

Senate Bills

SB11 (BR1219) - S. Meredith

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

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB12 (BR1137) - S. Meredith

AN ACT relating to medical provider coverage in Level IV trauma centers.
Amend KRS 211.492 to define "advanced practice provider"; amend KRS 211.494 to allow Level IV verified trauma centers to utilize physician assistants and advanced practice registered nurses who are supervised by physicians to cover emergency departments; require the Department for Public Health to promulgate administrative regulations to conform.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB13 (BR1017) - M. Deneen

AN ACT relating to planning commission membership.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 100 to define terms; amend KRS 100.133 and 100.137 to allow the inclusion of a nonvoting ex officio member of a planning unit to be a representative of a military installation to advise on matters relating to national security and other concerns for the military installation; provide that the Act may be cited as the Military Installation Protection Act.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB14 (BR182) - M. Deneen

AN ACT relating to paid maternity leave for state employees.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 61 to define "full-time position" and "qualifying employee"; permit a qualifying employee paid leave of absence of up to 30 days for the birth of a child; require leave of more than 1 child during a singular pregnancy to be taken concurrently; require the employee to use the leave within one year of the child's birth; require the employee to use the leave as a continuous 30-day block or as a 20-day block with the remainder to be used intermittently as full days; require the employee to request

advance approval before using the leave; require the employee to use the paid leave before other types of accrued leave; require compliance with the Family and Medical Leave Act; specify that any other type of leave not specified does not qualify for paid maternity leave; prohibit an employee from converting the unused balance of paid maternity leave to other types of paid leave, benefits, or compensation; require any administrative regulation in conflict with this Act to be amended, withdrawn, or repealed within 90 days of the effective date of the Act.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB15 (BR985) - M. Deneen

AN ACT relating to the protection of veterans' benefits.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 40 to define terms; require any person seeking compensation for assisting with veterans' benefits to be accredited by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs; provide that the Act may be cited as the Veterans' Benefits Accreditation Act.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB16 (BR1243)/LM - R. Thomas, K. Herron, C. Armstrong, K. Berg, G. Clemons, G. Neal

AN ACT relating to wages.
Amend KRS 337.010 to increase the applicable threshold of employees of retail stores and service industries from \$95,000 to \$500,000 average annual gross volume of sales for the employer; amend KRS 337.275 to incrementally raise minimum wage for employers to \$15.00 an hour; include anti-preemption language permitting local governments to establish minimum wage ordinances in excess of the state minimum wage.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB17 (BR1205) - B. Storm

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Court-Appointed Special Advocate Network.
Amend KRS 620.500 to add the Kentucky CASA Network to the definition of "association"; amend KRS 620.505 to decrease the minimum number of local CASA board members from 15 to 12; remove the provision that local CASA programs are required to comply with National CASA Association Standards for programs make technical corrections; remove "cabinet" and replace 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; amend KRS 620.537 to make technical corrections; amend KRS 620.055 to conform.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB18 (BR1127) - C. Richardson

AN ACT relating to the practice of podiatry.

Amend KRS 311.380 to define "physician assistant," "podiatric assistant," "podiatric residency," "podiatric resident," podiatric supervision," and "supervising podiatrist"; amend KRS 311.400 to add the scope of practice for podiatric residents and podiatric assistants; amend KRS 311.410 to conform; amend KRS 311.420 to add qualifications to acquire a license to practice podiatry; permit the board to promulgate administrative regulations for licensure of podiatric assistants and podiatric residents, podiatric residency licenses, and the approval and regulation of podiatric supervision of physician assistants; amend KRS 311.480 to include podiatric resident and podiatric assistant licenses to the licenses the Board of Podiatry can deny, refuse to renew, suspend, place on probation, or revoke; amend KRS 311.840 to define "podiatric supervision" and "supervising podiatrist"; create a new section of KRS 311.840 to 311.862 to establish requirements for podiatrists to supervise physician assistants; amend KRS 218B.010 to add podiatrist to the definition of "medicinal cannabis practitioner"; add the State Board of Podiatry to the definition of "state licensing board"; amend KRS 218B.050 to add podiatrist to those required to apply to the same state licensing board that issued his or her license for authorization to provide written certifications for the use of medicinal cannabis; amend KRS 218B.145 to add the State Board of Podiatry to those to be notified of qualifying medical conditions; amend KRS 311.450, 311.460, 311.470, and 311.475 to make technical changes; amend KRS 311.390, 311.490, 311.495, and 311.990 to conform.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB19 (BR1398) - S. Madon, A. Mays Bledsoe

AN ACT relating to mushrooms.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 2 to name and designate the indigo milk cap as the official state mushroom of Kentucky.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB20 (BR876) - S. Madon, A. Mays Bledsoe

