

# 2018 Legislative Session Report #1

January 15, 2018

## Senate Bills

[SB 15](#) (BR 845) - [C. McDaniel](#), [D. Thayer](#)

AN ACT relating to retirement.

Amend KRS 161.525 to insert gender-neutral language.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in Senate

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

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

AN ACT relating to special purpose governmental entities.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 65A to require proposed increases in ad valorem taxes and certain fees and the levy of new ad valorem taxes or fees by special purpose governmental entities to be submitted to the legislative body of the county or city in which the special purpose governmental entity is located for review; amend KRS 75.031 to require that nonfirefighter property owner members of boards of trustees for fire protection districts and volunteer fire department districts be elected in regular November elections; amend various sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes to conform; repeal KRS 65A.100; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2019.

### AMENDMENTS

[SB 25 \(As Introduced\)](#)

[SCS1/LM](#) - Create a new section of KRS Chapter 65A to require proposed increases in ad valorem taxes and certain fees and the levy of new ad valorem taxes or fees by special purpose governmental entities to be submitted to the legislative body of the county or city in which the

special purpose governmental entity is located for review; amend various sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes to conform; repeal KRS 65A.100; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2019.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in Senate

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

Jan 17, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute (1)

Jan 18, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules

[SB 27 / AA](#) (BR 204) - [R. Girdler](#), [S. Meredith](#), [C. Embry Jr.](#)

AN ACT relating to retirement benefit participation for members of the General Assembly.

Create a new section of KRS 6.145 to 6.237 to allow an individual who becomes a member of the General Assembly on or after the effective date of the Act to make a one-time irrevocable election to not participate in the Legislators' Retirement Plan or the Kentucky Employees Retirement System for his or her service to the General Assembly; allow an individual who has not yet met the requirements for vesting to make a one-time irrevocable election within 60 days of the effective date of this Act to discontinue participation in the Legislators' Retirement Plan or the Kentucky Employees Retirement System for his or her service to the General Assembly and receive a refund of his or her accumulated account balance; provide that the election to not participate or discontinue participation in the Legislators' Retirement Plan or the Kentucky Employees Retirement System shall apply to all future service of the General Assembly; amend KRS 6.505, 61.510, 61.525, 61.535, and 61.625 to conform.

Sep 28, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in Senate

Jan 03, 2018 - to State & Local Government (S)

[SB 28 / AA](#) (BR 213) - [R. Girdler](#), [S. Meredith](#), [C. Embry Jr.](#)

AN ACT relating to retirement benefits for legislators.

Amend KRS 6.505 to close the Legislators' Retirement Plan to new members effective August 1, 2018; prohibit current legislators from participating in the Legislators' Retirement Plan on or after August 1, 2018; provide that current and future legislators may only participate in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System for any service to the General Assembly occurring on or after August 1, 2018.

Sep 28, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).  
Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in Senate  
Jan 03, 2018 - to State & Local Government (S)

[SB 58/FN](#) (BR 840) - [C. McDaniel](#)

AN ACT relating taxation.  
Amend KRS 131.181 to make a technical correction.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in Senate  
Jan 05, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

[SB 59/FN](#) (BR 841) - [C. McDaniel](#)

AN ACT relating to taxation.  
Amend KRS 131.190 to make a technical correction.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in Senate  
Jan 05, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

[SB 60/FN](#) (BR 843) - [C. McDaniel](#)

AN ACT relating to taxation.  
Amend KRS 131.030 to make a technical correction.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in Senate  
Jan 05, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

[SB 61/FN](#) (BR 837) - [C. McDaniel](#)

AN ACT relating to fiscal matters.  
Amend KRS 131.030, relating to revenue, to make a technical correction.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in Senate  
Jan 05, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

[SB 62/FN](#) (BR 839) - [C. McDaniel](#)

AN ACT relating to branch budget bills.  
Amend KRS 48.311, relating to structure of branch budget bills, to make technical corrections.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in Senate  
Jan 05, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

