

2018 Legislative Session Report #9

March 17, 2018

Senate Bills

[SB 1](#) (BR 427) - [J. Bowen](#), [R. Stivers II](#), [C. McDaniel](#), [D. Thayer](#)

AN ACT relating to retirement.

Feb 20, 2018 - introduced in Senate

Feb 21, 2018 - to State & Local Government (S)

Mar 05, 2018 - taken from State & Local Government (S); 1st reading; returned to State & Local Government (S)

Mar 06, 2018 - taken from State & Local Government (S); 2nd reading; returned to State & Local Government (S)

Mar 07, 2018 - reported favorably, to Rules with Committee Substitute (1); floor amendments (1), (2) and (3) filed to Committee Substitute

Mar 08, 2018 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Friday, March 9, 2018; floor amendments (4) and (5) filed to Committee Substitute

Mar 09, 2018 - recommitted to State & Local Government (S)

***This is the Pension reform bill and we will continue to watch as anything can happen during this time of the session.**

[SB 25/LM](#) (BR 254) - [R. Alvarado](#), [D. Thayer](#), [J. Schickel](#), [W. Schroder](#)

AN ACT relating to special purpose governmental entities.

***This is the SPEG bill and we will continue to watch as anything can happen during this time of the session.**

[SB 66/FN \(BR 846\)](#) - [C. McDaniel](#), [W. Schroder](#)

AN ACT relating to retirement.

Amend KRS 61.530 to insert gender-neutral language.

AMENDMENTS

[SB 66 \(As Introduced\)](#)

[SCS1/AA](#) - Amend KRS 61.522 to allow universities, community colleges, and health departments to cease participating in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System provided the agency pays the cost of ceasing participation; provide a window where quasi-state agencies who are eligible to cease participating in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System or non-stock non-profit agencies eligible to cease participating in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) may elect prior to July 1, 2018, to cease participating in the system by paying the prorated share of the system's unfunded liability based upon the employer's share of total payroll in FY 2015, 2016, and 2017; provide that the window effective cessation date is June 30, 2019 and that employees of the ceasing employer shall contribute until June 30, 2019; allow employers ceasing participation in the window to pay off the cost through installments without interest; provide that the installments in FY 19 and 20 shall be equal to the contributions paid by the employers in FY 18 and to provide an increase in the payment of 5% per year each year; provide a maximum payback period of 40 years; amend KRS 61.565 to provide that CERS employer contribution rate shall not increase by more than 12% per year over the prior fiscal year from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2028; EMERGENCY.

[SCA1](#)(C. McDaniel) -

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in Senate

Jan 05, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

Feb 27, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute (1) and committee amendment (1-title)

Feb 28, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules

Mar 12, 2018 - taken from Rules; recommitted to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

***This bill would give all agencies in the CERS pension time to spread out the additional pension cost that the new pension board imposed on agencies. We need support for this to help Cities, Counties and Fire Districts to fund their pension cost. Please Call your State Senators!!!**

[SB 88](#) (BR 1093) - [P. Hornback](#), [M. Wilson](#), [J. Bowen](#)

Jan 17, 2018 - introduced in Senate
Jan 18, 2018 - to State & Local Government (S)
Jan 24, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar; floor amendment (1) filed
Jan 25, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules
Feb 08, 2018 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Thursday, February 8, 2018; 3rd reading, passed 36-0 with floor amendment (1)
Feb 09, 2018 - received in House
Feb 13, 2018 - to Local Government (H)
Feb 15, 2018 - posted in committee
Feb 21, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar
Feb 22, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules
Feb 28, 2018 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Thursday, March 1, 2018

[SB 90/LM](#) (BR 198) - [D. Carroll](#)

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

Jan 17, 2018 - introduced in Senate
Jan 18, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)
Feb 20, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute (1)
Feb 21, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules
Feb 23, 2018 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Monday, February 26, 2018
Feb 26, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 36-0 with Committee Substitute (1)
Feb 27, 2018 - received in House
Mar 01, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

***SB 90 is the same legislation language as in HB 140. Both House and Senate members have informed us that HB 140 is the bill that they are looking to pass. Ask you Senators to pass HB 140, Please Call!!**

[SB 142](#) (BR 1391) - [D. Carroll](#)

AN ACT relating to training for telecommunicators.

