

LEGISLATION EVALUATION DETAIL - 2024 KY REGULAR SESSION

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Category & Support Type	Bill & Summary Priority Level & Detailed Evaluation	Prim Sponsor & Reviewer	
Taxes & Spending	<u>HB1</u> BUDGET - One-time appropriations totaling \$178M in FY2023-4, \$1.59B in FY2024-5, and \$75M in FY2025-6 from Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account (ie Rainy Day Fund).	J. Petrie	
<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	High (Pass this session) Priorities: Pretty aggressive paying down of pension liabilities at least for FY 2024-5 (very good, \$750M, I'd even prefer more), \$150M paying for drinking and wastewater infrastructure, \$400M for matching fund for the GRANT program (great if it is this big, but this is far bigger than it was projected in HB9 last year; and hence needs extensive fraud monitoring), improving riverports, some rail & aviation pilot programs and infrastructure improvements, expanding KSP lab capabilities... Amendments: Fine with all of these priorities; fiscally responsible. Elsewhere in the budget, why are we issuing bonds for capital projects in this high interest rate environment rather than paying out of the rainy day fund? Wouldn't we be saving substantial future interest payments?	L	
Education	<u>HB2</u> Alters KY Constitution to allow the Legislature to fund non-public schooling (devil is in the details).	S. Miles	
<u>Only If Amended</u>	High (Pass this session) *Passed Both Every state but KY & ND has implemented a version of school choice, because (a) it's immoral to trap a child in an ed situation that doesn't meet his needs due to his parent's finances & (b) it's established that school choice improves not only private, but also public, school outcomes. Now, given the dynamics within the legislature, if a school choice amendment gets on the ballot it likely will be one cherry-picked (like HB2) & forced through by Rep leadership. That said, I cannot support this language for 2 main reasons: (1) I don't believe this stilted legalese with no mention of the actual lived problem(s) that it should be addressing in the text (ie poor families can't afford to give their kids any other option if their public school doesn't meet their needs) has much of any chance to pass in this poor state in a populist election cycle, after it gets massacred with negative ads on "welfare for the rich". That loss will be used by blame-shifters to keep a better amendment off the ballot for a decade+, * whereas SB358, HB208 and HB208 Amendment 1 are all VASTLY more likely to pass with voters. (2) This "in particular places" phrase aims to circumvent the general applicability req of Section 59 and/or 60, codifying geographic discrimination in the KY Constitution. Doing so asserts it is affirmatively RIGHT in our Constitution that families in one part of Kentucky (eg Louisville) should be able to get their kids taxpayer-funded ed help, while another (eg Harlan County) will be trapped in a failing ed situation only because of their zip code. School choice is needed everywhere. No version of school choice that exempts the Section 59 or 60 restrictions is worthy of support, this is the Constitution. The "we will fix it next session" logic, often very reasonable on KRS bills (even on this topic), does not apply altering a foundational document. * This also isn't legally airtight. Thinking that "as it deems proper" gives the legislature a blank check to do anything it wants is not how citizens or Sup. Court will interpret it (if it were, it would be in every amend.). One has to specify how it relates to the other parts of the constitution, and/or strike those sections out (eg in 184) it intends to render completely void. The reference to KY Const. Section 171 may mean something will be done to property taxes, what? Most importantly, (a) I STRONGLY doubt HB2 avoids the referendum req of Section 184 ("notwithstanding" < "shall not prevent", and it needs to make it clear that this ballot amend. IS the 184 tax referendum; the GA already has the ability to do most of what HB2 does, the problem is that Section 184 reqs a tax referenda before doing it), and (b) the Sup Court can still use Section 183 to strike down any bill that affects public school funding in any way on THAT basis. HB208 addresses most of this. Amendment: Some grown-ups need to merge the good things from this & HB208 and put something that addresses the real issues everywhere in this state, appeals to voters in this election cycle, IS legally airtight, and that KY can be proud of by bringing parents options EVERYWHERE. R: I like this proposed amendment, because it is clean and clear, with no limitations. It will permit the GA to have freedom to legislate as it thinks best. However, upon further review, I see serious problems with it that need to be remedied. First, it does not expressly remove the req for a tax referendum to spend money outside of the common (public) schools. Second, it attempts to provide for special legislation notwithstanding Section 171, saying "in particular places". This will give the courts an easy way to strike it down, since laws have to be generally applicable, not special. Third, it starts out with legalese, "notwithstanding sections....". That will be confusing and off-putting to voters. It should start out with "The General Assembly may provide financial support..." and move the "notwithstanding" to the end of that sentence. Da: Section 1 Why not put to give... "all" families and children, regardless of income, race, creed, or sex".... the problem I see here is this needs to be explained in terms of fundamental fairness to all Kentuckians. The less legalese and more plain talk will do more to persuade voters.	L / R	