AN ACT relating to city government.
Amend KRS 64.5277 to define "excess credit hours"; amend 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.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB21 (BR1492) - G. Neal, J. Adams, C. Armstrong, K. Berg, G. Clemons, K. Herron

AN ACT relating to music therapy.
Create new sections of KRS Chapter 309 to define terms; establish a licensing board for professional music therapists;

require 3 members of the board to have engaged in the practice or teaching of music therapy for at least 3 years; prohibit any persons not licensed by the board from holding himself or herself out as a licensed professional music therapist; authorize the board to promulgate administrative regulations; authorize the board to issue a license to practice music therapy; establish the process for license renewal, suspension, and revocation; establish fees for licensure; establish fee limitations; authorize the board to implement disciplinary actions; require a licensed professional music therapist to collaborate with a client's physician or other professional involved in the treatment of the client; require a licensed professional music therapist to collaborate with a client's mental health or substance use disorder professional involved in the treatment of the client; prohibit a licensed professional music therapist from replacing services provided by an audiologist or a speech-language pathologist; create the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Professional Music Therapists fund; establish a fine for violations; provide for initial board appointments.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB22 (BR393) - J. Higdon, S. West, L. Tichenor

AN ACT relating to the dual credit scholarship program.
Amend KRS 164.786 to define "eligible high school apprentice" and "eligible registered teacher apprenticeship program"; include eligible registered teacher apprenticeship programs in the dual credit scholarship program; establish student and school district eligibility and participation requirements in the eligible registered teacher apprenticeship scholarship program.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB23 (BR320)/LM - R. Thomas

AN ACT relating to heirs property.
Create new sections of KRS Chapter 381 to enact the Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act; define terms, including "heirs property"; create a mechanism for partition or sale among cotenants by the court; create requirements for notice and determination of value through agreement or appraisal; create protocol for buyouts, partition alternatives, partition in kind, sale by open market, sealed bids, or auction; create the heirs property research fund; amend KRS 324B.050 to authorize the Kentucky Real Estate Authority to promulgate administrative regulations to issue grants from the fund; amend KRS 64.012 to increase the recording and indexing fee collected by county clerks by \$1 and to direct those additional fees to the heirs property research fund; amend KRS 381.135 and 389A.030 to conform.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB24 (BR1319) - R. Thomas

AN ACT relating to traffic control signal monitoring systems.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 189 to define "agency," "owner," "recorded images," and "traffic control signal monitoring system"; establish a civil penalty of \$50 if a motor vehicle is recorded failing to obey the instructions of a traffic control device; set forth forms and procedures; outline defenses for citations for failing to obey a traffic control device; mandate that the Transportation Cabinet shall suspend the registration of the motor vehicle when a person refuses to pay the civil penalty and does not appear to contest the citation; mandate that civil penalties shall not result in points against the driving record of the operator of the motor vehicle in violation; amend KRS 189.231 and 189.990 to conform.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB25 (BR18)/CI - S. Rawlings, S. Funke Frommeyer, G. Elkins, S. Madon, A. Mays Bledsoe, A. Reed, L. Tichenor, G. Williams

AN ACT relating to geoengineering.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 512 to define terms; make criminal atmospheric pollution a Class D felony; require that a person found guilty of criminal atmospheric pollution pay a civil penalty of not less than \$500,000 in addition to all other penalties authorized by law; provide that each day that a person engages in criminal atmospheric pollution constitutes a separate offense; empower all peace officers of the Commonwealth to enforce the prohibition on criminal atmospheric pollution; require an arresting officer to issue a notice to any federal agency that approved the action that those activities cannot be lawfully carried out in the Commonwealth.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB26 (BR1149) - L. Tichenor, S. West, G. Boswell, D. Douglas, S. Funke Frommeyer, R. Girdler, S. Madon, S. Meredith, S. Rawlings, A. Reed, G. Williams, M. Wilson

AN ACT relating to discrimination in educational settings and declaring an emergency.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 158 to define terms; prohibit a school district, public school, or cooperative board from providing differential treatment or benefits on the basis of an individual's religion, race, sex, color, or national origin; prohibit the Kentucky Department of Education, a school district, a public school, or a cooperative board from expending any resources on diversity, equity, and inclusion; prohibit the department, a school district, a public school, or a cooperative board from soliciting statements on an applicant's experience with or views on religion, race, sex, color, or national origin, from providing differential treatment or benefits to an individual based on the individual's participation in diversity, equity, and inclusion training, and from disseminating or profiting from any research, work product, or material