Amend KRS 15.550 to require telecommunicators that provide dispatch for emergency medical conditions to be trained in high-quality telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation (T-CPR).

Feb 12, 2018 - introduced in Senate

Feb 13, 2018 - to Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (S)

Mar 01, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar

Mar 02, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules

Mar 05, 2018 - posted for passage in the Consent Orders of the Day for
Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Mar 06, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 37-1

Mar 07, 2018 - received in House

Mar 09, 2018 - to Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection (H)

Mar 12, 2018 - posted in committee

House Bills

[HB 2/LM](#) (BR 244) - [A. Koenig](#), [B. Rowland](#), [M. Castlen](#), [J. DeCesare](#), [T. Herald](#), [D. St. Onge](#), [S. Wells](#), [A. Wuchner](#)

AN ACT relating to workers' compensation.

Feb 12, 2018 - introduced in House

Feb 13, 2018 - to Economic Development & Workforce Investment (H); posted in committee

Feb 15, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar

Feb 16, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules; posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Tuesday, February 20, 2018; floor amendment (1) filed

Feb 20, 2018 - 3rd reading; returned to the Orders of the Day; floor amendments (2) and (3) filed

Feb 21, 2018 - floor amendment (1) defeated; passed 55-39 with floor amendment (2)

Feb 22, 2018 - received in Senate

Mar 05, 2018 - to State & Local Government (S)

[HB 61/CI/FN](#) (BR 372) - [G. Watkins](#), [L. Brown](#), [C. McCoy](#), [C. Morgan](#), [B. Reed](#), [R. Rothenburger](#)

AN ACT relating to criminal attempted murder.

***The language in this legislation has been attached to HB 140 in the Senate, If HB 140 Passes this language will go into effect. Please contact your State Senator to Support HB140.**

[HB 95/LM](#) (BR 159) - [R. Rothenburger](#), [M. Hart](#)

AN ACT relating to fire department merger and making an appropriation therefor.

AMENDMENTS

[HB 95 \(As Introduced\)](#)

[HCS1/LM](#) - Retain original provisions of the bill, but add new sections of KRS Chapter 75 to provide for an alternative governance model of a fire district that may be created by permission of fiscal courts that would allow for four of the seven members of the board of trustees to be citizen members of the board, elected by the citizens, rather than only two, and one member appointment by the county judge/executive or executive head of a merged government rather than three members; remove the tax cap from the taxes that the district board may set, but subject those rates to the compensating tax rates and recall provisions in KRS Chapter 132; provide that when converting over to the alternative board and tax structure that the tax rates in place at the time of conversion shall be the initial rates upon conversion; amend KRS 132.023 to conform to changes.

[HCA1](#)(R. Rothenburger) - Make title amendment.

[HFA1](#)(J. Miller) - Amend Sections 5, 6, and 7 to require the election and appointment of fire district trustees to occur on the date and times of the regular election in November; synchronize the terms of the existing and future board members to accommodate the change; require that a sign informing voters be placed in precincts containing all or a portion of the fire district of the trustee election; specify contents and visibility standards of the sign; make the location of the sign subject to the State Board of Elections regulation; apply the prohibitions established by KRS 117.235, 119.185, and 119.255 to the posting and contents of the sign.

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 04, 2018 - to Local Government (H)

Jan 08, 2018 - posted in committee

Mar 12, 2018 - posted in committee

Mar 14, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute & committee amendment (1-title); floor amendment (1) filed to Committee Substitute

Mar 15, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules

Mar 16, 2018 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Monday, March 19, 2018

***Please Contact your State Representatives ask them to Support HB 95. Very Important legislation for Fire Districts!! Please Call for Support to HB 95!!!**

[HB 96](#) (BR 98) - [M. Hart](#)

AN ACT relating to the investigation of fire related crimes.