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB3</u> Allows AG to estab a human trafficking working group of experts. Reqs posting of signs with info on contacting the Nat'l Human Trafficking Resource center in hotels, airports, bus stations, etc.	S. Miles	
<u>Support</u>	High (Pass this session) *Passed House Solid bill. The Working group portion should be a high priority. No issue with the data compilation. Amendment: I could honestly do without the mandated signage for private businesses. MAYBE it will help save someone, but it feels like overreach, esp. every truck stop bathroom, and hotel, tbh. I can understand the publicly owned and financed train stations, bus stations, airports, and rest areas.	L	

Govt Regs	HB4	Alters Const to allow GA to set its own session dates with a 3/5 vote, and allows Senate Prez & Speaker of House to call members back into session up to twice & 12 total days.	D. Osborne
<u>Only If Amended</u>	Medium (Committee review+)	<p>Rehashing of constitutional amendment 1 that failed last time. I like the general concept, we probably don't want/need a full-time legislature, but meeting only in the 1st 3.5 months of the year leaves 8.5 months for the Governor to run amuck unchecked and for laws to remain unpassed.</p> <p>I like section 1 in principle, let the legislature itself vote on its schedule (the 1st few months of the years probably aren't optimal timing).</p> <p>I don't like the formalistic legalese used throughout, do Reps or bill writers not interact with the average voter enough?</p> <p>I really do NOT like section 2 with the 2 leaders being the ones in charge of calling in a special session. With modern tech, why can't 60% (like in section 1) register their desire for a special session with the clerk themselves? Why do we continue consolidating power in Leadership's hands?!</p> <p>Amendment: I'd much rather just have a designated 12-15 day summer session each year (maybe in late July or early August); we have special sessions more years than not anyway, this keeps the Gov from operating without a check and balance for more than a few months at most. Being regularly scheduled and a few weeks, it allows for inclusion of public opinion and feedback. I suspect that without restrictions on when session do happen, leadership called special sessions will be used to subvert public transparency and input (deciding what bills to rubber stamp and then coming in to deliver decided edicts to the public; that isn't the democratic process).</p> <p>I'm also not sure this is entirely legally sound. If you want to change part of the constitution or render it void, strike it out / omit it, and then amend it. That is the mechanism to accomplish that task. Don't "notwithstanding" it...</p>	L
Courts & Crimes	HB5	Incr punishments for, and protections against, a wide range of violent criminal offenses, and regs homelessness encampments.	J. Bauman
<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	High (Pass this session) *Concurrence	<p>Omnibus bill. There is a lot of good here, incl some controversial measures (strengthening shopkeeper's prerogative, urban homelessness regulations...), but also some bad and given that we are dealing with the criminal code we need to make sure we aren't locking people away longer than is appropriate (KY already has one of the highest incarceration rates in the US & world). This also should have been 6+ bills, given the huge impact and wide range of topics addressed.</p> <p>Amendments: (1) Make no change to the definition of "serious physical injury" (heightens the criminal severity of familial disputes, which are the most common and emotionally-driven, vs calculating and intentional); Sec 44. (2) Lower the felony classes (to C) for the new crime of carjacking if no deadly weapon was used and it is a 1st offense (B is 10-20 years in prison; C is 5-10); Sec 9. (3) Change 3 strikes portion (Sec 1): if none of violent felonies are a capitol offense, the 3rd and any future criminal offense has a 1 class sentencing escalator (Felony D=>C; MisD A=>Felony D)... 2 strikes, then we throw the book at any future offense. (4) Would love a "Swatting" inclusion within terroristic threatening (Sec. 33 & 34) and increase penalties for blocking a highway (eg as an illegal protest), (5) for a 1st violent felony, I would prefer that there be no increase in minimum time served, if need be... reduce it for subsequent felonies only; and (6) Exception for temporary "boondocking" in a vehicle outside of a municipal city limits (esp. on side of highway) in homelessness regs (Note: this one was added by floor amendment).</p>	L
