**Legislative Report #11**

**March 30, 2024**

**Senate Bills**

**SB 107**

SB107 (BR175) - J. Higdon

AN ACT relating to transportation and making an appropriation therefor.

Mar 15, 2024 - recommitted to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

**Senate Resolutions**

**SR177**

SR177 (BR2231) - G. Williams Honor Chief Greg Estes on being named the 2023 Kentucky Volunteer Fire Chief of the Year.

Feb 26, 2024 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

Feb 28, 2024 - to Senate Floor

**SR207**

SR207 (BR2436) - G. Neal, D. Yates, J. Adams, C. Armstrong, K. Berg, G. Boswell, J. Carpenter, D. Carroll, M. Deneen, D. Douglas, G. Elkins, S. Funke Frommeyer, R. Girdler, D. Givens, D. Harper Angel, J. Howell, A. Mays Bledsoe, C. McDaniel, S. Meredith, R. Mills, M. Nemes, B. Smith, A. Southworth, R. Stivers, B. Storm, D. Thayer, R. Thomas, L. Tichenor, J. Turner, R. Webb, S. West, W. Westerfield, P. Wheeler, G. Williams, M. Wilson, M. Wise Recognize and commend the Louisville Fire Department rescue squad that executed a rescue on the Clark Memorial Bridge, and the Louisville Metro Police and emergency medical services personnel that responded to the scene. Mar 08, 2024 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S)

**SCR 250**

SCR250 (BR2487) - P. Wheeler

Honor the life of Roy Franklin Whitt.

Mar 21, 2024 - introduced in Senate; to Committee on Committees (S

**House Bills**

**HB 6**

HB6 (BR1019) - J. Petrie, A. Bowling, J. Bray, S. Rudy

AN ACT relating to appropriations measures providing funding and establishing conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, cabinets, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, subdivisions, agencies, and other statesupported activities. The State/Executive Branch Budget: Detail Part I, Operating Budget; 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; APPROPRIATION.

Mar 27, 2024 - Conference Committee report filed in House and Senate; Conference Committee report adopted in House and Senate; Free Conference Committee appointed in House and Senate; Free Conference Committee report filed in House and Senate; posted for passage for consideration of Free Conference Committee Report (1) ; Free Conference Committee report adopted in Senate ; passed 36-1 ; received in House ; to Rules (H)

Mar 28, 2024 - taken from Rules ; placed in the Orders of the Day ; Free Conference Committee report adopted in House ; passed 72-26 with Free Conference Committee Report (1) ; enrolled, signed by Speaker of the House ; enrolled, signed by President of the Senate ; delivered to Governor

**HB 18**

HB18 (BR810) - R. Dotson, D. Hale, M. Lockett, J. Tipton

AN ACT relating to the rights of property owners and declaring an emergency.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 65 to prohibit local governments from adopting or enforcing ordinances that prohibit owners of housing accommodations from refusing to lease or rent the housing accommodation to a person when the person's source of income to pay rent includes funding from a federal housing assistance program; prohibit local governments from requiring an owner of property occupied by an individual other than the owner to pay an emergency response fee that arises out of the actions of another over which the owner has no

Mar 06, 2024 - veto overridden ; passed 76-19 ; received in Senate ; to Rules (S); posted for passage for consideration of Governor's veto ; veto overridden ; passed 31-7 ; received in House ; enrolled, signed by Speaker of the House ; enrolled, signed by President of the Senate ; delivered to Secretary of State

**HB 43**

HB43 (BR145) - J. Hodgson, K. Bratcher, J. Nemes, S. Rawlings, S. Witten

AN ACT relating to fire protection.

Create a new section of KRS 75.100 to 75.260 to require a fire protection district, volunteer fire department district, or subdistrict when making a change to fire protection services involving communications, firefighting resources, or water supply that will likely downgrade fire service ratings to host a public hearing and provide notice of the hearing.