that promotes or justifies discriminatory concepts of diversity, equity, and inclusion; establish exclusions; authorize the Attorney General to bring an action for a writ of mandamus to compel the department, a school district, a public school or a cooperative board to comply; create a cause of action to permit a qualified individual to file a civil action against a the department, a school district, a cooperative board, or a public school for injunctive relief arising from a violation of this Act; permit recovery of monetary damages for a willful and intentional violation; waive sovereign, governmental, and qualified immunity; prohibit retaliation; require each public school district and cooperative board to provide the State Treasurer the name, job title, duty station, and compensation information of each employee of the school district or cooperative board each month for publication; amend KRS 161.030 to require certain certification applicants to complete an approved professional development program on Kentucky education law; amend KRS 158.4416 and 158.4414 to conform; amend KRS 160.380 to remove language requiring targeted minority recruitment; amend various KRS sections to conform; repeal KRS 156.500 and 161.165; require school districts and cooperative boards to follow designated procedures when implementing this Act including termination or transfer of certain employees; require the Kentucky Department of Education to eliminate the Division of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging and follow designated procedures when implementing this Act including termination or transfer of certain employees; EFFECTIVE, in part, February 1, 2027; EMERGENCY.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB27 (BR1272)/LM - G. Elkins

AN ACT relating to cremation of dead bodies.

Amend KRS 72.450 to allow a coroner who is in possession of an unclaimed dead body to have the body buried or cremated; direct that the decision between burial or cremation 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; establish that if Jewish descent is known, that the Chabad of the Bluegrass, or any successor entity, be contacted by the appropriate government entity to inquire if the Chabad of the Bluegrass wants to pay for the burial expense, or if known to be a member of a religious community, the appropriate government entity contact 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. .

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB28 (BR238) - J. Higdon

AN ACT relating to operating a motor vehicle.

Repeal and reenact KRS 189.292 to define "mobile electronic device"; prohibit the use of a mobile electronic device while operating a motor vehicle; establish exceptions; amend KRS 189.294 to define "mobile electronic device"; amend KRS 189.990 to establish penalties for violation of KRS 189.292 and 189.294; require that money from fines be deposited into the traumatic brain injury trust fund, the Kentucky trauma care system fund, and the veterans' program trust fund; provide that a courtesy warning and not a uniform citation shall be issued by a peace officer until October 31, 2026; provide that the Act may be cited as the Phone-Down Kentucky Act.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB29 (BR1427) - G. Elkins

AN ACT relating to solid waste management facilities.

Create 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.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB30 (BR1365) - G. Elkins

AN ACT relating to the Motor Vehicle Commission.

Amend KRS 190.058 to establish the motor vehicle commission fund; direct 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.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB31 (BR1448) - S. Rawlings, L. Tichenor

AN ACT relating to Charlie Kirk Day.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 2 to designate October 14 of each year as Charlie Kirk Day.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB32 (BR1)/LM - S. Rawlings, L. Tichenor

AN ACT relating to measures to strengthen Kentucky's economic infrastructure.

Amend KRS 369.130 to add and modify various definitions; create a new section of KRS 369.130 to 369.139 to prohibit the Commonwealth of Kentucky and governing authorities from issuing, recognizing as legal tender, accepting or requiring as payment, or participating in any test of central bank digital currency; create new sections of KRS 369.130 to 369.139 and KRS Chapter 393 to prohibit ownership of digital asset mining businesses by prohibited foreign parties;

provide for enforcement by Attorney General and penalties for violation of prohibited foreign party prohibition; establish distribution of proceeds if digital asset mining business property is escheated due to a violation; amend KRS 45.345 to conform; amend KRS 42.500 to make technical corrections; permit the State Investment Commission to invest up to 10% of excess funds in bullion; prohibit State Investment Commission from investing in central bank digital currency; amend KRS 42.525 to make technical corrections; authorize the State Investment Commission to promulgate administrative regulations to carry out and effectuate certain authorized investments; establish Subtitle 13 of KRS Chapter 286 and create new sections thereof to regulate virtual currency kiosks; establish definitions; provide for enforcement by the commissioner of the Department of Financial Institutions; establish license requirements for virtual currency kiosks; require regulatory filings to be submitted to a nationwide licensing system registry; establish initial and renewal application processes and requirements, reporting, surety bond and tangible net worth, and change of control requirements for virtual currency kiosk operators; require the commissioner to promulgate administrative regulations to establish format, document submission, fee, and trade practice requirements for virtual currency kiosk operators; establish record retention requirements for persons required to be licensed as virtual currency kiosk operators; establish trade practice requirements relating to protection of resident assets, virtual currency kiosk transactions, prohibited practices, and fraud and information security compliance procedures; authorize the commissioner to 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 submit an annual licensing report to the Legislative Research Commission; 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 against persons that violate the subtitle; create a new section of KRS Chapter 41 to define terms; recognize gold specie and silver specie as legal tender in Kentucky; provide for use of gold specie and silver specie as legal tender; require the State Treasurer to promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to designate or establish a bullion depository and authorize 1 or more electronic payment systems to facilitate electronic payment transactions; establish requirements for system participants, transaction information, and bullion deposits; require the State Treasurer to submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission and to implement the system within 1 year; provide that Section 32 of the Act

