

Legislative Report #4

February 28, 2021

Senate Bills

Senate Bill 31

Title AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to property exempt from taxation.

Summary of Original Version Propose to amend Section 170 of the Constitution of Kentucky to include in the homestead exemption for owners who are sixty-five years of age or older any increase in ad valorem taxes that are assessed after the latter of the year the owner turned sixty-five, the year the owner purchased the property, or the date this provision was ratified by the voters; add the continued biennial inflation indexing of the homestead exemption amount; make various typographical changes of a nonsubstantive nature; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection; apply to property assessed on and after the January 1st immediately following the date of ratification.

Sponsor [M. Nemes](#)

Actions

- 08/25/20** • Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
- 01/05/21** • introduced in Senate
- 01/05/21** • to Committee on Committees (S)

Senate Bill 39

Title AN ACT relating to reciprocity among the state-administered retirement systems.

Summary of Original Version

Amend KRS 61.680 to provide that retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) who suspend their retirement benefits in order to return to covered employment and build upon their existing TRS account as provided by current law, may utilize omitted service (service that should have been reported for prior full-time work) in the Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS) that was purchased during the period of reemployment for purposes of determining eligibility and the amount of benefits upon subsequent retirement from both KRS and TRS; make the provision retroactive to retirements on or after December 31, 2009.

Sponsor [D. Parrett](#)

Actions

- 11/19/20** • Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
- introduced in Senate
- 01/05/21** • to Committee on Committees (S)

Senate Bill 48

Title AN ACT relating to personal information.

Summary of Original Version

Amend KRS 61.870 to define "public officer"; amend KRS 61.878 to exempt records that would reveal the address or location of a public officer under certain conditions.

Sponsor [D. Carroll](#)

Actions

- 12/11/20** • Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
- 01/05/21** • introduced in Senate

- to Committee on Committees (S)
- 01/13/21**
- to Judiciary (S)
- 02/26/21**
- reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar

Senate Bill 53

Title AN ACT relating to employment of part-time adjunct instructors for the Kentucky Fire Commission.

Summary of Original Version Amend KRS 61.637 to allow a part-time adjunct instructor for the Kentucky Fire Commission, who has not participated in the Kentucky Employees Retirement Systems prior to retirement but is eligible to retire from the County Employees Retirement System, to retire and draw benefits without being required to resign from his or her position as part-time adjunct instructor for the Kentucky Fire Commission.

Sponsor M. Nemes

Actions

- 01/05/21**
- introduced in Senate
 - to Committee on Committees (S)
- 01/13/21**
- to State & Local Government (S)
- 02/24/21**
- reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar
- 02/25/21**
- 2nd reading, to Rules
 - floor amendment (1) filed
 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Monday, March 1, 2021

Senate Bill 85

Title	AN ACT relating to workers' compensation for volunteer firemen and other emergency personnel.
Summary of Original Version	Amend KRS 342.140 to allow income benefits for volunteer firemen, police, and emergency management agency members or trainees to be based on fifty percent of the state average weekly wage if that is greater than the average weekly wage of their regular employment.

Sponsors [P. Wheeler](#), [J. Turner](#), [M. Nemes](#), [A. Southworth](#)

Actions

- 01/07/21**
 - introduced in Senate
 - to Committee on Committees (S)
- 02/02/21**
 - to Economic Development, Tourism, & Labor (S)

Senate Bill 169

Title AN ACT relating to duty-related disability benefits.

Summary of Original Version	Amend KRS 16.582 and 61.621 to increase minimum total and permanent in line of duty or duty-related disability benefits payable to a member of any of the systems administered by the Kentucky Retirement Systems from 25% to 75% of the member's monthly average pay; amend KRS 16.505, 61.510, and 78.510 to define "monthly average pay" as it relates to total and permanent line of duty and duty-related disability benefits; amend KRS 16.505 to amend the definition of "dependent child" as it relates to total and permanent line of duty or duty-related disability; amend KRS 61.702 to ensure full hospital and medical insurance benefits for the member, spouse, and dependents of a member who has a total and permanent in line of duty or duty-related disability; provide for prospective adjustments in benefits for those eligible members who were totally and permanently disabled in line of duty or due to a duty-related injury.
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Sponsor [C. McDaniel](#)

Actions

- 02/04/21
 - introduced in Senate
 - to Committee on Committees (S)

- 02/09/21
 - to State & Local Government (S)

- 02/25/21
 - taken from State & Local Government (S)
 - 1st reading
 - returned to State & Local Government (S)

- 02/26/21
 - taken from State & Local Government (S)
 - 2nd reading
 - returned to State & Local Government (S)

Senate Bill 191

Title AN ACT relating to public protection.