[SB 63/FN](#) (BR 838) - [C. McDaniel](#)

AN ACT relating to fiscal matters.  
Amend KRS 138.230, relating to motor fuel dealer's records, to make technical corrections.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in Senate  
Jan 05, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

[SB 64/FN](#) (BR 836) - [C. McDaniel](#)

AN ACT relating to fiscal matters.  
Amend KRS 131.175, relating to revenue, to make technical/clarifying corrections.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in Senate  
Jan 05, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

[SB 65/FN](#) (BR 842) - [C. McDaniel](#)

AN ACT relating to taxation.  
Amend KRS 131.560 to make a technical correction.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in Senate  
Jan 05, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

[SB 66/FN](#) (BR 846) - [C. McDaniel](#)

AN ACT relating to retirement.  
Amend KRS 61.530 to insert gender-neutral language.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in Senate  
Jan 05, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

[SB 67](#) (BR 844) - [C. McDaniel](#)

AN ACT relating to taxation.  
Amends KRS 131.020 to make a technical correction.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in Senate  
Jan 05, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

[SB 77/LM](#) (BR 1030) - [D. Ridley](#)

AN ACT relating to workers' compensation for rescue squad employees.  
Amend KRS 39F.170 to require that rescue squad members be covered under workers' compensation when rendering first aid because the rescue squad members are required by the authorizing statute to provide such aid.

Jan 10, 2018 - introduced in Senate  
Jan 11, 2018 - to Economic Development, Tourism, and Labor (S)

[SB 81 / AA](#) (BR 881) - [J. Turner](#)

AN ACT relating to erroneous payments to the Kentucky Retirement Systems.

Amend KRS 16.543, 61.543, and 78.615 to provide that, if the Kentucky Retirement Systems determines that employee contributions were made in error more than five years following the date the contributions were first made, the systems shall pay the member interest on any refunded contributions at the actuarially assumed rate of return; amend KRS 61.685 to conform.

Jan 16, 2018 - introduced in Senate

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

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

AN ACT relating to city mandates.

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

Jan 17, 2018 - introduced in Senate

Jan 18, 2018 - to State & Local Government (S)

[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.

Amend KRS 15.420 to differentiate between a local police officer and a state police officer and to further define which state employees are state police officers; amend KRS 15.460 to increase the annual supplement for each qualified police officer to \$4,000, beginning July 1, 2018, to provide each unit of government an administrative expense reimbursement in an amount equal to 7.65% of the total annual supplement received greater than \$3,100 for each qualified local police officer, but not more than a total of \$525,000 for each fiscal year, to provide that a conservation officer is a participant in the Kentucky Law Enforcement Program Fund but require that the annual training stipend disbursed to a conservation officer shall be paid from the game and fish fund; amend KRS 95A.250 to increase the annual supplement for each qualified professional firefighter to \$4,000, beginning July 1, 2018, and to provide each unit of government an administrative expense reimbursement in an amount equal to 7.65% of the total annual supplement received greater than \$3,100 for each qualified professional firefighter, but not more than a total of \$250,000 for each fiscal year; amend KRS 95A.262 to increase the allotment to certain volunteer fire departments to \$11,000 annually to each qualifying department; amend KRS 150.150 to allow funds in the game and fish fund to be used to pay the annual supplement to conservation officers; make various conforming amendments; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

Jan 17, 2018 - introduced in Senate

Jan 18, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

[SB 92/LM \(BR 1047\)](#) - [D. Ridley](#)

AN ACT relating to pensions for city employees.

Amend KRS 90.410, 95.560, and 95.624 to allow certain cities of the home rule class to increase pension payments in response to increases in the cost of living as calculated by the consumer price index and as calculated for recipients of Social Security.

Jan 18, 2018 - introduced in Senate

Jan 19, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

# House Bills

[HB 29/LM](#) (BR 15) - [J. Wayne](#), [G. Brown Jr](#), [T. Burch](#), [J. Donohue](#), [K. Flood](#), [D. Graham](#), [J. Jenkins](#), [M. Marzian](#), [R. Meeks](#), [D. Owens](#), [R. Palumbo](#), [A. Scott](#)

AN ACT relating to taxation.