Mar 28, 2024 - 3rd reading, passed 38-0 ; received in House ; enrolled, signed by Speaker of the House ; enrolled, signed by President of the Senate ; delivered to Governor

**HB 57**

HB57 (BR151) - C. Freeland, K. Fleming

AN ACT relating to emergency medical services and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 311A.030 to remove the classifications of ambulance services, mobile integrated healthcare programs, and medical first response providers; amend KRS 311A.142 to permit an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, or paramedic in good standing in another state to be eligible for reciprocity at the same level of certification or licensure; amend KRS 142.301, 205.5602, 211.9523, 311A.010, 311A.170, and 405.075 to conform; repeal KRS 311A.185, relating to determination of death by a paramedic; EMERGENCY.

Mar 27, 2024 - 3rd reading ; Floor Amendments (1) and (2) Withdrawn; Floor Amendment (3) Defeated; passed 34-1 ; received in House ; enrolled, signed by Speaker of the House

Mar 28, 2024 - enrolled, signed by President of the Senate ; delivered to Governor

**HB 99**

HB99 (BR31)/AA - DJ Johnson

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority.

Amend various sections of KRS Chapters 16, 61, and 78 to make technical and housekeeping changes relating to the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority's (KPPA) administration of the systems governed by the Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS) and the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) boards of trustees, including: amend KRS 61.505 to rename the position of internal auditor to chief auditor and conform with prior legislation; amend KRS 16.505, 61.510, and 78.510 to make various changes and additions to definitions; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 16.652, 61.546, and 61.692 in response to a Kentucky Supreme Court decision and make technical changes; amend KRS 61.525 and 78.540 to remove outdated language and comply with federal law regarding membership in the retirement plan; amend KRS 61.552 to require Tier 3 members to remit employee contributions before receiving military service credit; amend KRS 61.569 to provide process for repayment of employee contributions after a member's employment is reinstated by order of a court or tribunal; amend KRS 61.615 to permit KPPA to employ vocational experts to review and evaluate employment information in disability review cases and remove review of physical exertion requirement when disability is due solely to a mental illness; amend KRS 61.625 regarding procedures for members who receive a refund in error or who have taken a refund and subsequently have their reemployment reinstated; amend KRS 61.637 and 78.5540 to conform to the process for repayment of employee contributions after a member's employment is reinstated by order of a court or tribunal; amend KRS 61.645 and 78.782 to permit voting by telephone in trustee elections and extend deadline for posting board minutes from 72 hours to 3 business days; amend KRS 61.665 to change the process for the review of disability applications to permit one medical examiner to review initial applications and approve a member for disability with no additional reviews required, but if disability is denied, implement up to two more examiners to achieve majority consensus for approval or disapproval of disability; amend KRS 61.705 and 78.5538 to provide that the death benefit of $5,000 is payable to a beneficiary of the member, not the member, and is not subject to garnishment, unless the beneficiary is the member's estate or there is an overpayment of benefits or outstanding balance owed to the system; amend KRS 61.685, 61.702, 78.530, 78.5528, 78.5536, 78.640, and 78.852 to make conforming and technical changes.

Mar 28, 2024 - posted for passage in the Consent Orders of the Day for Thursday, March 28, 2024 ; 3rd reading, passed 38-0 ; received in House ; enrolled, signed by Speaker of the House ; enrolled, signed by President of the Senate ; delivered to Governor

**HB159**

HB159 (BR386) - J. Nemes

AN ACT relating to immunity from criminal liability for health care providers.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 311 to define "health care provider" and "health services"; establish that health care providers are immune from criminal liability for harm arising from a health services-related act or omission other than gross negligence or wanton, willful, malicious, or intentional misconduct.

Mar 25, 2024 - received in House ; enrolled, signed by Speaker of the House ; enrolled, signed by President of the Senate ; delivered to Governor

Mar 26, 2024 - signed by Governor

**HB 164**

HB164 (BR431)/AA - S. Witten, D. Osborne, J. Bauman

AN ACT relating to death in the line of duty benefits.