Summary of Original Version Amend KRS 227.250 to add gender-neutral language.

Sponsor [C. Embry Jr.](#)

Actions

- 02/09/21
 - introduced in Senate
 - to Committee on Committees (S)

- 02/10/21
 - to Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (S)

Senate Bill 222

Title AN ACT relating to first responders.

Summary of Original Version

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 518 to create the misdemeanor of unauthorized capture of photographic or videographic images by a first responder.

Sponsor [J. Carpenter](#)

Actions

- 02/10/21**
 - introduced in Senate
 - to Committee on Committees (S)
- 02/11/21**
 - to Judiciary (S)
- 02/26/21**
 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar

House Bills

House Bill 8

Title AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Employees Retirement System's employers, declaring an emergency, and making an appropriation therefor.

Summary of Original Version Amend KRS 61.565 to change the Kentucky Employees Retirement System's (KERS) nonhazardous actuarially accrued liability contribution (unfunded liability payment) that is payable by employers on or after July 1, 2021, from a value that is paid as a percent of pay on each employee to a set dollar amount; provide that the set dollar amount shall be allocated to each individual employer based upon the employer's percent share of the liability as of the June 30, 2019

Sponsors [J. DuPlessis](#), [S. Heavrin](#), [C. Massey](#), [S. Sheldon](#), [J. Tipton](#)

Actions

- 12/10/20** • Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
- 01/05/21** • introduced in House
• to Committee on Committees (H)
- 01/13/21** • to State Government (H)
- 02/02/21** • posted in committee
- 02/04/21** • reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute (1)
- 02/09/21** • 2nd reading, to Rules
• posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Wednesday, February 10, 2021
- 02/10/21** • **3rd reading, passed 88-0 with Committee Substitute**
• received in Senate
- 02/24/21** • to Appropriations & Revenue (S)
- 02/25/21** • taken from Appropriations & Revenue (S)

- 1st reading
 - returned to Appropriations & Revenue (S)
- 02/26/21**
- taken from Appropriations & Revenue (S)
 - 2nd reading
 - returned to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

House Bill 9

Title AN ACT relating to retirement and declaring an emergency.

Summary of Original Version Create separate retirement benefit, disability benefit, retiree health benefit, and other benefit statutes for the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) apart from the Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS) as provided in intent language of HB 484 during the 2020 Regular Session;

Sponsors [R. Webber](#), [S. Rudy](#)

Actions

- 02/04/21**
- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)
- 02/09/21**
- to Local Government (H)
 - posted in committee
- 02/10/21**
- reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar
- 02/11/21**
- 2nd reading, to Rules
 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Tuesday, February 16, 2021
- 02/22/21**
- floor amendment (1) filed
- 02/23/21**
- **3rd reading, passed 96-0 with floor amendment (1)**
- 02/24/21**
- received in Senate
 - to Committee on Committees (S)
- 02/26/21**
- to State & Local Government (S)

House Bill 41

Title AN ACT relating to employment.

Summary of Original Version

Amend KRS 336.130 to delete references restricting rights of public employees to organize, associate collectively, or strike; amend KRS 336.180 definition of "labor organization" and delete definitions of "employer" and "employee"; amend KRS 336.990 to conform; amend KRS 67A.6904 to allow urban county governments to make an agreement with a labor organization to require as a condition of employment membership therein; amend KRS 67C.406 to allow consolidated local governments to make an agreement with a labor organization to require as a condition of employment membership therein; amend KRS 70.262, KRS 78.470 and KRS 78.480 to remove exceptions; amend KRS 345.050 to allow public employers to make an agreement with a labor organization to require as a condition of employment membership therein; repeal KRS 65.016, KRS 336.132 and KRS 336.134.

Sponsors [J. Donohue](#), [J. Jenkins](#), [R. Roberts](#), [S. Westrom](#), [B. Wheatley](#), [L. Willner](#)

Actions

- 09/15/20** • Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
- introduced in House
- 01/05/21** • to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 44

Title AN ACT relating to mental health and making an appropriation therefor.

Summary of Original Version

Amend KRS 210.365 to make firefighters eligible for crisis intervention team training along with law enforcement officers currently permitted such training; amend KRS 95A.220 with an appropriation of \$1,250,000 each fiscal year for treatment of full-time and volunteer firefighters affected by post-traumatic stress injury (PTSI) and/or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); provide that legitimate personnel actions are not compensable; establish the reference for

definitions of PTSD and PTSI; require diagnosis by psychiatrist, psychologist, or counselor; allow certain mental health treatment benefits upon firefighter seeking treatment; APPROPRIATION.