AMENDMENTS

[HB 96 \(As Introduced\)](#)

[HCS1](#) - Delete original provisions; amend KRS 15.310 to include the definition of "fire investigator"; amend KRS 15.340 to provide that the Department of Criminal Justice Training shall offer training to fire investigators; amend KRS 15.380 to add fire investigators to the list of officers required to be certified by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council; amend KRS 15.383 to require the fire investigator's employing agency to keep a record of marksmanship tests; amend KRS 15.442 to specify that fire investigators are not eligible to participate in the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund; create a new section of KRS Chapter 95A to allow for the creation and appointment of fire investigators; create a new section of KRS Chapter 95A to require fire investigators to get certified by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council and to attend annual in-service training; amend KRS 95.500 to include fire investigators in the list of positions excluded from specific shifts; amend KRS 227.200 to add a definition of "fire investigator"; amend KRS 227.220 to allow the state fire marshal to appoint fire investigators; create a new section of KRS Chapter 227 to require fire investigators to attend basic training and be certified by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council, and allow certified fire investigators to exercise peace officer powers; amend KRS 15.382 to make technical corrections; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2019.

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 04, 2018 - to Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection (H)

Feb 02, 2018 - posted in committee

Feb 07, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar with Committee Substitute (1)

Feb 08, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules; recommitted to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Mar 01, 2018 - posted in committee

Mar 06, 2018 - reported favorably, to Rules as a Consent Bill

Mar 08, 2018 - posted for passage in the Consent Orders of the Day for Friday, March 9, 2018

Mar 09, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 84-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

Mar 12, 2018 - received in Senate

Mar 13, 2018 - to Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (S)

[HB 122](#) (BR 276) - [M. Meredith](#), [L. Brown](#), [M. Hart](#), [K. Imes](#), [P. Pratt](#), [B. Reed](#), [R. Rothenburger](#), [J. Sims Jr](#)

AN ACT relating to fire department reporting.

Amend KRS 65A.010, 75.430, and 95A.055 to require fire departments created under KRS Chapter 273 to report to the Fire Commission under KRS 95A.055 rather than under KRS Chapter 65A.

AMENDMENTS

[HB 122 \(As Introduced\)](#)

[SFA1](#)(M. Wilson) - Amend Section 3 of the bill to add a new subsection (5) to require the fire commission to conduct a financial review of each fire department every 4 years with Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) approved procedures, add a new subsection (6) to give the fire commission the option to require an audit every fourth year of a fire department whose revenues or expenditures are equal to or greater than \$100,000 and less than \$500,000, add a new subsection (7) to require an annual audit of fire departments whose revenue or expenditures equal or exceed \$500,000 for 2 or more consecutive years, and add a new subsection (8) to allow the APA to examine and review the reports and related work papers and documents relating to the financial review or audits conducted under this section; require the APA and Attorney General to be notified of any irregularities relating to the finances or operations of a fire department, while allowing the commission to notify other public officials; renumber subsections to conform.

Jan 03, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 05, 2018 - to Local Government (H)

Jan 08, 2018 - posted in committee

Jan 17, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar

Jan 18, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules; posted for passage in the Consent Orders of the Day for Friday, January 19, 2018

Jan 19, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 89-0

Jan 22, 2018 - received in Senate

Jan 23, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

Mar 13, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar

Mar 14, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules

Mar 15, 2018 - floor amendment (1) filed

AN ACT relating to conservation officers and declaring an emergency.