may be cited as the Kentucky Transactional Gold and Silver Act; require the commissioner of the Department of Financial Institutions to promulgate any required emergency and ordinary administrative regulations on or before January 1, 2027; EFFECTIVE, in part, March 31, 2027.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB33 (BR394) - R. Thomas

AN ACT relating to recovery residences.
Amend KRS 222.504 to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to notify local governments when a recovery residence initiates the certification process with a certifying organization, becomes certified, or receives disciplinary action from the cabinet; require the cabinet to provide the recovery residence contact information and consider recovery residence information to be public record; amend KRS 222.510 to require local governments that maintain a registry of recovery residences and consider the information a public record.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB34 (BR24) - S. Rawlings

AN ACT relating to the transfer of property upon death.
Create new sections of KRS Chapter 391 to establish the Kentucky Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act to codify provisions for the creation, administration, modification, termination, and validity of transfer on death deeds; define terms; specify that a transfer on death deed is not an inter vivos transfer and that the transfer occurs at the time of the transferor's death; specify that the transferor retains the power to revoke a transfer on death deed; establish that a transfer on death deed is nontestamentary; establish requirements for a transfer on death deed and specify the process of recording a transfer on death deed; specify that a transfer on death deed is effective without acceptance by the beneficiary during the transferor's lifetime; establish provisions for the revocation of a transfer on death deed by instrument or act; establish the effect of a transfer on death deed during the transferor's life; allow a beneficiary to disclaim the property interest in the deed; establish a form for creating at transfer on death deed; establish a form for revocation of a transfer on death deed; require the Department of Revenue to provide the established forms; specify the applicability of KRS Chapter 391; conform to federal requirements related to electronic signatures and records; amend KRS 64.012 to provide the recording fee for a transfer on death deed or revocation; require the Department of Medicaid Services to prescribe and provide a form requiring information related to any Medicaid lien; provide that Sections 1 to 14 of this Act may be cited as the Uniform Real Property Transfer on Death Act; Amend KRS 381.280, 382.110, 382.135, 391.360, 392.020, 392.070, and 403.190 to conform; create a new section of KRS Chapter 186A to

define terms; establish requirements for a transfer of a vehicle's title to a named beneficiary upon the death of the owner; direct the Transportation Cabinet to develop a form for transfer; amend KRS 395.455 to dispense with administration of an estate and transfer property under certain circumstances relating to minors and payment of preferred claims.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB35 (BR1318) - R. Thomas

AN ACT relating to oaths.
Amend KRS 6.072 to require witnesses appearing before a committee, interim committee, statutory committee, subcommittee, commission, or task force of the General Assembly to take an oath prior to giving testimony; establish limitations and penalties; require meeting to be recorded.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB90 (BR1209) - B. Storm

AN ACT relating to the behavioral health conditional dismissal program.
Amend KRS 533.272 to extend the behavioral health conditional dismissal program pilot project until January 1, 2031; amend KRS 533.288 to extend the Behavioral Health Conditional Dismissal Program Implementation Council until December 31, 2031; amend 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.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SB181 (BR175) - L. Tichenor