K. Banta, K. Fleming, J. Blanton, T. Bojanowski, J. DuPlessis, M. Hart, J. Jenkins, K. King, D. Lewis, S. Lewis, B. McCool, M. Meredith, C. Miller, J. Miller, K. Moser, J. Nemes, R. Roberts, W. Thomas, R. Webber, S. Westrom, B. Wheatley, L. Willner

Actions

- 09/16/20** • Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
- 01/05/21** • introduced in House
• to Committee on Committees (H)
- 01/13/21** • to Local Government (H)
- 02/02/21** • posted in committee
- 02/03/21** • reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute
- 02/04/21** • 2nd reading, to Rules
• recommitted to Appropriations & Revenue (H)
• posted in committee
- 02/23/21** • reported favorably, to Rules with Committee Substitute (2) and committee amendment (1-title)
• posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Wednesday, February 24, 2021
- 02/25/21** • **3rd reading, passed 97-0 with Committee Substitute (2)**
- 02/26/21** • received in Senate
• to Committee on Committees (S)

House Bill 52

Title	AN ACT relating to dually employed retirement system members.
Summary of Original Version	Amend KRS 61.545 to provide that if a member is working in a regular full-time hazardous duty position that participates in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System or the County Employees Retirement System and is simultaneously employed in a nonhazardous position that is not considered regular full-time with a different participating employer, the member shall participate solely as a hazardous duty member and shall not participate under the nonhazardous position unless he or she makes an election within 30 days of taking employment in the nonhazardous position; amend KRS 61.680 to conform; specify that provisions shall only apply to prospective nonhazardous employment occurring on or after the effective date of the Act.

Sponsors [J. Tipton](#), [B. Wheatley](#)

Actions

- 09/17/20**
- Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
- 01/05/21**
- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 56

Title AN ACT relating to collective bargaining for public employees.

Summary of Original Version	Create a new section of KRS Chapter 336, relating to collective bargaining for public employees; amend KRS 336.010 to define "public employees"; amend KRS 336.130 to allow employees of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to collectively bargain.
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Sponsors [B. Wheatley](#), [J. Jenkins](#), [N. Kulkarni](#), [A. Scott](#)

Actions

- 09/24/20**
- Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
- 01/05/21**
- introduced in House

- to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 59

Title AN ACT relating to workers' compensation.

Summary of Original Version Amend KRS 342.020 to require an employer to pay for medical benefits at the time of injury and thereafter during disability instead of 780 weeks; amend KRS 342.990 to conform.

Sponsors [A. Tackett Laferty](#), [M. Cantrell](#), [A. Hatton](#), [J. Jenkins](#), [A. Scott](#), [B. Wheatley](#)

Actions

- 10/06/20**
- Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
- 01/05/21**
- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 60

Title AN ACT relating to the taxation of pension income.

Summary of Original Version Amend KRS 141.019, relating to the individual income tax, to increase the pension income exclusion from \$31,110 to \$41,110.

Sponsors [A. Tackett Laferty](#), [M. Cantrell](#), [J. Jenkins](#)

Actions

- 10/06/20**
- Prefiled by the sponsor(s).

- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)
- 01/05/21

House Bill 61

Title AN ACT relating to a tax credit for volunteer firefighters.

Summary of Original Version Create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to establish a refundable income tax credit for certain volunteer firefighters; declare the purpose of the credit; require annual reporting to the Legislative Research Commission to evaluate the impact of the credit; amend KRS 141.0205 to provide the ordering of the credit; amend KRS 131.190 to allow confidential tax return information to be shared with the Legislative Research Commission.

Sponsors A. Tackett Laferty, J. Blanton, P. Flannery, D. Hale, M. Hart, A. Hatton, J. Jenkins, S. Santoro, W. Thomas

Actions

- Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
- 10/06/20
- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)
- 01/05/21

House Bill 69

Title AN ACT relating to actuarial reporting for the state-administered retirement systems.

Summary of Original Version Amend KRS 6.350 to establish additional standards and requirements for the completion of the actuarial analysis required for bills pertaining to state-administered retirement systems, including a projection of costs/savings over a 30-year period rather than 20 years, completion of the analysis in a format established by the Legislative Research Commission, and the addition of a summary of relevant data and information on the front page of the analysis; amend KRS 21.440, 61.670, and 161.400 to require the state-administered retirement systems to provide a projection/analysis over a 30-year period rather

than a 20-year period regarding projections in the annual actuarial valuation and as it relates to experience studies, assumption changes, and other changes made by the boards of each system.

