to allow a reduction of 3.3% in calendar year 2026 and an additional 1.1% reduction in each calendar year after 2026 to 2048; amends 2026 RS HB 757/VO, Section 128, to define "professional golf sporting event"; amends 2026 RS HB 904/VO, Section 22, to require that certain licensees not contract with entities offering sports event contracts or sports prediction markets; allow corporations to take administrative action if this section is violated; amends 2026 RS HB 677/EN, Sections 25 and 26, to remove proposed facilities used in connection with the storage of electricity from solar or wind power from the construction certificate exemption and application requirements; amend the decommission plan requirements; amends 2026 RS HB 757/VO, Sections 9 and 71, to remove language regarding the General Assembly's purpose and intent related to the taxation and legalization of operations of fantasy contests and prediction markets; directs the Cabinet for Economic Development to report on tax credits and incentives for hyperscale data centers and data centers in Kentucky and its surrounding states and provide the report to the Legislative Research Commission by August 1, 2027; amends 2026 RS SB 343/GA, Section 1, to remove that each division in the Department of Workers' Claims shall be appointed by the commissioner with the approval of the Governor; provides that the Department of Workers' Claims shall retain all positions that the Department of Workers' Claims had 14 days prior to the transfer from the Education and Labor Cabinet to the Office of the Governor in accordance with 2026 RS SB 343/GA until new positions are created or abolished; encourages the Cabinet for Economic Development to conduct a feasibility and impact study on interstate reciprocity between state economic development programming; requires collaboration with the Center for Economic and Entrepreneurial Development at Murray State University to establish the scope of the study; sets a deadline of December 1, 2028, for submission of the study to the Interim Joint Committee on Economic Development and Workforce Investment; directs that Sections 40 and 41 of the Act

apply to estates of decedents who died on or after January 1, 2026; amends various statutes to make technical corrections; amends various statutes to conform; and repeals KRS 154.32-050, relating to enhanced incentive counties; RETROACTIVE, in part, July 1, 2025; EMERGENCY; EFFECTIVE, in part, August 1, 2026, January 1, 2027, and July 1, 2027.

MANDATED REPORT

STUDY DIRECTED

HB 900

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

Appropriates general fund moneys from the budget reserve trust fund account in fiscal years 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028 to various state agencies for miscellaneous projects and programs; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 904

AN ACT relating to gaming.

Amends KRS 230.210 to define various terms; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 13A to exempt the Kentucky Lottery Corporation and the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation from being required to have the Governor's signature to promulgate administrative regulations; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 230 to define terms; require the Office of the Attorney General or applicable administrative body to compile and maintain a child support arrearage registry to transmit to the corporation on a monthly basis for the corporation to disseminate to each licensed online gaming operator; require a licensed online gaming operator to deny account creation to any applicant, or suspend an existing account for any account holder, who is on the registry; exclude persons licensed to conduct charitable gaming from the child support arrearage registry requirements; require the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation to regulate the conduct of fantasy contest service providers; prohibits the corporation from limiting or restricting lawful fantasy contests by labeling them as sports wagering unless warranted by its actual characteristics and consistent with state and federal law; require the use of geolocation technology; require a fantasy contest participant to be at least 18 years old; require fantasy contest service providers to implement procedures to prevent fraud, abuse, and money laundering; require notification to the corporation for a confirmed breach of a sport's governing body's internal rules and codes of conduct, conduct that corrupts any outcome, and confirmed illegal activities; establish licensing requirements for a fantasy contest service provider; require a fantasy contest service provider to have an independent audit conducted; require the corporation to investigate all reasonable allegations of prohibited conduct; prohibit a restricted participant from participating in fantasy contests except in contests that are outside the scope of the individual's profession, relationship, or reason for which the individual has access to nonpublic information; require an initial licensing fee of \$7,500 and a renewal fee of \$5,000 for fantasy contest service providers that are currently licensed as a sports wagering service provider; require an initial licensing fee of \$15,000 and a renewal fee of \$10,000 for fantasy contest service providers that are not currently licensed as sports wagering service providers; require an initial licensing fee of \$5,000 and a renewal fee of \$1,000 for fantasy contest service providers that have less than \$50,000 a year in adjusted gross fantasy contest receipts; require each fantasy contest service provider to include a statement regarding obtaining assistance with real-money gaming problems on the service

