

Physicians and Advisors; establishes medicinal cannabis purchase and possession limits; prohibits the use of medicinal cannabis while operating a motor vehicle, smoking, and public consumption of medicinal cannabis; establishes employer rights; establishes civil rights related to medicinal cannabis; establishes the authorization process for medicinal cannabis practitioners; establishes responsibilities and duties of medicinal cannabis practitioners; establishes the medicinal cannabis patient registration process; establishes provisions related to medicinal cannabis businesses and the licensure process for medicinal cannabis businesses; permits local governments to prohibit the operation of cannabis businesses in their jurisdiction; establishes the cabinet's data maintenance requirements; establishes the cabinet's duties for administration and regulation including promulgation of administrative regulations; establishes that no third-party payer, including Medicaid and private insurance providers, is required to provide coverage for medicinal cannabis; exempts medicinal cannabis from the excise tax established in KRS 138.480 to 138.889; amends KRS 139.480 to exempt medicinal cannabis from the state sales tax; amends KRS 216B.402 to require hospitals to report cases of cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome to the cabinet; amends KRS 218A.202 to permit the use of the electronic system for monitoring controlled substances for tracking and monitoring the medicinal cannabis program; amends KRS 218A.500 to exclude medicinal cannabis accessories from the definition of "drug paraphernalia"; amends KRS 260.850 to exclude medicinal cannabis from the definition of "industrial hemp"; amends KRS 342.815 to permit the employers' mutual insurance authority to deny coverage if providing coverage would subject the authority to violation of federal or state law; amends KRS 138.870, 218A.010, 218A.1421, 218A.1422, and 218A.1423 to conform; and certain sections EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025.

## **SB 48**

AN ACT relating to state government operations.

Amends KRS 12.020 to remove the Office of the Ombudsman and Administrative Review from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and to attach it to the Auditor of Public Accounts; amends KRS 12.020 and 194A.030 to dissolve the Department for Income Support from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services at a later effective date; dissolves the Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; removes the Disability Determination Services program from the Department for Income Support and places it within the Education and Labor Cabinet; amends KRS 13B.020 to remove disability determination hearings from the Department for Income Support and gives the responsibility of disability determination hearings to the Education and Labor Cabinet; amends KRS 15.055 to remove the Cabinet for Health and Family Services from promulgating administrative regulations and designates the Office of the Attorney General as the agency in charge of promulgating administrative regulations and publications of delinquent child support obligors; amends KRS 15.111 to require the Office of the Attorney General to conduct and provide oversight of administrating hearings as it relates to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; requires the Office of the Attorney General, Division of Administrative Hearings, to report to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Inspector General, any investigations, charges, or cases against employees of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 43 to establish the Commonwealth Office of the Ombudsman and to list its duties and responsibilities; amends KRS 43.030 to remove the Commonwealth Office of the Ombudsman from the direct supervision of the assistant auditor; amends KRS 151B.015 to place the Disability Determination Services Program under the jurisdiction of the Education and Labor Cabinet; amends KRS 151B.212 to remove a representative from the Department for Income Support from