Sponsor [J. Miller](#)

Actions

- 10/07/20** • Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
- 01/05/21** • introduced in House
• to Committee on Committees (H)
- 02/11/21** • to State Government (H)
- 02/23/21** • posted in committee
- 02/25/21** • reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar
- 02/26/21** • 2nd reading, to Rules
• posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Monday, March 1, 2021

House Bill 87

Title AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Retirement Systems.

Summary of Original Version

Amend KRS 16.578 and 61.640 to apply the alternate death benefit calculation options as written prior to 2009 legislation for deaths occurring prior to retirement; amend KRS 61.540 to remove requirement that the employer and member must file a statement of facts before benefit payments can commence; amend KRS 61.598 to provide that the ten percent cap on creditable compensation growth during a member's last five years of employment shall not apply to situations where the growth in excess of ten percent during the entire five-year period results in a benefit change of less than \$25 per month; provide that the implementation date of the amendments to 2017 Ky. Acts ch. 32, sec. 9(28) by the Kentucky Retirement Systems shall be December 1, 2019; provide that the amendments to KRS 16.578 and 61.640 are retroactive to JUNE 25, 2009.

Sponsors [J. Decker](#), [J. Miller](#)

Actions

- 11/13/20** • Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
- 01/05/21** • introduced in House
• to Committee on Committees (H)
- 02/04/21** • to State Government (H)
• posted in committee
- 02/11/21** • reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute and committee amendment (1-title)
- 02/22/21** • 2nd reading, to Rules
• posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Tuesday, February 23, 2021
- 02/25/21** • **3rd reading, passed 94-0 with Committee Substitute and committee amendment (1-title)**
- 02/26/21** • received in Senate
• to Committee on Committees (S)

House Bill 115

Title AN ACT relating to post-retirement beneficiary changes.

Summary of Original Version

Amend KRS 61.542 to allow a retiree to elect to change his or her beneficiary at any time, if the retiree has selected upon retirement a basic monthly annuity payment as defined in the subsection, a period certain payment option under KRS 61.635(5) to (7), or the Social Security adjustment option without survivorship rights under KRS 61.635(8)(a); require a retiree to file a beneficiary change form prescribed by the Kentucky Retirement Systems with the retirement office; provide that a retiree may change his or her actual monthly payment option only upon marriage or remarriage and only if he or she files a beneficiary change form within 120 days of marriage or remarriage designating the new spouse as beneficiary and selecting a survivorship payment option under KRS 61.635(2) to (4) and (8)(b), with the resulting payments being

actuarially equivalent to the retirement allowance provided at the date of the original retirement; amend KRS 61.590, 61.615, and 61.630 to conform; provide that members who retired prior to the effective date of the Act, who were married or remarried prior to the effective date of the Act and remain married or remarried to the same spouse, shall have 120 days from the effective date to select a survivorship option for their spouse under the Act

Sponsor [B. Wheatley](#)

Actions

- 12/09/20**
- Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
- 01/05/21**
- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 120

Title AN ACT relating to consolidated emergency services districts and making an appropriation therefor.

Summary of Original Version Create various sections of KRS Chapter 75 to define terms; establish procedures for the creation of a consolidated emergency services district; authorize certain local government officials to appoint 3 members to the board of trustees of the district; provide for the election of 4 members of the board of trustees, qualifications of elected members, terms, nomination procedures, and removal; establish officers of the district and compensation of officers; establish the power to levy a property tax, subject to certain restrictions; declare that upon creation of a district, the board assumes all duties, responsibilities, and liabilities of former departments or districts, former jurisdictions to be special taxing districts until indebtedness is relieved and that all previously entered into interlocal agreements shall remain in force for their duration; set requirements relating to CERS; establish procedures amend KRS 65.180 to define consolidated emergency services district as a "taxing districts"; amend KRS 75.020 to include creation of a district within the definition of merger; amend KRS 78.530 to allow for any districts, not all to be excluded from the provisions; amend KRS 95A.500 to allow the district to receive qualified shares of merged fire districts; amend KRS 134.119 to provide that the sheriff shall be compensated for collecting taxes for consolidated emergency service districts; APPROPRIATION.

Sponsors [C. Massey](#), [S. Santoro](#)

Actions

- 12/11/20** • Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
- 01/05/21** • introduced in House
• to Committee on Committees (H)
- 02/22/21** • to Local Government (H)
• posted in committee
- 02/24/21** • reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute
- 02/25/21** • 2nd reading, to Rules
• posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Friday, February 26, 2021
• floor amendment (1) filed to Committee Substitute

House Bill 139

Title AN ACT relating to duty-related disability benefits and declaring an emergency.