AN ACT relating to schools and declaring an emergency.
Amend KRS 160.145 to expand existing definitions and define "private electronic communication" and "qualified school volunteer"; limit the scope of unauthorized electronic communication to private electronic communication and exclude designated types of communication from the scope of the requirement to obtain written parental consent prior to communicating outside of the traceable communication system; limit the scope of the 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; permit a local school district more flexibility in disciplinary actions arising from a violation of this section; permit a written parental consent form to designate more than 1 school district employee or qualified school volunteer; provide that the written consent may 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 permit 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; permit a school district to reconsider allowing previously prohibited volunteers; create 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 unauthorized electronic communication or misconduct involving a minor or student; amend KRS 160.380 to define "abusive conduct"; require school district applicants to disclose being the subject of any disciplinary actions in the previous 12 months relating to abusive conduct and consent to a reference check; require school districts to conduct reference checks; require nonpublic schools and public school districts to disclose any disciplinary actions related to abusive conduct of applicants; provide immunity for disclosures made about school employee conduct; require school districts to request all related information from public and nonpublic schools and the Education Professional Standards Board (ESPB); require schools and EPSB to provide the records; require requests for information to be satisfied in 10 working days; require EPSB to create and implement procedures for information requests; require all school district applicants to list all schools of previous and current employment on the application; require a school district to internally report and 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; provide that certain requirements apply to public charter schools; amend KRS 156.160 to direct the Kentucky Board of Education to include employment standards in the voluntary certification standards for private schools; make technical corrections; amend 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; require certified nonpublic school personnel to have a state criminal background check every 5 years; prohibit a certified nonpublic school from hiring a violent or felony sex crime offender; require a certified nonpublic school to conduct reference checks on all applicants; prohibit a certified nonpublic school from entering into a nondisclosure agreement related to misconduct involving a minor or student; make technical corrections; amend KRS 156.095 to require the Kentucky Department of Education to develop a training related to sexual misconduct and inappropriate relationships for employees to undergo every 5 years; make technical corrections; amend KRS 161.151 to conform; require that an allegation of abusive conduct be reported pursuant to KRS 620.030; amend KRS 158.4431, 156.492, and 158.200 to conform; provide that Section 2 may be cited as Erin's Law; EMERGENCY.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

Senate Resolutions

SR1 (BR1195) - M. Wise

Establish the 2026 membership of the Kentucky State Senate.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S); adopted by voice vote

SR2 (BR1193) - M. Wise

Adopt the Rules of Procedure for the 2026 Regular Session of the Senate.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S); adopted by voice vote

SR3 (BR1197) - M. Wise

Extend an invitation to the pastors of Frankfort churches to open sessions of the 2026 Regular Session with prayer.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S); adopted by voice vote

SR4 (BR1355) - C. Armstrong

Adjourn in honor and loving memory of Minnesota State House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SR7 (BR1089) - C. Armstrong

Condemn political violence and affirm the peaceful exercise of democracy in the Commonwealth.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SR8 (BR1491) - C. Armstrong

Urge appropriate legislative committees, state agencies, and educational authorities to explore opportunities to formally honor and educate the public about the lives and contributions of great Kentuckians.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SCR9 (BR988) - S. Meredith

Direct the Legislative Research Commission to procure a vendor to conduct a feasibility study for an Accountable Communities for Health Medicaid delivery model pilot project; require the results of the study to be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission by November 1, 2026; strongly encourage the Legislative Research Commission to begin the procurement process immediately upon the adoption of this Resolution; establish

that a pilot project resulting from the feasibility study shall be known as the 20 by 30 Accountable Care Pilot Project.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SR10 (BR1271) - K. Herron, B. Storm

Adjourn in honor and loving memory of the victims of UPS Airlines Flight 2976, and recognize the efforts of first responders and other agencies that responded to the crash.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SJR11 (BR1231) - B. Smith

Direct the Transportation Cabinet to designate a portion of Kentucky Route 7 in Perry County as the Jean Ritchie Memorial Highway.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SR12 (BR390) - M. Wise

Adjourn in honor and loving memory of James Allen Ewing.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SCR13 (BR1474) - B. Storm

Direct the Legislative Research Commission to establish the Aviation Economic Development Task Force and direct it to study and make recommendations; establish membership and meetings; direct the task force to submit its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2026.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SR14 (BR1183) - R. Thomas

Adjourn in honor and loving memory of David Delvin Drake.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SR15 (BR1540) - R. Thomas

Adjourn in honor and loving memory of Joyce Laverne Johnson.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SR16 (BR1138) - M. Wise

Adjourn in honor and loving memory of C. Ronald Wise.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SJR17 (BR1221) - M. Wise, R. Mills

Apply to Congress under the provisions of Article V of the Constitution of the United States for the calling of a convention for proposing amendments that limit the terms of office for members of Congress; state that the application should be aggregated with the

applications of other states limited for the purposes identified in the application; state that the application should be a continuing application until a convention is called.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SR18 (BR1459) - J. Higdon, B. Smith

Adjourn in honor and loving memory of Carolyn Greenwell Haydon and Joseph "Jodie" Albert Haydon.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

SR19 (BR46) - J. Higdon, M. Wise

Adjourn in honor and loving memory of Leigh Caroline Reed.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