[SFA1](#)(R. Jones II) - Retain original provisions; amend KRS 16.505 to include in the definition of "dependent child," solely as it applies to a member who dies as a direct result of an act in line of duty or a duty-related injury, a disabled child of any age; define "monthly average pay" to mean the higher of a member's final rate of pay or average monthly creditable compensation earned during the deceased member's last 12 months of employment; amend KRS 16.601 and 61.621 to increase minimum act in line of duty or duty-related death benefits payable to the surviving spouse of a member of any of the systems administered by the Kentucky Retirement Systems from 25% to 75% of the deceased member's monthly average pay and, if there is no surviving spouse, to the dependent children at the rate of 50% for one dependent child, 65% for two dependent children, and 75% for three or more dependent children; amend KRS 61.510 to define "monthly average pay"; amend KRS 61.542 to require that the surviving spouse supersede all previously designated beneficiaries in the case of line-of-duty death benefits payable from the systems administered by the Kentucky Retirement Systems unless the member files a valid beneficiary designation form after marriage to his or her spouse; amend KRS 61.702 to ensure full and timely hospital and medical insurance benefits for the spouse and dependents of a member who died as a direct result of an act in line of duty or duty-related injury; amend KRS 78.510 to define "monthly average pay"; direct that an eligible surviving spouse of a member who died as a result of an act line of duty or duty-related injury prior to the effective date of the bill receive the increased line of duty or duty-related death benefits; direct that a surviving spouse of a hazardous duty member who died as a result of an act in line of duty on or after January 1, 2017, who was ineligible for the minimum monthly death benefits because he or she was not named beneficiary, be eligible for the benefits provided by this Act; EMERGENCY. Jan 29, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 89-0 with Committee Substitute and committee amendment (1-title)

Jan 30, 2018 - received in Senate

Jan 31, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

Mar 13, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar with Committee Substitute & committee amendment (1-title)

Mar 14, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules; floor amendment (1) filed to Committee Substitute

***This our Incentive and State Aid Bill Please Call your State Senator!!**

Call Your State Senators!! Important Call to Support HB 140!!!!

[HB 167](#) (BR 400) - [M. Dossett](#), [L. Bechler](#), [G. Brown Jr](#), [K. King](#)

AN ACT relating to abandoned infants.

AMENDMENTS

[HB 167 \(As Introduced\)](#)

[HCS1](#) - Delete original provisions; amend KRS 405.075 to establish that a staffed police station, fire station, hospital, or participating place of worship may post a sign easily seen by the public that identifies itself as a safe and legal location to surrender a newborn infant less than 30 days old.

Jan 10, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 16, 2018 - to Health and Family Services (H)

Jan 23, 2018 - posted in committee

Jan 25, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar with Committee

Substitute

Jan 26, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules; posted for passage in the Consent Orders of the Day for Monday, January 29, 2018

Jan 29, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 89-0 with Committee Substitute

Jan 30, 2018 - received in Senate

Jan 31, 2018 - to Health & Welfare (S)

[HB 172](#) (BR 835) - [S. Rudy](#)

AN ACT relating to submission of budget unit requests.

Amend KRS 48.050, relating to submission of budget unit requests, to make a technical correction.

Jan 10, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 16, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Jan 25, 2018 - posted in committee

Jan 30, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar

Jan 31, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules

Feb 01, 2018 - posted for passage in the Consent Orders of the Day for Friday, February 2, 2018

Feb 02, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 87-0

Feb 05, 2018 - received in Senate

Feb 06, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

[HB 185](#) (BR 1005) - [J. Blanton](#), [M. Cantrell](#), [C. Fugate](#), [K. Moser](#)

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

[HB 185 \(As Introduced\)](#)

[HCS1/AA](#) - Retain original provisions except to amend KRS 16.601 and 61.621 to provide that the monthly payments to a surviving spouse of a system member who dies in the line of duty shall be reduced upon remarriage; amend KRS 61.702 to make technical amendments; EMERGENCY.

[HFA1](#)(J. Blanton) - Amend to provide that payments to the surviving spouse shall be reduced to 25% of pay upon remarriage.

Jan 11, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 17, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Mar 14, 2018 - posting waived; posted in committee

Mar 15, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute (1); floor amendment (1) filed to Committee Substitute

Mar 16, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules; posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Monday, March 19, 2018

***This bill passed out of committee Thursday and should please Call your State Representative ask them to support!!**

[HB 200](#) (BR 827) - [S. Rudy](#)

AN ACT relating to appropriations and revenue measures providing financing and 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.