Summary of Original Version

Amend KRS 16.582 and 61.621 to increase minimum total and permanent in line of duty or duty-related disability benefits payable to a member of any of the systems administered by the Kentucky Retirement Systems from 25% to 75% of the member's monthly average pay; amend KRS 16.505, 61.510, and 78.510 to define "monthly average pay" as it relates to total and permanent line of duty and duty-related disability benefits; amend KRS 16.505 to amend the definition of "dependent child" as it relates to total and permanent line of duty or duty-related disability; amend KRS 61.702 to ensure full hospital and medical insurance benefits for the member, spouse, and dependents of a member who has a total and permanent in line of duty or duty-related disability; provide for prospective adjustments in benefits for those eligible members who were totally and permanently disabled in line of duty or due to a duty-related injury;
EMERGEN

Sponsors

[J. Blanton](#), [K. Bratcher](#), [R. Dotson](#), [D. Frazier](#), [D. Hale](#), [M. Hart](#), [A. Hatton](#), [T. Huff](#), [D. Lewis](#), [S. Lewis](#), [J. Nemes](#), [R. Webber](#), [B. Wesley](#)

Actions

- 12/11/20 • Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
- 01/05/21 • introduced in House
- 01/05/21 • to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 151

Title AN ACT relating to recorded instruments.

Summary of Original Version Create a new section of KRS Chapter 67 to define "recorded instrument" and "portal"; require county clerks to be open for reviewing and obtaining copies of recorded instruments for 40 hours a week unless they maintain a portal that allows the public to search for electronic copies of recorded instruments; establish deadlines for county clerks to maintain portals for the filing and searching of recorded instruments.

Sponsor [J. Fischer](#)

Actions

- 01/05/21 • introduced in House
- 01/05/21 • to Committee on Committees (H)
- 02/09/21 • to Local Government (H)

House Bill 155

Title AN ACT relating to abandoned infants.

Summary of Original Version Amend KRS 405.075 to define and allow the use of a "newborn safety device" related to the anonymous surrendering of a newborn infant in the Commonwealth at a participating staffed police station, staffed fire station, or a staffed hospital.

Sponsors [N. Tate](#), [M. Prunty](#), [J. Bray](#), [J. Decker](#), [D. Fister](#), [C. Fugate](#), [D. Hale](#), [M. Hart](#), [S. Heavrin](#), [T. Huff](#), [K. King](#), [N. Kirk-McCormick](#), [S. Lewis](#), [M. Meredith](#)

Actions

- 01/05/21
 - introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)
- 02/10/21
 - to Health & Family Services (H)
- 02/11/21
 - reassigned to Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (H)
- 02/22/21
 - posted in committee
- 02/24/21
 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar
- 02/25/21
 - 2nd reading, to Rules
 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Friday, February 26, 2021

House Bill 164

Title AN ACT relating to crimes and punishments.

**Summary of
Original
Version**

Amend KRS 508.025, relating to assault in the third degree, to create a mandatory fine of \$5,000 and a minimum sentence of 30 days' incarceration, which is not subject to any form of early release, for certain offenses; amend KRS 508.010, relating to assault in the first degree, to create a mandatory fine of \$15,000 and a minimum sentence of 90 days' incarceration, which is not subject to any form of early release; create a new section of KRS Chapter 512 to require the court to order full restitution in any conviction under KRS 512.020, 512.030, or 512.040; amend KRS 525.020, relating to riot in the first degree, to create a minimum sentence of 45 days' incarceration, which is not subject to any form of early release; amend KRS 525.030, relating to riot in the second degree, to create a minimum sentence of 30 days' incarceration, which is not subject to any form of early release; create a new section of KRS Chapter 525 to require the court to order full restitution in any conviction under KRS 525.020, 525.030, or 525.040; amend KRS 525.150 to make disrupting meetings and processions a Class A misdemeanor in all cases; amend KRS 525.140 to make obstructing a highway a Class D felony when the obstruction blocks an emergency vehicle, emergency responder, or emergency exit; create a new section of KRS Chapter 511 to create the offense of unlawful camping on property owned by the Commonwealth; amend KRS 511.060 to make criminal trespass a Class D felony when done to harass a person who is a law enforcement officer, active duty member of the military, judge, or elected or appointed government official; create a new section of KRS Chapter 431 to require 12-hour hold for any person

charged with certain offenses and allow exceptions; repeal KRS 525.145, relating to disrupting meetings and processions in the first degree.

Sponsors R. Huff, K. Bratcher, B. Reed

Actions

- 01/05/21**
- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 166

Title AN ACT relating to First Responder, Doctor, Nurse, and Health Care Professional Recognition Day.