House Bills

HB11 (BR944) - J. Bauman

AN ACT relating to independent school districts.
Create new sections of KRS Chapter 160 to establish a process for the creation of new independent school districts from a persistently underperforming school district; define terms; establish the process for a local legislative body where a persistently underperforming school district is located to place the question of creating new independent districts and local boards of education on the ballot; specify the requirements for the questions and the board of education provisional election; establish the initial terms of office for the interim board of education; establish the transition of authorities from the originating district board of education to the boards of both the altered originating district and the new independent district; require the Kentucky Department of Education to calculate assets and liabilities of the originating district for division to the new independent districts; authorize the originating district to maintain control and use of assets until the scheduled transfer to the new independent districts and authorize the continued payments of debts; establish a negotiation process between the originating district and the new independent districts to resolve the division of the originating district's assets and liabilities; establish a deadline for the negotiation to conclude; provide a process for resolution of disagreements; establish a deadline for the transfer of all assets and debts; authorize the originating district to continue to assess and collect taxes for all districts until the close of the tax year in which the new independent districts are fully operational; provide for the distribution of collected taxes during the transition period; require the county judge/executive to call the newly elected interim boards of new independent districts to meet; allow the interim board to request assistance from the Kentucky Department of Education; establish the

transition process for new independent districts to become fully functional; allow the interim board to submit a waiver request for a statute or administrative regulation to the Kentucky Board of Education; authorize the interim board to enter into service contracts with another school district during the transition; establish a process for the interim board to vote to terminate the establishment of the new independent district due to financial nonviability during the transition; establish the transition from an interim board to a fully functional board of the new independent district; require the continued collection of taxes restricted to the payment of debt or interest; waive the requirement for school-based decision making for the first year of operations of the new independent district; require the interim board of the new independent district to develop a transition plan and establish the requirements of the plan; create a new section of KRS Chapter 157, relating to state formula funding calculations, to establish a projection model for the first year of full operations of the new independent district and the altered originating district.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB12 (BR164)/LM - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to privacy for members of the General Assembly.
Amend KRS 61.7991 to add current members of the General Assembly and their immediate family members to the definition of "covered person"; authorize standing for a civil action for injunctive or declaratory relief for unauthorized disclosure; provide that the removal of information does not apply to required disclosures under KRS Chapter 6 or 61.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB13 (BR1340) - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to the individual income tax rate.
Amend KRS 141.020 to establish a graduated tax rate for net income of \$300,000 or less; establish a flat tax rate of 6% for net incomes in excess of \$300,000; and remove provisions relating to tax rate reduction procedures.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB14 (BR1504) - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to the rural hospital operations and facilities revolving loan fund, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.
Appropriate \$355,000,000 in fiscal year 2026-27 to the rural hospital operations and facilities revolving loan fund; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB15 (BR1441)/LM - L. Burke

AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to Medicaid expansion.
Propose to create a new section of the

Constitution of Kentucky to enshrine Medicaid expansion coverage; direct the Secretary of State to advertise the proposed constitutional amendment prior to a general election vote; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB16 (BR1302) - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to Medicaid.
Amend KRS 205.520 to establish that it is the policy of the Commonwealth to provide Medicaid eligibility for all residents of the Commonwealth who may be eligible under federal law; amend KRS 205.6312 to require the establishment of cost-sharing requirements in the Medicaid program to the extent required under federal law; require the Governor to commission an independent third-party analysis of the current Medicaid expansion; require 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; provide authorization from the General Assembly to make changes the Medicaid program as required under KRS 205.5372(1).

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB17 (BR1507) - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to one-time payments to school district employees, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.
Direct local school districts to provide a one-time payment of \$2,000 to certified employees, excluding superintendents, in each year of the 2026-2028 biennium, and a one-time payment of \$1,000 to classified employees in each year of the 2026-2028 biennium; appropriate \$153 million from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund account in each year of the 2026-2028 biennium to the Learning and Results Services budget unit to provide the payments; authorize the Department of Education to pro rata reduce payments if the appropriation is insufficient; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB18 (BR255)/LM - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to the safe ownership of firearms.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 237 to define "ammunition" and "firearm"; require an owner or other person lawfully in possession of a firearm or any person who sells ammunition to report the loss or theft of the firearm or ammunition to a law enforcement agency; create a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to establish civil liability against a person who fails to report the loss or theft of a firearm if knowingly another person is injured by the use of the lost or stolen firearm; establish civil liability against a person who furnishes a firearm to a minor if the minor causes the injury or death of another by the use of the firearm; amend

KRS 411.155 to conform.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB19 (BR1345) - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to school district employees and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 157.420 to preclude the Kentucky Board of Education from approving the working budget or salary schedule of a local board of education unless it incorporates a salary increase for certified and classified staff consistent with the percent increase in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U); EMERGENCY; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2026.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB20 (BR802)/AA/HM/LM/SP - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to coverage for reproductive health care.