Mar 01, 2018 - taken from Rules (H); posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Thursday, March 1, 2018; floor amendment (1) filed to Committee Substitute; 3rd reading, passed 76-15 with Committee Substitute, committee amendment (1-title), floor amendment (1)

Mar 02, 2018 - received in Senate

Mar 06, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

Mar 15, 2018 - taken from Appropriations & Revenue (S); 1st reading; returned to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

Mar 16, 2018 - taken from Appropriations & Revenue (S); 2nd reading; returned to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

[HB 252/LM](#) (BR 100) - [J. DeCesare](#), [P. Pratt](#), [J. DuPlessis](#), [R. Heath](#), [R. Mills](#)

AN ACT relating to unemployment insurance.

Mar 07, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 78-13 with Committee Substitute and floor amendment (5)

Mar 08, 2018 - received in Senate

Mar 09, 2018 - to Economic Development, Tourism, and Labor (S)

Mar 13, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar

Mar 14, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules

[HB 279](#) (BR 1181) - [R. Rothenburger](#), [M. Hart](#), [J. Sims Jr](#)

AN ACT relating to emergency medical services.

Feb 16, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 84-0

Feb 20, 2018 - received in Senate

Feb 21, 2018 - to Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations (S)

[HB 293](#) (BR 488) - [J. Fischer](#), [S. Riggs](#), [B. Rowland](#)

AN ACT relating to asbestos bankruptcy trust claims and declaring an emergency.

Feb 01, 2018 - introduced in House

Feb 05, 2018 - to Banking & Insurance (H); posted in committee

Feb 07, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute

Feb 08, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules

Feb 09, 2018 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Monday, February 12, 2018

Mar 15, 2018 - taken from the Orders of the Day; recommitted to Judiciary (H)

[HB 366](#) (BR 1195) - [S. Rudy](#), [K. Fleming](#)

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

Mar 01, 2018 - taken from Rules (H); posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Thursday, March 1, 2018; 3rd reading, passed 68-25 with Committee Substitute (1), committee amendment (1-title)

Mar 02, 2018 - received in Senate

Mar 06, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

Mar 15, 2018 - taken from Appropriations & Revenue (S); 1st reading; returned

to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

Mar 16, 2018 - taken from Appropriations & Revenue (S); 2nd reading; returned to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

[HB 373](#) (BR 1384) - [R. Benvenuti III](#)

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

Mar 13, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 94-2 with Committee Substitute and floor amendment (1)

Mar 14, 2018 - received in Senate

Mar 15, 2018 - to Judiciary (S)

[HB 443](#) (BR 1296) - [R. Benvenuti III](#)

AN ACT relating to nonprofit corporations.

Amend, create, and repeal and reenact various sections of KRS Chapter 273 to modernize statutes regulating nonprofit corporations.

Feb 22, 2018 - introduced in House

Feb 26, 2018 - to Judiciary (H)

Mar 09, 2018 - posted in committee

Mar 14, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar

Mar 15, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules; posted for passage in the Consent Orders of the Day for Friday, March 16, 2018

Mar 16, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 87-0

[HCR 226](#) (BR 1532) - [D. Mayfield](#), [D. Bentley](#)

AMENDMENTS

[HCR 226 \(As Introduced\)](#)

[HCS1](#) - Retain original provisions except to: include two members of the House Health and Family Services Committee and two members of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee instead of three and add the President of Kentucky Professional Fire Fighters, or his or her designee, and the President of the Kentucky Association of Fire Chiefs, or his or her designee.

[HFA1](#)(D. Bentley) - Add one pharmacist selected from a list of three pharmacists submitted by the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy to the task force.

Mar 07, 2018 - introduced in House

Mar 09, 2018 - to Health and Family Services (H)

Mar 12, 2018 - posted in committee

Mar 14, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar with Committee Substitute (1); floor amendment (1) filed to Committee Substitute

Mar 15, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules; posted for passage in the Consent Orders of the Day for Friday, March 16, 2018; floor amendment (1) withdrawn

Mar 16, 2018 - 3rd reading, passed 87-0 with Committee Substitute