Summary of Original Version Create a new section of KRS Chapter 2 to designate the first Saturday of October of each year as "First Responder, Doctor, Nurse, and Health Care Professional Recognition Day"; require the Governor to proclaim the date each year and require state flags to be lowered to half-mast on state public buildings from sunrise to sunset on that day.

Sponsors C. Massey, S. Westrom

Actions

- 01/05/21**
- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 192

Title 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 state-supported activities.

The State/Executive Branch Budget: Detail Part I, Operating Budget; appropriate to General Government: 2020-2021: \$2,232,159,200, 2021-2022: \$1,799,151,900; appropriate to the Economic Development Cabinet: 2020-2021: \$30,692,000, 2021-2022: \$32,698,000; appropriate to the Department of Education: 2020-2021: \$5,087,565,600, 2021-2022: \$5,236,333,800; appropriate to the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet: 2020-2021: \$224,230,300, 2021-2022: \$226,419,100; appropriate to the Energy and Environment Cabinet: 2020-2021: \$301,178,900, 2021-2022: \$276,053,300; appropriate to the Finance and Administration Cabinet: 2020-2021: \$992,598,800, 2021-2022: \$1,025,343,600; appropriate to the Health and Family Services Cabinet: 2020-2021: \$16,559,398,900, 2021-2022: \$16,709,573,800; appropriate to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet: 2020-2021: \$1,270,439,200, 2021-2022: \$1,293,490,400; appropriate to the Labor Cabinet: 2020-2021: \$1,642,204,900, 2021-2022: \$761,756,600; appropriate to the Personnel Cabinet: 2020-2021: \$63,150,200, 2021-2022: \$90,780,200; appropriate to Postsecondary Education: 2020-2021: \$8,533,377,500, 2021-2022: \$8,938,898,700; appropriate to the Public Protection Cabinet: 2020-2021: \$167,314,500, 2021-2022: \$125,746,600; appropriate to the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet: 2020-2021: \$269,047,600, 2021-2022: \$274,838,800; appropriate to the Budget Reserve Trust Fund: 2021-2022: \$100,000,000; not included in the appropriation amounts are capital project amounts as follows: 2020-2021: \$8,538,931,500, 2021-2022: \$807,761,600; 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.

Summary of Original Version

Sponsors J. Petrie, B. Reed

Actions

- 01/07/21**
 - introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

- 01/08/21**
 - taken from Committee on Committees (H)
 - 1st reading
 - returned to Committee on Committees (H)

- to Appropriations & Revenue (H)
 - posted in committee
- 01/09/21**
- taken from Appropriations & Revenue (H)
 - 2nd reading
 - returned to Appropriations & Revenue (H)
- 01/11/21**
- reported favorably, to Rules with Committee Substitute
 - taken from Rules
 - placed in the Orders of the Day
 - **3rd reading, passed 71-22 with Committee Substitute**
 - received in Senate
 - to Committee on Committees (S)
 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)
 - taken from Appropriations & Revenue (S)
 - 1st reading
 - returned to Appropriations & Revenue (S)
- 01/12/21**
- reported favorably, 2nd reading, to Rules with Committee Substitute
 - floor amendment (1) filed to Committee Substitute
- 01/13/21**
- posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Wednesday, January 13, 2021
 - 3rd reading
 - floor amendment (1) withdrawn
 - **passed 32-0-1 with Committee Substitute**
 - received in House
 - to Rules (H)
 - taken from Rules
 - placed in the Orders of the Day for concurrence or non-concurrence
 - **House refused to concur in Senate Committee Substitute**
 - received in Senate
 - posted for passage for receding from Senate Committee Substitute (1)
 - **Senate refused to recede from Committee Substitute (1)**
 - **Conference Committee appointed in House and Senate**

House Bill 241

Title AN ACT relating to wagering and making an appropriation therefor.

Summary of Original Version Establish KRS Chapter 239 and create new sections to define “adjusted gross revenue,” “beginner,” “cabinet,” “confidential information,” “entry fee,” “fantasy contest,” “fantasy contest operator,” “fantasy contest participant,” “highly experienced player,” “immediate family,” “location percentage,” “net poker revenue,” “online poker,” “person,” “principal stockholder,” “rake,” “registered fantasy contest operator,” “script,” “secretary,” and “wager”; establish requirements for registration as a fantasy contest operator;

Sponsors [A. Koenig](#), [A. Gentry](#), [K. Banta](#), [T. Bojanowski](#), [T. Huff](#), [M. Koch](#), [W. Lawrence](#), [M. Meredith](#), [C. Miller](#), [J. Miller](#), [R. Palumbo](#), [J. Raymond](#), [S. Santoro](#), [C. Stevenson](#), [K. Timoney](#), [B. Wheatley](#), [L. Willner](#)