Jul 13, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House; to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

[HB 32 / AA](#) (BR 25) - [J. Donohue](#), [M. Cantrell](#), [A. Gentry](#), [J. Sims Jr](#)

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

Amend KRS 16.601 and 61.621 to increase minimum death benefits payable to the surviving spouse of a member of the state-administered retirement systems from 25% to 50% of the deceased member's final rate of pay if the member died as a result of an act occurring in the line of duty; amend KRS 61.542 to provide that the surviving spouse shall supersede all previously designated beneficiaries in the case of line-of-duty death benefits payable from the systems administered by the Kentucky Retirement Systems unless the member files a valid beneficiary designation form after marriage to his or her spouse; provide that eligible surviving spouses of members who died in the line of duty prior to the effective date of the Act shall receive the increased line of duty death benefits; provide that a surviving spouse of a hazardous duty member who died as a result of an act occurring in the 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 shall be eligible for the benefits provided by this Act; EMERGENCY.

Aug 14, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House; to State Government (H)



AN ACT relating to the expansion of gaming and making an appropriation therefor.

Create a noncodified section to state the findings of the General Assembly; amend KRS 154A.010 to define, "authorizing location," "casino," "county," "county legislative body," "department," "full casino gaming," "gaming licensee," "gross gaming revenue," "handle," "licensee," "limited casino gaming," and "principal"; amend KRS 154A.030 to expand the Lottery Corporation board membership and duties; amend KRS 154A.040 to include casino licensees; amend 154A.063 to remove prohibition against casino gaming; create new sections of KRS Chapter 154A to require a local option election in any precinct wanting to host a casino; describe the duties of the county clerk and sheriff in a casino gaming local option election; state requirements for local option elections held on a day other than a regular election day; require the corporation to advertise an invitation to bid for casinos; require the corporation to evaluate all proposals for full casinos; establish initial licensing fees for full casinos at \$50 million with an initial licensing period of 10 years and annual renewal thereafter at \$6 million per year; permit limited casino gaming at horse racing tracks licensed under KRS Chapter 230; establish requirements for limited casinos; establish requirements for any track holding a limited casino license; establish requirements for principals of any corporation granted a casino license; create license application requirements for casino, manufacturer, or supplier's licenses; prohibit anyone not licensed from selling, leasing, or otherwise furnishing gaming supplies; prohibit anyone under the age of 21 from participating in casino gaming; require the Lottery Corporation to determine occupations related to casino gaming that require licensure and establish criteria for occupational licensing; permit the corporation to initiate disciplinary action against applicants and license holders; establish an appeal process; establish a gaming tax of 31% and limit that money to the benefit of the state retirement systems for the first 10 years; establish an admission tax of \$3 per person per day; establish the casino gaming revenue distribution trust fund; establish the regional tourism and infrastructure development fund and provide criteria for projects seeking money from the fund; waive 15 U.S.C. sec. 1172, 1173 and 1174 for devices authorized by this Act; require the corporation to promulgate administrative regulations to define and limit games and devices permitted for gaming in casinos; provide guidelines for exclusion or ejection of certain persons; define "cheat" and provide penalties for those who cheat at casino games; amend KRS 243.500 to exempt limited or full casino gaming; amend KRS 525.090 to exempt persons engaged in casino gaming; amend KRS 528.010 to exempt gambling activity and devices licensed under KRS Chapter 154A; amend KRS 528.020 to conform; amend KRS 528.070 to exempt activity licensed under KRS Chapter 154A; amend KRS 528.080 to exempt those with the appropriate license required under KRS Chapter 154A; amend KRS 528.100 to exempt limited or full casino gaming licensed under KRS Chapter 154A; EFFECTIVE DATE DELAYED.