the Employment First Council and adds to the council a representative from the Education and Labor Cabinet; amends KRS 194A.030 to remove the Office of the Ombudsman and Administrative Review from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; places the Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs within the Department for Public Health; removes guardian services from the Department for Aging and Independent Living and places those services within the Department for Community Based Services; amends KRS 194A.120 to remove the Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs from being a statutory agency attached to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; amends KRS 197.105 to remove the cabinet from receiving deducted wages from child support from a prisoner and allows the Office of Attorney General to be paid those wages for disbursement; repeals, reenacts, and amends KRS 205.710 as a new section of KRS Chapter 15 to change definitions and to remove the cabinet from administering the child support program and shifts that responsibility to the Attorney General; repeals, reenacts, and amends KRS 205.712 as a new section of KRS Chapter 15 to remove the jurisdiction of child support enforcement from the Department for Income Support and to give that jurisdiction and responsibility to the Office of the Attorney General; requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services task force to continue through the interim of 2023; requires the Department for Medicaid Services, Aging and Independent Living, and Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities to work together to identify and eliminate redundancies and barriers to administering Medicaid waivers; requires the Office of Human Resource Management and the Personnel Cabinet to work together to identify systemic barriers; removes the Disability Determination Services program from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and places it within the Education and Labor Cabinet, and requires the Education and Labor Cabinet and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to inform the General Assembly of any necessary legislative action that shall be taken; removes the Division of Adult Guardianship from the Department for Aging and Independent Living and places it within the Department for Community Based Services; requires the Office of the Attorney General and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to issue a report of the progress of the transition plan moving the Child Support Enforcement Program; requires the Education and Labor Cabinet and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to issue a report of the transition plan moving the Disability Determination Services Program; requires that all programmatic staff, personnel, records, files, equipment, resources, funding, and administrative functions of the Child Support Enforcement Program be transferred from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to the Office of the Attorney General; requires that all programmatic staff, personnel, records, files, equipment, resources, funding, and administrative functions of the Disability Determination Services Program within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services be transferred to the Education and Labor Cabinet; requires that all programmatic staff, personnel, records, files, equipment, resources, funding, and administrative functions of the Office of the Ombudsman and Administrative review be transferred to the Commonwealth Office of the Ombudsman; requires reports to be submitted to the correct interim joint committees should the Legislative Research Commission dissolve the Interim Joint Committee on Health, Welfare, and Family Services; includes a severability clause; repeals, reenacts, and amends the following statutes as new sections in KRS Chapter 15: KRS 205.713, 205.720, 205.721, 205.725, 205.730, 205.732, 205.735, 205.745, 205.750, 205.752, 205.755, 205.765, 205.766, 205.767, 205.768, 205.7685, 205.769, 205.7695, 205.770, 205.772, 205.774, 205.776, 205.778, 205.7785, 205.780, 205.785, 205.790, 205.792, 205.793, 205.795, 205.796, 205.7965, 205.798, 205.800, 205.802, 341.412, 405.411, 405.430, 405.435, 405.450, 405.460, 405.463, 405.465, 405.467, 405.480, 405.490, 407.5102, 405.520, 407.5201, 407.5308, 407.5310, 407.5602, 407.5703, 407.5704, 407.5705, and 407.5708 to conform; repeals and

reenacts KRS 205.715 and 205.782 as new sections of KRS Chapter 15; amends KRS 45A.550, 70.325, 131.672, 205.172, 205.173, 205.191, 205.990, 205.992, 207.200, 209.005, 212.230, 224.46-335, 314.077, 403.090, 403.212, 405.405, 405.470, 405.500, and 407.5101 to conform; and establishes various effective dates.

**SB 49**

AN ACT relating to teacher certification and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 161.048, relating to alternative methods of teacher certification, to change the provisional certification period from two to four years for Option 6 and Option 7 for a total of five years; and allows any person receiving emergency teaching certification during the 2022-2023 school year to be eligible to renew that certification during the 2023-2024 school year; EMERGENCY.

**SB 52**

AN ACT relating to the collection of fees in a county containing a consolidated local government.

Amends KRS 64.012 to require the document storage fee to be held in a separate fund by the county clerk in a county containing a consolidated local government; specifies uses for the revenues generated by the fee; requires reporting; and amends KRS 137.115 to require, in a county containing a consolidated local government, that specific license fees be payable to an agency of the consolidated local government as designated by its council.

**SB 54**

AN ACT relating to Kentucky educational excellence scholarships.

Amends KRS 164.7884 to define “proprietary school,” “qualified proprietary school program,” “approved workforce solutions training program,” and “eligible college of art and design”; allows use of Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship funds for enrollment in a qualified proprietary school program, a workforce solutions training program offered by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, and approved by the authority or at an eligible college of art and design; and amends KRS 165.7879 to allow a student who attends an out-of-state high school or Department of Defense school due to a parent’s military transfer to earn a KEES award if the student earned a base amount in a previous year at a Kentucky high school.

**SB 57**

AN ACT relating to the Cosmetology Licensure Compact.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 317A to adopt the Cosmetology Licensure Compact; creates definitions; establishes requirements for member states; requires licensees to apply to their home state for a multistate license; establishes criteria for applicants to apply for a multistate license; limits a licensee from a home state to possess a multistate license in only one member state at a time; requires a member state’s licensing authority to cooperate with the commission and with each entity exercising independent regulatory authority over the practice of cosmetology; authorizes a home state to impose adverse actions against a licensee’s multistate license issued by the home state; establishes powers of remote states participating in the compact; requires active military members or their spouses to designate a home state where the individual has a current license in good standing; allows active military members or their spouses to retain their home state designation during any period of service when that individual or their spouse is on active duty; creates the Cosmetology Compact Commission; authorizes the commission to establish an