Actions

- 01/09/21**
- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 252

Title AN ACT relating to the taxation of pension income, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Summary of Original Version Amend KRS 141.019 to increase the pension income exclusion from \$31,110 to \$41,110; apply retroactively for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018; require the Department of Revenue to automatically issue refunds; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

Sponsors [R. Huff](#), [T. Bojanowski](#), [K. Bratcher](#), [M. Hart](#), [K. Timoney](#)

Actions

- 01/11/21**
- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 258

Title AN ACT relating to the Teachers' Retirement System.

Summary of Original Version Create new sections of KRS 161.220 to 161.716 to specify that new members of the Teachers' Retirement System on or after January 1, 2022, shall receive a foundational benefit component, which shall be a traditional defined benefit

plan with risk adjustments, and a supplemental benefit component which shall be a plan based upon the member's account balance; provide that the cost of the foundational benefit for these new members shall be accessed annually in the actuarial valuation; provide that if the funding level of the foundational benefit component for new nonuniversity or university members falls below 90%, the TRS board shall make one or more of the following changes to keep foundational benefit component employer costs within 8% of pay for nonuniversity members and 5.755% of pay for university members: utilize moneys in the stabilization reserve account from any excess contributions above costs of the new plan components for new members only, utilize prospective mandatory employee and employer contributions from the supplemental benefit component, or adjust the regular interest rate, benefit factor, age and service requirements to retire, or COLAs for new members only;

Sponsors [C. Massey](#), [J. Miller](#), [K. Moser](#), [J. Tipton](#)

Actions

- 01/12/21**
 - introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

- 01/13/21**
 - to State Government (H)

- 02/02/21**
 - posted in committee
 - taken from State Government (H)
 - 1st reading
 - returned to State Government (H)

- 02/03/21**
 - taken from State Government (H)
 - 2nd reading
 - returned to State Government (H)

- 02/04/21**
 - reported favorably, to Rules
 - taken from Rules (H)
 - placed in the Orders of the Day
 - **3rd reading, passed 68-28**
 - received in Senate

- 02/10/21**
 - to State & Local Government (S)

House Bill 261

Title AN ACT relating to fraud against the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority.

**Summary of
Original
Version**

Amend KRS 61.685 to make a person liable for civil penalties if he or she knowingly submits false or fraudulent claims or fails to report or remit required money, records, or property to the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA) in order to obtain retirement benefits from any of the retirement systems administered by the KPPA; define "person" and "knowingly" for purposes of the Act; provide civil penalties, including restitution of the payments received as a result of fraud, a penalty of as much as 3 times the amount of the excess payments, a penalty of \$500 for each false or fraudulent claim submitted, and recovery of all legal fees and costs of the investigation and enforcement of civil remedies; require that, at the request of the KPPA, the Attorney General investigate and enforce the provisions of this Act and may recover the reasonable costs of litigation as determined by the court and provided by KRS 48.005; provide that civil payments, costs, and interest be made payable to the State Treasurer and remitted to the KPPA for deposit in the affected systems' trusts consistent with the methods used to distribute administrative expenses between the trusts; provide that the remedies provided by this Act be separate from and cumulative to any other remedy available to the KPPA.

Sponsor [J. Miller](#)

Actions

- 01/12/21**
 - introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

- 02/11/21**
 - to State Government (H)

- 02/24/21**
 - posted in committee

- 02/25/21**
 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar

- 02/26/21**
 - 2nd reading, to Rules
 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Monday, March 1, 2021

House Bill 315

Title AN ACT relating to public protection.

Summary of Original Version Amend KRS 227.250 to add gender-neutral language.

Sponsor [W. Thomas](#)

Actions

- 02/02/21**
- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 318

Title AN ACT relating to fire districts.

Summary of Original Version

Amend KRS 75.040 to require a fire protection district or volunteer fire department district to waive any tax attributable to its provision of emergency ambulance service in territory shared with a KRS Chapter 108 ambulance service district absent an agreement otherwise; declare that a fire protection district or volunteer fire department district or subdistrict is deemed to be the primary service provider of emergency ambulance service in the county containing the majority of the population served by that district absent notification from the district to the executive authorities of the local governments of jurisdiction, and in that event limit the district's or subdistrict's tax to only a maximum of \$0.10 per one hundred dollars and declare status for secondary providers of emergency ambulance service and provide for declaration in light of a mutual aid compact; amend KRS 75.015 relating to fire protection subdistricts to not charge that portion of a fire subdistrict tax that is attributable to the provision of ambulance services if the fire subdistrict serves an area that is also served by an ambulance service district operating under KRS Chapter 108 unless the respective boards agree otherwise.