Taxes & Spending	HB6	BUDGET	J. Petrie
		<p>Beyond our scope currently, unfortunately.</p> <p>Even at its most aspirational this year, our commentary will be limited to finding the most egregious wastes of taxpayer money (eg a Festivus Report).</p> <p>One inappropriate funding cut here is from the "Alternative Sentencing Worker Program", a diversion program to keep drug addicts out of prison and instead in rehab and employment.</p>	B
Transportation	HB7	Empower the Transportation Cabinet to reg Autonomous (self-driving) vehicles.	J. Bray
<u>Support</u>	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	<p>The main effects of the bill would be to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Establish standards and definitions of AV. 2) Establish performance requirements and limitations. 3) Establish licensing and insurance requirements. 4) Empower the Transportation Cabinet with full authority over AV's. No other state agency may tax or regulate AV operations. 5) Obligates the owner of the AV to notify appropriate state agencies in the event of a mishap. <p>L: Seems fine, the most interesting aspects of AV/EV regulation are not addressed in this bill, however. (a) The state currently pays for road maintenance in part through the gas tax, how are you going to monetize road usage by EVs which given battery weight do more damage to roads than equivalent ICE vehicles? (b) Will vehicles be allowed to operate without a driver (even without any driver or passenger at all) and if so, who is liable for accidents that occur?</p>	J O
Taxes & Spending	HB8	Extends dates for funds to be used for environmental remediation of petroleum tanks and waste tire disposal.	J. Petrie
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Seems fine, not a high priority.	L
Education	HB9	Comprehensive ban on DEI admins, related mandatory statements, trainings & discriminatory hiring or enrollment practices from public higher ed.	J. Decker

<p>Support w/ amendment suggestions</p>	<p>High (Pass this session)</p>	<p>Definitely one of the most important bills this session. In same vane as SB6, but more comprehensive and appropriately aggressive.</p> <p>Comprehensive DEI ("Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and often now Belonging) administrator (officer) bans in public higher ed: Public colleges have to eliminate these positions and expend no resources on their mission, not just alter their focus as in Section (2)(4) of SB6. Schools cannot alter the composition of the student body, or hire, fire, promote, contract renew,... on the basis of religion, race, sex, color, or national origin, nor require statements in support of this ideology. Eliminates "bias incident investigation" teams which are used to police (often without due process) legal speech and limits such speech policing to bonafide student harassment cases. Gives the AGs office, employees, and applicants cause to sue for discriminatory treatment (complaints about this ballooning legal liability here are overblown, suing is not easy or cheap and this is difficult to prove, but should be punished when it does occur; wouldn't oppose some caps though, like SB6).</p> <p>Unlike SB6, regulates governing boards of each institution and Council on Postsecondary Ed.</p> <p>Amendments: There are actual majors that specialize in divisive concepts. If those divisive concepts cannot accumulate credit, are those majors disbanded (fine with me), or would the credit ban apply only to non-majors? Florida's approach was to disallow these courses to be applied to core curricular requirements (ie general ed requirements, the courses that all students are required to take), making them only elective or part of a major.</p> <p>J P: Eliminate/Halt all DEI-related practices and guidance by KY colleges & universities. I strongly support this bill. DEI is a Marxist-driven blight on this state and our country as a whole. Regarding course work, I interpreted it to ban credit for any course that promotes DEI (presumably because those tenets directly conflict with our Civil Rights Act of 1964). If it doesn't, it should.</p>	<p>L / J</p>
<p>Health</p>	<p>HB10</p>	<p>Estab KY Lifeline for Moms program; expands and specs post-natal services that must be covered by insurance (incl KCHIP and medicaid); allows pregnant women to enter health care exchanges at any time.</p>	<p>K. Moser</p>
<p>Support w/ amendment suggestions</p>	<p>High (Pass this session) *Passed House</p>	<p>"M omnibus" bill. Generally positive about the legislation. I'm most skeptical of the insurance expansions (open enrollment; expansion of KCHIP dental and vision) which need committee review, but even those don't seem entirely unreasonable off hand.</p> <p>Seems odd that the "lifeline for Moms" is for practitioners, rather than also being accessible to moms directly. Renames, specifies, and expands the Kentucky maternal and infant health collaborative in KDHFS. Requires that KCHIP cover preventative services, dental & vision. Expands and specifies the post-natal services that must be covered by insurance carriers (eg breastfeeding). Reqs medicaid cover breastfeeding equipment and consultation. Requires health insurance exchanges provide a special enrollment period for any pregnant woman (big change here).