Create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require health benefit plans to provide coverage for in vitro fertilization, intrauterine insemination, and any other assisted reproductive technology; establish minimum requirements for the coverage; suspend the coverage requirement's application to qualified health plans if the state would be required to make cost defrayal payments; amend KRS 304.17A-099 to conform; amend 164.2871 and 18A.225 to require self-insured employer plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution and the state employee health plan to comply with the assisted reproductive technology coverage requirement; direct that certain provisions apply to health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027; EFFECTIVE, January 1, 2027.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB21 (BR258)/AA/HM/LM/SP - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to mental health coverage in connection with pregnancy. Create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to define terms; require health benefit plans to provide coverage for counseling interventions for pregnant and postpartum persons at increased risk of perinatal depression, including persons who have suffered a miscarriage or stillbirth; suspend the coverage requirement's application to qualified health plans if the state would be required to make cost defrayal payments; amend KRS 304.17A-099 to conform; amend KRS 205.522, 205.6485, 164.2871, and 18A.225 to require Medicaid, the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program, self-insured employer plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution, and the state employee health plan to comply with the coverage requirement for counseling interventions; provide that certain provisions apply to health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or Department for Medicaid Services to

obtain federal approval if it is determined that such approval is necessary and comply with notice requirements; provide 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.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB22 (BR253)/CI/LM - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to reproductive privacy. Create new sections of KRS Chapter 311 to establish reproductive rights and define terms; amend KRS 18A.225 to remove the prohibition of insurance coverage for abortion; amend KRS 39A.180 to allow the Governor to suspend statutes related to abortion during a declared emergency; amend KRS 156.496 to allow a school district to operate a family resource center that provides abortion counseling; amend KRS 205.010 to permit financial aid for an abortion; amend KRS 205.510 to include abortions or induced miscarriages as medical care; amend KRS 205.560 to allow medical aid payments for abortion; amend KRS 211.603 to allow money in the rape crisis center trust fund to be used for abortion services or education; amend KRS 212.275 to allow health departments to dispense medication for an abortion; amend KRS 213.101 to remove various reporting requirements; amend various sections to remove penalties associated with performing abortions; amend various sections to conform; repeal, reenact, and amend or repeal and reenact KRS 311.783, 311.7710, 311.820, 311.780, 311.810, to conform; repeal KRS 15.241, 213.098, 213.172, 213.174, 213.176, 216B.0435, 216B.200, 216B.202, 216B.204, 216B.206, 216B.208, 216B.210, 304.5-160, 311.710, 311.715, 311.720, 311.723, 311.724, 311.725, 311.727, 311.728, 311.731, 311.732, 311.733, 311.735, 311.750, 311.760, 311.765, 311.770, 311.7701, 311.7702, 311.7703, 311.7704, 311.7705, 311.7706, 311.7707, 311.7708, 311.7709, 311.7711, 311.772, 311.7731, 311.7733, 311.7734, 311.7735, 311.7736, 311.7737, 311.7739, 311.774, 311.7741, 311.7743, 311.781, 311.7811, 311.782, 311.784, 311.7841, 311.785, 311.786, 311.787, 311.790, 311.800, 311.821, 311.822, 311.823, 311.824, 311.825, 311.826, 311.827, 311.830, 311.992, and 315.315; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2027.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB23 (BR252) - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to reproductive health care. Create a new section of KRS 311.710 to 311.820 to define terms; establish privacy protections for a woman seeking reproductive health care outside of the Commonwealth; establish protections for any person or entity assisting a woman seeking reproductive health care outside of the Commonwealth; establish a civil cause of action for violations; waive sovereign immunity protections of the