Sponsors [K. Fleming](#), [J. Nemes](#)

Actions

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- 02/02/21**
- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 339

Title AN ACT relating to officer training and making an appropriation.

Summary of Original Version Amend KRS 15.460 to increase the Kentucky Law Enforcement Program fund stipend to eligible officers from \$4,000 to \$6,000; amend KRS 158.4414 to allow participation in KLEFP by special law enforcement officers who are executing a certain function within schools; amend KRS 15.380 to conform; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2021.

Sponsors [K. Bratcher](#), [C. Freeland](#), [D. Lewis](#)

Actions

- 02/02/21**
- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 356

Title AN ACT relating to taxation.

Sponsors [L. Willner](#), [A. Scott](#), [G. Brown Jr.](#), [K. Flood](#), [J. Jenkins](#), [N. Kulkarni](#), [J. Raymond](#)

Actions

- 02/03/21**
- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 368

Title AN ACT relating to providing funding for the office of the property valuation administrator and making an appropriation therefor.

Summary of Original Version Create a new section of KRS Chapter 132 to establish a fee for taxing districts using the property valuation administrator's assessment roll and requirements for the expense of the revenues received from the fee; amend KRS 132.590 to include a consumer price index adjustment for the limits established for the fee counties pay for using the property valuation administrator's assessment roll; amend KRS 132.285 to include a consumer price index adjustment for the minimum and maximum limits established for the fees cities pay for using the property valuation administrator's assessment roll; APPROPRIATION.

Sponsor [R. Bridges](#)

Actions

- 02/04/21**
 - introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)
- 02/09/21**
 - to Appropriations & Revenue (H)
- 02/11/21**
 - posted in committee

House Bill 370

Title AN ACT relating to special license plates and making an appropriation.

Summary of Original Version Amend KRS 186.162, regarding special license plates, to reiterate that the county clerk's fee charged is the standard clerk's fee for vehicle registration; establish extra fees for the firefighters special license plate to benefit the Kentucky Volunteer Firefighters Association; establish extra fee for the Masonic special license plate to benefit the Masonic Homes of Kentucky; set fees for special license plates established under KRS 186.164; eliminate the requirement for a special license plate for motorcycle to have 300 signatures; amend KRS 186.040 to conform; APPROPRIATION.

Sponsor [J. Calloway](#)

Actions

- 02/04/21**
 - introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)
 - to Transportation (H)
- 02/10/21**
 - posted in committee
- 02/23/21**
 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute (1)
- 02/24/21**
 - 2nd reading, to Rules
 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Thursday, February 25, 2021
 - floor amendments (1) and (2) filed to Committee Substitute
- 02/25/21**
 - floor amendment (3) filed to Committee Substitute

House Bill 412

Title AN ACT relating to public protection.

Summary of Original Version Amend KRS 75.130 to include gender-neutral language and to correct minor grammatical errors.

Sponsor [R. Webber](#)

Actions

- 02/09/21**
 - introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 500

Title AN ACT relating to workers' compensation for first responders.

**Summary of
Original
Version**

Amend KRS 342.0011 to clarify definition of "injury" to include psychological injuries for certain employees; create a new section of KRS Chapter 342 to set out when the psychological injuries are valid workers' compensation claims when no physical injury exists.

Sponsors [J. Jenkins](#), [J. Raymond](#)

Actions

- 02/10/21**
- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 559

Title AN ACT relating to perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemicals.

**Summary of
Original
Version**

Create a new section of subchapter 10 of KRS Chapter 224 to define "PFAS chemicals"; require the Energy and Environment Cabinet on or before January 1, 2022, to promulgate administrative regulations establishing maximum PFAS chemical limits and monitoring requirements for drinking water provided by public and semi-public water systems;

Sponsor [N. Kulkarni](#)

Actions

- 02/23/21**
- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)

House Bill 564

Title AN ACT relating to crimes and punishments.

**Summary of
Original
Version**

Amend KRS 508.025, relating to assault in the third degree, to create a mandatory fine of \$5,000 and a minimum sentence of 30 days' incarceration, which is not subject to any form of early release; amend KRS 508.010, relating to assault in the first degree, to create a mandatory fine of \$15,000 and a minimum sentence of 90 days' incarceration, which is not subject to any form of early release

Sponsor [S. Sheldon](#)

Actions

- 02/23/21**
- introduced in House
 - to Committee on Committees (H)