provider's portal, website, computer, mobile application, marketing materials, and advertisements; prohibit a fantasy contest service provider from paying any price or award to a person who is on the self-exclusion list; establish the purse stabilization fund from fixed-odds wagers on horse racing taxes and fees; amends KRS 138.552 to define terms and modify existing terms; impose a 9.75% excise tax on the adjusted gross fixed-odds wagering revenue on live horse racing at a track; impose a 14.25% excise tax on the adjusted gross fixed-odds wagering revenue on live horse racing online via websites or mobile applications or other approved off-site technology; amends various sections of KRS Chapter 230 to establish the corporation's jurisdiction over fantasy contests and fixed-odds wagering; establish the Attorney General's concurrent jurisdiction with Commonwealth's attorneys and county attorneys for the enforcement of KRS Chapter 230 and 238; require the corporation to establish a process for the compilation, dissemination, and notification of the self-exclusion list; allow the corporation to authorize additional racing dates or amend racing dates under specified conditions; prohibit a licensee or applicant from being issued a license or renewing a license if the licensee or applicant has failed to pay any taxes required to the Commonwealth; allow the Department of Revenue to provide information to the corporation pertaining to a potential applicant or licensee; define "affiliate" and "beneficial interest"; prohibit an association or track or its affiliate from holding a license to conduct charitable gaming; provide that the subsection does not prevent an association or track from leasing space to a charitable organization at a commercially reasonable rate or conducting raffles or other special limited charity fundraising events as authorized by the corporation; require totalizator companies, tracks, and associations to accelerate the adoption of technologies, update the totalizator and other equipment by April 1, 2027, and update technologies related to pari-mutuel wagering annually; require associations and tracks to disable all wagering simultaneously with, but not later than, the moment the starting gate is opened for commencement of a race; provide that the requirement to disable wagering does not prevent parimutuel pools and odds from being updated after wagering is disabled to reflect all wagers that were placed up to the moment wagering is disabled; change the age of access to sports wagering from 18 to 21; prohibit a track, association, or service provider from offering fixed-odds wagering without a supplemental fixed-odds wagering license; define "minimum bet limit"; allow a track or association to conduct fixed-odds wagering on horse racing; require a track, association, or service provider to have a mandatory minimum bet limit of at least \$1,000 per race; define "proposition bet"; prohibit proposition bets on individual performance statistics on athletes participating in collegiate sports events for a team located in Kentucky if the successful outcome of the wager is contingent upon the athlete failing to meet a specified threshold or experiencing a negative performance outcome; define "affiliate" and "beneficial interest"; prohibit a track or association or a licensee offering fantasy contests or its affiliate from participating in or contracting with platforms that offer events contracts through a prediction market or having a beneficial interest in the proceeds of prediction markets; prohibit a track or association or licensee offering fantasy contests from contracting with a service provider that offers event contracts through a prediction market in the Commonwealth of Kentucky or has a specified relationship with an entity that makes prediction markets available to users; provide that the chapter does not prohibit the corporation or Department of Revenue from promulgating administrative regulations to regulate the conduct or activity of prediction markets in the Commonwealth in accordance with applicable federal law; establish that if a track or association holds 2 or more licenses only the specific license for which the track or association has violated the terms shall be subject to applicable penalties; provide that the section shall not prevent a service provider, track, association, or fantasy contest service provider from offering advanced deposit