Sep 18, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House; to Licensing, Occupations, & Admin Regs (H)

[HB 42 / AA](#) (BR 197) - [D. Keene](#), [R. Rand](#)

AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 226 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to casino gaming.

Propose to amend Section 226 of the Constitution of Kentucky to authorize the General Assembly to define and permit casino gaming; prior to July 1, 2029, require that proceeds be used to pay for oversight of casino gaming, and mandate that 100 percent of proceeds in excess of oversight costs go to retirement systems; after July 1, 2029, allow the General Assembly to allocate proceeds.

Sep 18, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House; to Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H)

[HB 48 / AA](#) (BR 235) - [R. Mills](#), [J. Blanton](#), [P. Pratt](#), [S. Wells](#)

AN ACT relating to retirement benefit participation for members of the General Assembly and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS 6.145 to 6.237 to allow individuals who become members of the General Assembly on or after April 1, 2018, to make a one-time irrevocable election to not participate in the Legislators' Retirement Plan or the Kentucky Employees Retirement System for their service to the General Assembly; allow members of the General Assembly who began contributing to the Legislators' Retirement Plan or the Kentucky Employees Retirement System on or after December 31, 2014, but prior to April 1, 2018, to make a one-time irrevocable election by December 31, 2018, to discontinue participation in the Legislators' Retirement Plan or the Kentucky Employees Retirement System for their service to the General Assembly and receive a refund of accumulated contributions; provide that the election to not participate or discontinue participation in the Legislators' Retirement Plan or the Kentucky Employees Retirement System applies to all future service of the General Assembly; amend KRS 6.505, 61.510, and 61.525 to conform; EMERGENCY.

Sep 28, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House; to State Government (H)

[HB 51 / AA](#) (BR 230) - [J. Nemes](#), [C. Morgan](#)

AN ACT relating to retirement benefits for legislators.

Create new sections of KRS 6.500 to 6.577 to permit a member or retiree of the Legislators' Retirement Plan to opt out of the traditional defined benefit plan and elect to participate in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System's hybrid cash balance plan for nonhazardous employees under KRS 61.597; specify that, on the member's effective election date, the value of the active member's accumulated account balance or a lump-sum payment of the actuarial value of the retiree's benefits be deposited into the member's hybrid cash balance account and be considered part of the member's accumulated account balance in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System; specify that on an active member's effective election date, an employer pay credit shall be applied to the member's accumulated account balance for each contributing month prior to the effective election date; require the Judicial Form Retirement System and the Kentucky Retirement Systems to provide the electing member with information detailing the consequences of the member's or retiree's election; specify that a member or retiree is not eligible to make an election until a private letter ruling by the IRS is received; make the benefit election under this section irrevocable; amend KRS 6.505 to close the Legislators' Retirement Plan to new members effective August 1, 2018, and transfer all legislative members' in the hybrid cash balance plan to the hybrid cash balance plan in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System; make conforming amendments to KRS 21.374, 21.402, and 61.597; amend KRS 141.010 and 141.020 to provide that, effective for taxable years on or after January 1, 2019, members and retirees of the Legislators' Retirement Plan who do not opt out of the traditional defined benefit plan and elect to participate in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System's hybrid cash balance plan have any retirement distributions exceeding \$80,000 taxed at a rate of 75%.

Oct 20, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House; to State Government (H)

[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.

Amend KRS 439.3401 to make criminal attempt to commit murder of a peace officer or a firefighter an offense for which at least 85 percent of the sentence must be served before probation or parole.

AMENDMENTS

[HB 61 \(As Introduced\)](#)

[HFA1](#)( R. Rothenburger ) - Amend to include emergency medical personnel in protections for police officers and firefighters.

Nov 17, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).  
Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House; to Judiciary (H)  
Jan 04, 2018 - posted in committee  
Jan 10, 2018 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar  
Jan 11, 2018 - 2nd reading, to Rules; recommitted to Appropriations & Revenue (H)  
Jan 16, 2018 - floor amendment (1) filed

[HB 65 / AA](#) (BR 280) - [D. Elliott](#)

AN ACT relating to retirement benefits for legislators.