Amend KRS 16.601, 61.621, and 78.5534 to increase minimum line of duty death benefits to a non-spouse beneficiary of a Kentucky Employees Retirement System, County Employees Retirement System, or State Police Retirement System member who was working in an approved hazardous duty position or in a position that could be approved as hazardous duty for retirement purposes; specify the minimum payment to the non-spouse beneficiary shall only be payable if there is no surviving spouse beneficiary and shall be a minimum of a lump-sum payment equal to 36 months of the member's monthly rate of pay; provide that the non-spouse beneficiary may elect the minimum lump-sum payment or any other benefits the non-spouse beneficiary is eligible to receive upon the member's death, but not both.

Feb 26, 2024 - to State & Local Government (S)

**HB 179**

HB179 (BR250) - S. Heavrin, S. Dietz

AN ACT relating to insurance for loss of income and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 304.3-110 to authorize life and health insurers to transact disability income and paid family leave insurance; make technical corrections; create new sections of Subtitle 5 of KRS Chapter 304 to define "disability income insurance" and "paid family leave insurance" and specify how each is to be classified and filed; amend KRS 304.9- 030 to include paid family leave insurance in life and health lines of authority; establish Subtitle 53 of KRS Chapter 304 and create new sections thereof to regulate paid family leave insurance; establish paid family leave insurance requirements, authorized scope of benefits, disclosure requirements, and authorized limitations; authorize the insurance commissioner to promulgate administrative regulations to enforce Subtitle 53 of KRS Chapter 304; create short title; amend KRS 304.17A005, 304.18-010, and 304.36-030 to conform; EMERGENCY.

Mar 28, 2024 - 3rd reading, passed 36-0 ; received in House ; enrolled, signed by Speaker of the House ; enrolled, signed by President of the Senate ; delivered to Governor

**HB 248**

HB248 (BR1530) - K. Timoney, K. Banta, C. Freeland, P. Pratt

AN ACT relating to reinstatement of police and fire department employees.

Amend KRS 95.440 to remove the requirement that a person shall only be eligible for reinstatement to a police or fire department within one year following separation from employment.

Mar 28, 2024 - 3rd reading, passed 38-0 ; received in House ; enrolled, signed by Speaker of the House ; enrolled, signed by President of the Senate ; delivered to Governor

**HB 323**

HB323 (BR1554) - D. Frazier Gordon, N. Kulkarni, K. Banta, S. Dietz, K. Moser

AN ACT relating to cancer detection in firefighters, and making an appropriation therefor.

Amend KRS 95A.262 to permit the Kentucky Fire Commission to establish a reimbursement program for cancer screenings for firefighters.

Mar 28, 2024 - 3rd reading, passed 38-0 ; received in House ; enrolled, signed by Speaker of the House ; enrolled, signed by President of the Senate ; delivered to Governor

**HB 388**

HB388 (BR1220)/LM - J. Nemes, K. Fleming, J. Bauman, K. Bratcher, E. Callaway, J. Hodgson, S. Witten

AN ACT relating to local government and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 67C.147, relating to urban service taxing districts in consolidated local governments, to require the consolidated local government to reimburse fire districts operating under KRS Chapter 75 that made emergency medical runs within the area of the urban service tax district; require no more than 10 percent of funding of the services contracted with the consolidated local government by the urban service tax district come from taxes levied by the consolidated local government from areas outside the urban service tax district between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2030; provide that no such funding come from outside the urban service tax district on or after July 1, 2030; amend KRS 67C.111, regarding incorporation and annexation of cities in a county containing a consolidated local government, to adjust the number of signatures required in a petition for mandatory action; prohibit a city in a county containing a consolidated local government from annexing manufacturing areas, as defined, primarily for the purpose of obtaining occupational license tax revenue unless the annexation is consented to by each property owner in the area to be annexed; create a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to provide that members of local boards, commission, committees, and other bodies created by or appointed by local governments have geographic and political party affiliation diversity; amend KRS 67C.103 to require the election of council members in a consolidated local government to be nonpartisan; amend KRS 67C.105 to require the election of a mayor in a consolidated local government to be nonpartisan; amend KRS 117.125 to conform; amend KRS 177.360 to direct consolidated local governments to establish procedures to prioritize projects undertaken with county road aid funds; establish the Property Valuation Review Commission to review assessments in a county containing a consolidated local government; ensure that the assessments are consistent and uniform; provide for appointments by mayor from recommendations of various entities; require that the commission report to the Legislative Research Commission, the mayor and metro council of the consolidated local government, and the Finance and Administration Cabinet no later than December 31, 2024; Sections 4, 5, and 6 EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025; EMERGENCY, in part.