Commonwealth.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB24 (BR256)/LM - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to employment schedules. Create new sections of KRS Chapter 337 to require employers to give employees a good-faith estimate of the employee's work schedule, maintain a voluntary standby list of employees who wish to work additional hours, post weekly schedules at least seven days in advance, and provide certain rest periods for employees from being scheduled; allow employees to identify time limitations for scheduling work hours; require compensation for employer changes to the schedule; set forth unlawful practices; amend KRS 337.990 to establish a penalty for violations.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB25 (BR1069)/AA/HM/LM/SP - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to coverage for scalp cooling systems used in connection with chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer. Create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to define terms; require health plans to provide coverage for scalp cooling systems used in connection with chemotherapy treatment for breast cancer; suspend the coverage requirement's application to qualified health plans if the state would be required to make cost defrayal payments; amend KRS 304.17A-099 to conform; amend KRS 304.17C-125, 164.2871, and 18A.225 to require limited health service benefit plans, self-insured employer plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution, and the state employee health plan to comply with the coverage requirement for scalp cooling systems; provide that certain provisions apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2027.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB26 (BR254)/LM - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to workers' compensation for first responders. Amend KRS 342.0011, relating to workers' compensation, to expand the definition of "injury" to include psychological injuries for police officers, firefighters, emergency medical services personnel, front-line staff members, or members of the National Guard; create a new section of KRS Chapter 342 to establish when psychological injuries are valid workers' compensation claims when not a direct result of a physical injury.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB27 (BR1070) - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to contributions made to a Kentucky Saves account. Amend KRS 141.019 to establish an individual income tax exclusion for amounts contributed to a Kentucky Saves account for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027, but before January 1, 2031; create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to establish the parameters for the Kentucky Saves exclusion and to establish the Kentucky Saves tax credit; define terms; require the Department of Revenue to report annually on the exclusion and tax credit; amend KRS 141.0205 to provide ordering of the tax credit; amend KRS 131.190 to allow the Department of Revenue to report on the exclusion and tax credit.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB28 (BR1303) - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to education opportunity accounts. Repeal various sections of KRS Chapter 141 to repeal the Education Opportunity Account Program; amend KRS 141.0205 and 131.190 to conform.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB29 (BR257)/LM - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to leave from employment. Amend KRS 337.415 to define "crime," "immediate family," and "victim"; prohibit employers from discharging or retaliating against an employee who is a crime victim when the employee takes leave to attend proceedings associated with the prosecution of the crime; require an employee to give an employer reasonable notice to take leave when practicable; provide guidelines for use of paid leave; require the employer to maintain confidentiality of records and communication with employee crime victim; create a private right of action for improper discharge, discrimination, retaliation, or failure to maintain confidentiality; amend KRS 337.990 to establish penalties for violations by an employer.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB30 (BR251) - L. Burke

AN ACT relating to criminal procedure. Amend KRS 431.073 and 431.078 to provide for expungement of offenses which were charged but later dismissed or amended; make technical corrections; amend KRS 532.080 to state that the enhancement of a sentence as a persistent felony offender does not alter the felony classification of offenses.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB31 (BR102) - A. Moore, A. Camuel

AN ACT relating to the purchase of single-family homes. Create new sections of KRS Chapter 367 to define terms; prohibit persons who own 50 or more single-family rental

homes in the Commonwealth of Kentucky from purchasing additional single-family homes in the Commonwealth of Kentucky except for use by the person as a residence; limit the purchase restriction to single-family homes that have been advertised for sale for less than 90 days or less than 30 days if the purchaser qualifies as a small business; exempt nonprofit corporations from prohibition on the purchase of single-family homes; provide that a violation is also a violation of KRS 367.170; provide for joinder of certain parties with joint and several liability in enforcement actions.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB32 (BR101)/AA/HM/LM/SP - A. Moore, E. Hancock

AN ACT relating to coverage for epinephrine devices.
Create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require health benefit plans to cover at least 2 medically necessary epinephrine devices per covered person; limit a covered person's cost-sharing amount to \$100 annually; amend KRS 304.17A-099 to exempt the epinephrine device coverage requirement from being suspended under state law due to the triggering of federal cost defrayment requirements; amend KRS 205.522, 205.6485, 164.2871, and 18A.225 to require Medicaid, KCHIP, self-insured employer group health plans offered by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution, and the state employee health plan to comply with the epinephrine device coverage requirement; provide that various sections apply to health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027; require the Department of Insurance to determine whether the epinephrine devices coverage requirement would be in addition to essential health benefits required under federal law; require the Department of Insurance to obtain federal approval, if necessary; require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or the Department for Medicaid Services to obtain federal approval, if necessary; provide 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.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB33 (BR1330) - A. Moore

AN ACT relating to data privacy.
Amend KRS 367.3611 to define "automated-decision system," "base price," "individualized data," and "surveillance pricing"; amend KRS 367.3617 to prohibit any controller under the Kentucky Consumer Data Protection Act from engaging in surveillance pricing, or offering, setting, or displaying a price for a good or service to a consumer using an automated-decision system that is based, in whole or in part, on individualized data; provide that the Act may be cited as the Kentucky Price Fairness Act.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HB34 (BR1090) - K. Banta

AN ACT relating to death benefits.
Amend KRS 61.315 to include additional cancers which, when they are the cause of death of a firefighter, would make the firefighter eligible for death benefits; make a technical correction.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

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Establish the 2026 membership of the Kentucky State House of Representatives.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H); to House Floor ; adopted by voice vote

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Adopt the Rules of Procedure for the 2026 Regular Session of the House of Representatives.

Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H); to House Floor ; adopted by voice vote

HR3 (BR1196) - S. Rudy

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Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H); to House Floor ; adopted by voice vote

HR4 (BR1538) - L. Burke

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Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HR5 (BR1533) - L. Burke

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Jan 06, 2026 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

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