account wagering; amends various sections of KRS Chapter 238 to redefine "chairperson" and "charitable gaming facility"; delay the requirement that a chairperson complete training and a background check until July 1, 2027; establish the power of the office relating to licensure issuance and renewal and imposing fines and penalties; require a background check for any person associated with an applicant if the corporation deems it necessary; change the distributor and manufacturer licensing fee from \$1,000 to \$5,000; change the charitable organization's licensing fee from \$300 to \$1,000; require an applicant to submit an application at least 60 days prior to the expiration of its existing license or its first expected date of operation; repeals and reenacts KRS 238.538 to require a licensed charitable organization to only offer the play of electronic devices at specified locations; require a charitable gaming facility to transfer its license first to one of the licensed charitable organizations it is affiliated with as of January 1, 2026, and next to any licensed charitable organization; prohibit a charitable gaming facility from transferring more than 3 licenses from locations where persons 21 years old and under are permitted to locations where only persons 21 years or older are permitted within 90 days of the effective date of the Act; allow a licensed charitable organization to move to a new location restricted to ages 21 and over if a sale or transfer of ownership of any of the property or business occurs where the location is located or if there is a closure for 90 days or more; establish the occurrences in which the play of charitable gaming devices shall be lost and forfeited at an additional location; retroactively prohibit the authorization of locations for the play of electronic charity game tickets beginning April 15, 2026, until April 25, 2027; provide that the prohibition on authorization of locations shall not prevent charity game ticket locations operating prior to April 15, 2026, from being resupplied or updated; amends various sections of KRS Chapter 238 to require organizations offering for play electronic pulltab devices to establish cordoned-off areas for all electronic pulltab devices; require a chairperson to monitor the entrance of cordoned-off areas; require the corporation to create an online version of the training for chairpersons prior to July 1, 2027; increase the limit for a prize for an individual charity game ticket from \$599 to \$1,499; prohibit a requirement for a special license or any age restriction for any wheel game or game of chance that awards only noncash prizes the value of which does not exceed \$100; establish an affirmative defense for any prosecution for selling charitable gaming supplies to a minor if the sale was induced by the use of false, fraudulent, or altered identification and other conditions are met; change the charitable gaming facility licensing fee from \$2,500 to \$5,000; prohibit an owner or affiliate of a licensed charitable gaming facility and other specified persons from soliciting lessees to participate in the conduct of charitable gaming at the charitable gaming facility in order to profit from the conduct of charitable gaming; allow the corporation to investigate and have free access to the office or place of business of a charitable gaming license or facility and other specified locations and facilities; increase the administrative fine for a violation of KRS Chapter 238 from \$1,000 to \$5,000; allow a person to apply to the corporation for a stay of the ruling of the notice of violation; limit the issuance of a summary suspension, notice, or order to cease operations to when there is an imminent risk to the health and safety of the public or a misappropriation of charitable gaming revenues; amends various statutes to exempt fantasy contests, fixed-odds wagering, and wagering on live horse races and historical horse races; amends various statutes to conform; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 230 to prohibit a registrar of Thoroughbreds from restricting the number of mares that can be bred to a stallion or refuse to register any foal based upon the number of mares bred to the stallion of the foal submitted for registration unless the limitations have first been adopted and implemented by unanimous consent of a vote of the representatives of the members of the International Stud Book Committee; prohibit a registrar of Thoroughbreds from refusing to register

any foal of a mare that is or seeks to be bred, residing, or foaling, in the Commonwealth of Kentucky if the foal would otherwise meet the registration requirements of the Jockey Club of America but for the previously stated limitation and if the limitations have not been adopted and implemented by the International Stud Book Committee; require a registrar of Thoroughbreds to consent to the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; amends KRS 230.400 to remove the Jockey Club from the certificates issued for Thoroughbred registration; amends KRS 230.811 to establish a supplemental license for managing or offering to conduct fixed-odds wagering with an initial and annual renewal license fee of \$2,500; amends KRS 230.990 to establish penalties for fantasy contest participants and persons tampering with a fantasy contest; requires the corporation to present a status report on the purse stabilization fund not later than November 30, 2027; amends KRS 230.3615 and KRS 230.750 to remove the phrase "to the penny"; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 230 to establish rounding cash transactions to the nearest \$0.05 increment when calculating the breaks; requires the Jockey Club, Thoroughbred breeders of varying sizes, and recognized international stud book authorities to collaborate and engage with each other to consider specified matters; requires the parties to submit a report to the Interim Joint Committee on Licensing, Occupations, and Administrative Regulations; and provides that Sections 1 to 54 of the Act may be cited as the Wagering Consumer Protection Act; RETROACTIVE, in part.

MANDATED REPORT

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OVERRIDDEN

House Joint Resolutions**HJR 24**

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to withdraw all waiver applications that have been submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to establish a community engagement program, and declaring an emergency.

Directs the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to withdraw the 1115(a) demonstration waiver application that was submitted on June 25, 2025, and any other such waiver applications that may have been previously submitted to implement a mandatory community engagement program; EMERGENCY.

HJR 50

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Auditor of Public Accounts to study the applicable statutes, administrative regulations, and agency policies and processes that directly impact the opening and operation of licensed and certified child care services in the Commonwealth.

Directs the Auditor of Public Accounts to commission a study of applicable statutes, administrative regulations, and agency policies and processes that directly impact opening and operating licensed and certified child care services in the Commonwealth; requires the Auditor to procure a vendor to conduct the study; and requires the findings and recommendations of the study to be reported to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2027, for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Families and Children.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED

OVERRIDDEN

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A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to road projects.

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HJR 76

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to road projects.

Sets out the Local Assistance Road Program Projects portion of the 6-Year Road Plan.

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A JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the release of funds and declaring an emergency.

Authorizes the Office of State Budget Director to release a portion of the moneys previously appropriated for the Kentucky Water and Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems Program; and specifies the projects and amounts of moneys to be released; EMERGENCY.

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