Amend KRS 6.505 to close the Legislators' Retirement Plan to new members effective August 1, 2018; prohibit current legislators from participating in the Legislators' Retirement Plan on or after August 1, 2018; provide that current and future legislators shall only participate in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System for any service to the General Assembly occurring on or after August 1, 2018.

Nov 22, 2017 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).  
Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House; to State Government (H)

[HB 82](#) (BR 350) - [P. Moffett](#)

Jan 19-WITHDRAWN

[HB 85](#) (BR 126) - [S. Wells](#)

AN ACT relating to elimination of the certificate of need.

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House  
Jan 04, 2018 - to Health and Family Services (H)

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

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

Amend KRS 75.015 to allow a fire district to charge up to \$0.15 per \$100 of assessed valuation of property in its district when the fire district is a result of a merger of 2 or more districts on or after the effective date of the Act if no emergency ambulance service is operated within the district, and up to \$0.25 when one is; amend KRS 95A.520 to make the section relating to payments made to merging volunteer fire departments apply to fire departments merging prior to the effective date of the Act; create a new section of KRS Chapter 95A to create a new payment protocol for volunteer fire departments merging on or after the effective date of the Act; amend KRS 95A.540 to provide for the creation of new volunteer fire departments out of a merged volunteer fire department applicable to volunteer fire departments having merged prior to the effective date of the Act; create a new section of KRS Chapter 95A to provide for the creation of new volunteer fire departments out of a merged volunteer fire department applicable to volunteer fire departments merging after the effective date of the Act; APPROPRIATION.

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 04, 2018 - to Local Government (H)

Jan 08, 2018 - posted in committee

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

AN ACT relating to the investigation of fire related crimes.

Amend KRS 15.310 to include definitions of "certified fire investigator" and "fire investigator"; amend KRS 15.334 to require the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council to promulgate administrative regulations to establish a course of training for fire investigators; amend KRS 15.380 to require the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council to certify fire investigators; create a new section of KRS 15.380 to 15.404 to list the minimum qualifications of a fire investigator; amend KRS 15.383 to require a certified fire investigator to annually meet marksmanship qualifications; create a new section of KRS 15.380 to 15.404 to allow the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council to revoke a fire investigator's certification; create a new section of KRS 15.380 to 15.404 to require a fire investigator to complete training of at least 275 hours; create a new section of KRS 15.380 to 15.404 to establish certification categories for fire investigators; amend KRS 15.388 to require the fire chief to notify the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council that the employee meets the precertification qualifications of a fire investigator; amend KRS 15.442 to specify that a fire investigator is not eligible to participate in the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund; and create a new section of KRS Chapter 95A to define "fire investigator," and provide that the chief of a fire department may

appoint a professional firefighter to be a fire investigator; amend KRS 15.382 to conform;  
EFFECTIVE January 1, 2019.

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House

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

[HB 105](#) (BR 183) - [B. Reed](#)

AN ACT relating to the terms of office of the trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of Kentucky.

Amend KRS 161.250 to remove the term limits for appointed and elected trustees of the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System; specify that this Act shall supersede any noncodified provisions to the contrary in prior Acts.

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 04, 2018 - to State Government (H)

[HB 106](#) (BR 88) - [B. Reed](#), [M. Hart](#)

AN ACT relating to hunting and fishing licenses.

Amend KRS 150.175 to allow volunteer firefighters to be issued a combination hunting and fishing license free of charge and set qualifications and conditions of validity for license.

Jan 02, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 04, 2018 - to Tourism & Outdoor Recreation (H)

[HB 121](#) (BR 10) - [C. McCoy](#), [J. Sims Jr](#)

AN ACT relating to taxation.