**HB 388 SCS1 – Amendment**

SCS1/LM - Retain original provisions, except relating to fire district reimbursement for runs, index the reimbursement to the increase in the consumer price index, prohibit the consolidated local government from charging the fire districts for any expense or service that it was not charging for before January 1, 2024; amend the graduated percentages of internal funding for the urban service district from 85 percent to 100 percent running from 2025 to 2034, with increases in the percentage every three years;

Mar 28, 2024 - House concurred in Senate Committee Substitute (1) and Floor Amendments (1) and (2) ; passed with Committee Substitute (1) and Floor Amendments (1) and (2); enrolled, signed by Speaker of the House ; enrolled, signed by President of the Senate ; delivered to Governor

**HB 484**

HB484 (BR1721)/LM - D. Frazier Gordon, M. Meredith, M. Hart, R. Roberts, W. Thomas

AN ACT relating to emergency medical services.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 311A to establish the emergency medical services education grant program under the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services to be used for student tuition support, agency support, and emergency medical services training or educational institution support.

Feb 07, 2024 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

Feb 16, 2024 - to Local Government (H)

Feb 28, 2024 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar

Feb 29, 2024 - 2nd reading, to Rules

Mar 05, 2024 - recommitted to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Mar 12, 2024 - taken from Appropriations & Revenue (H); returned to Rules ; posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Wednesday, March 13, 2024

Mar 14, 2024 - 3rd reading, passed 93-0

Mar 15, 2024 - received in Senate ; to Committee on Committees (S)

Mar 27, 2024 - to Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (S); taken from Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (S); 1st reading ; returned to Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (S)

Mar 28, 2024 - reported favorably, 2nd reading, to Rules with Committee Substitute (1) and Committee Amendment (1-title)

**HB661**

HB661 (BR1052)/AA/LM - J. Blanton

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

Amend KRS 61.598 to exempt from the pension spiking provisions any increases in rates of pay authorized or funded by the legislative or administrative body of an employer or mandated in a collective bargaining agreement approved by the legislative body of the employer that are provided to members of the Kentucky Employees Retirement System, the County Employees Retirement System, or the State Police Retirement System.

Mar 12, 2024 - 3rd reading, passed 95-0

Mar 13, 2024 - received in Senate ; to Committee on Committees (S)

House Resolutions

**HR 37**

HR37 (BR1487) - W. Lawrence, T. Truett, R. Dotson, P. Flannery, M. Hart, A. Tackett Laferty

Urge the United States Congress to amend Title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the government pension offset and the windfall elimination provision.

Jan 09, 2024 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

HR137 (BR2451) - J. Bauman, M. Hart, T. Bojanowski, K. Bratcher, E. Callaway, B. Chester-Burton, K. Fleming, D. Grossberg, K. Herron, J. Hodgson, N. Kulkarni, J. Nemes, R. Roarx, S. Stalker, P. Stevenson, W. Thomas, L. Willner, S. Witten Recognize and commend the Louisville Fire Department rescue squad that executed a rescue on the Clark Memorial Bridge, and the Louisville Metro Police and emergency medical services personnel that responded to the scene.

Mar 11, 2024 - introduced in House; to Committee on Committees (H)

Mar 12, 2024 - to House Floor