Amend KRS 139.480, relating to the sales and use tax, to exempt bees used in a commercial enterprise for the production of honey or wax for sale, or in the pollination of crops, and certain items used in that commercial enterprise; require the Department of Revenue to provide information to the Legislative Research Commission; amend KRS 131.020, 131.135, 131.190,

131.618, 131.650, 131.990, and 141.389 to make various conforming changes; EFFECTIVE August 1, 2018.

Jan 03, 2018 - introduced in House

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

[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.

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 Order of the Day for Friday, January 19, 2018

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

[HB 127](#) (BR 896) - [R. Nelson](#)

AN ACT relating to survivor benefits in the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System.

Amend KRS 161.520 to remove marriage as a disqualifying event for a widow or widower who is receiving survivor's benefits from the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System; specify that the widow or widower must have been married to the deceased contributing member for not less than five years.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 08, 2018 - to State Government (H)

[HB 140/LM](#) (BR 31) - [D. Hale](#), [J. Blanton](#), [C. Fugate](#), [J. Sims Jr](#)

AN ACT relating to conservation officers and declaring an emergency.

Amend various sections of KRS Chapter 15 related to participation in the Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund to provide that the annual training stipend paid to all conservation officers be paid from the game and fish fund established in KRS 150.150 in an amount commensurate to the annual supplement paid to other police officers; amend KRS 15.460 to increase the annual supplement amount to \$4,000 beginning July 1, 2018; EMERGENCY.

Jan 04, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 08, 2018 - to Tourism & Outdoor Recreation (H)

Jan 19, 2018 - posted in committee

[HB 144](#) (BR 853) - [A. Koenig](#), [C. Morgan](#)

AN ACT relating to surcharges on insurance policies and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 136.392 to specify that a rate change in a premium surcharge rate used to supplement both the Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund and the Firefighters Foundation Program fund shall only be adjusted by an Act of the General Assembly and be applied 90 days after the effective date of the Act; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2018.

Jan 05, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 09, 2018 - to Banking & Insurance (H)

[HB 158](#) (BR 406) - [B. Rowland](#)

AN ACT relating to life insurance for public employees.

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

Jan 08, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 10, 2018 - to Banking & Insurance (H)

Jan 18, 2018 - posted in committee



[HB 171](#) (BR 834) - [S. Rudy](#)

AN ACT relating to budget forms.

Amend KRS 48.040, relating to budget forms, to make a technical correction.

Jan 10, 2018 - introduced in House

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

[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)

[HB 173](#) (BR 833) - [S. Rudy](#)

AN ACT relating to branch budget recommendations.

Amend KRS 48.100, relating to branch budget recommendations, to make a technical correction.

Jan 10, 2018 - introduced in House

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

[HB 181](#) (BR 1066) - [A. Scott](#), [G. Brown Jr](#), [J. Jenkins](#), [M. Marzian](#), [R. Meeks](#)

AN ACT relating to hate crimes.

Amend KRS 532.031 to remove language relating to an offense committed as a result of a hate crime because of the individual's actual or perceived employment as a city, county, state, or federal peace officer, member of an organized fire department, or emergency medical services personnel; remove language defining "emergency medical services personnel."

Jan 11, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 17, 2018 - to Judiciary (H)

[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.

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 provide that the surviving spouse shall supersede all previously designated beneficiaries in the case of line-of-duty death benefits payable from the systems administered by the Kentucky Retirement Systems unless the member files a valid beneficiary designation form after marriage to his or her spouse; 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"; provide that an eligible surviving spouse of a member who died as a result of an act line of duty or duty-related injury prior to the effective date of the Act shall receive the increased line of duty or duty-related death benefits; provide 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 shall be eligible for the benefits provided by this Act; EMERGENCY.

Jan 11, 2018 - introduced in House

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

[HB 186/LM](#) (BR 403) - [M. Castlen](#), [J. Nemes](#), [D. Bentley](#), [L. Brown](#), [C. Fugate](#), [DJ Johnson](#), [D. Meade](#), [R. Mills](#), [S. Riley](#), [J. Sims Jr](#), [W. Thomas](#), [T. Turner](#)

AN ACT relating to taxing districts.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to define "entity" and "governing body"; provide that members of certain governing bodies shall be subject to election at the regular election; establish procedures for jurisdictions to certify the number of delegates for each board and for dispute resolution; set forth the criteria for nominating petitions for candidates; establish a default four-year term unless otherwise provided in statute; provide that the Governor shall appoint a member if no candidate is nominated for or elected to an open seat on a governing body; set forth the process whereby a member may be removed for cause; provide that vacancies shall be filled in accordance with Section 152 of the Constitution of Kentucky; amend

KRS 61.170 to provide that members of governing bodies, like other county officers, may be indicted for malfeasance or neglect and, if convicted, the office is vacated; amend various sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, relating to the governing bodies of taxing districts, to conform; amend KRS 118.305 and 118.315 to include petitions of nomination and election of candidates on the regular election ballot; provide that appointments made prior to January 1, 2020, shall expire on or before December 31, 2020; allow trustees of volunteer fire districts and departments under KRS Chapter 75, who are normally subject to election in June 2020 to have their terms of office of office extended to December 31, 2020; provide that elections shall be held every two or four years beginning in November 2020; allow previously appointed members to seek election to a seat on the governing body; state that candidates elected in November 2020 shall assume office on January 1 of the following year; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2020.

Jan 11, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 17, 2018 - to Local Government (H)

[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.

The State/Executive Branch Budget: Detail Part I, Operating Budget; appropriate to General Government: 2017-2018: \$7,018,500, 2018-2019: \$1,704,291,300, 2019-2020: \$1,655,441,200; appropriate to the Economic Development Cabinet: 2018-2019: \$31,672,600, 2019-2020: \$32,384,800; appropriate to the Department of Education: 2018-2019: \$4,885,519,300, 2019-2020: \$4,885,920,600; appropriate to the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet: 2018-2019: \$630,653,700, 2019-2020: \$635,306,400; appropriate to the Energy and Environment Cabinet: 2018-2019: \$272,522,400, 2019-2020: \$280,337,000; appropriate to the Finance and Administration Cabinet: 2018-2019: \$932,955,700, 2019-2020: \$962,132,700; appropriate to the Health and Family Services Cabinet: 2017-2018: \$12,064,200, 2018-2019: \$13,902,025,100, 2019-2020: \$14,153,724,700; appropriate to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet: 2017-2018: \$22,281,300, 2018-2019: \$1,279,407,200, 2019-2020: \$1,315,928,100; appropriate to the Labor Cabinet: 2018-2019: \$221,768,700, 2019-2020: \$221,427,400; appropriate to the Personnel Cabinet: 2018-2019: \$66,174,600, 2019-2020: \$66,486,800; appropriate to Postsecondary Education: 2018-2019: \$7,834,090,600, 2019-2020: \$8,200,114,600; appropriate to the Public Protection Cabinet: 2018-2019: \$123,723,400, 2019-2020: \$122,273,100; appropriate to the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet: 2017-2018: \$8,831,600, 2018-2019: \$258,238,600, 2019-2020: \$261,409,800; appropriate to the Budget

Reserve Trust Fund: 2018-2019: \$62,414,100, 2019-2020: \$183,378,000; not included in the appropriation amounts are capital project amounts as follows: 2017-2018 \$16,500,000, 2018-2019: \$2,804,425,500, 2019-2020: \$342,579,500; detail Part II, Capital Projects Budget; detail Part III, General Provisions; detail Part IV, State Salary/Compensation, Benefit, and Employment Policy; detail Part V, Funds Transfer; detail Part VI, General Fund Budget Reduction Plan; detail Part VII, General Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; detail Part VIII, Road Fund Budget Reduction Plan; detail Part IX, Road Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; detail Part X, Phase I Tobacco Settlement; and detail Part XI, Executive Branch Budget Summary.

Jan 16, 2018 - introduced in House

Jan 18, 2018 - to Appropriations & Revenue (H)