</p> <p>Amendment: (1) If expanding coverage (I'm not necessarily a fan), perhaps exclude braces and cosmetic dentistry in KCHIP.</p> <p>(2) Implications of opening the insurance exchange for any pregnant woman needs more study.</p> <p>(3) If anything, I'm slightly disappointed that this legislation wasn't expansive/ambitious enough given that it has gotten blessed by leadership. It seems HB380 is the expanded version of this.</p> <p>(a) Why NOT throw in elimination of sales tax on basic early childhood expenses: diapers, breastfeeding supplies, baby powder, baby wipes, child car seats, cribs (most anything but formula)? I have no issue with that. (b) Off the wall idea: I'd love for the state to contract with KY churches to provide a Finnish-style "baby box" to every newborn, maybe have them register during pregnancy to make sure they are taking prenatal vitamins and getting drug screening/rehab (with educational material and all of the bare minimum supplies).</p>	<p>L</p>
<p>Health</p>	<p>HB11</p>	<p>Reqs Tobacco product retailers and wholesalers report that business to Sec of State, only sell FDA Safe Harbor authorized products, and be monitored by Alcohol Control Board.</p>	<p>R. Raymer</p>
<p>Only If Amended</p>	<p>Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House</p>	<p>This should never have been a priority bill. Much of this bill is similar to HB142 as introduced, and probably would have been better handled as an amendment to that. That bill establishes licensure for selling vape products, but it exposed that we don't actually have licensure for selling tobacco products more generally. This one doesn't require licensure exactly, but instead requires any retailer or wholesaler selling tobacco products notify the Secretary of State, who then maintains a listing and shares it with the Dep of Revenue and Alcohol Control Board. It also puts in place penalties for any business that sells any nicotine-containing products to people under 21. NO ISSUE WITH THAT PORTION OF THE BILL.</p> <p>Also, Reqs these companies only sell "FDA authorized products" and sets severe financial penalties for non-compliance or for selling tobacco products to those under 21. The FDA Safe Harbor regulations that are being encoded in this statute would apparently outlaw almost all nicotine-containing Vape products. That particular portion of the bill is unacceptable, and little more than a hand-out to Big Tobacco.</p> <p>NECESSARY Amendment: This SHOULD NOT ban most types of nicotine-containing vapes, which is a by-product of the safe harbor definitions from the FDA. There is no health related reason to suppose that they are any more dangerous than cigarettes themselves. KRS 438.305 defines "Alternative nicotine product", "Tobacco product", and "Vapor product"... just make the bill a prohibition selling any of those existing definitions to persons under 21 (with the SOS having a list of retailers and a fine structure for violating that prohibition).</p> <p>Amendment: If the Alcohol Control Board is going to regulate nicotine products too, shouldn't it have a name change?</p>	<p>L</p>
<p>Taxes & Spending</p>	<p>HB12</p>	<p>Bans authorities from building or renovating a local jail without the approval of the GA.</p>	<p>D. Meade</p>
<p>Support</p>	<p>Low (Can wait) *Passed House</p>	<p>Seems fine, I'm sure this is in response to some specific situation that I don't know about. I know a lot of local jails are losing money, so maybe this is a stop the bleeding situation. It seems the GA is wanting to promote regional jails?</p>	<p>L</p>

Taxes & Spending	<u>HB13</u>	Sets up the KY Product Development Initiative, providing state-level grants for local development projects with a scaled local matching grant req based upon county population density.	A. Bowling
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	The general concept of how the local match component works is clever (though I'd like to see the ranked list). Maximum grant is \$2M per county. Anyway, getting local counties involved in proposing and designing their own development projects, and then coming up with a semi-objective scoring mechanism to evaluate them is a good idea.	L
Business Regs	<u>HB15</u>	Various measures to strengthen consumer rights wrt the data collected about them from businesses: Right to access, to correct, to understand those procedures, etc.	J. Branscum
Support	High (Pass this session) *Concurrence	Lots of similarities to SB15, see commentary there. Needs more comparison to see which is better, but this is a strong bill that deserves support. Should be open to possible expansion with parts of SB15.	L
Business Regs	<u>HB16</u>	Move Milk Safety Branch from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to the Dep of Ag.	F. Rabourn
Support	Low (Can wait)	Would be a positive move. Just let people buy milk however they want at this point as long as they are informed. Small dairies have been virtually eliminated at this point.	S
Health	<u>HB17</u>	Allows the KY Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers to set the annual renewal fee (currently \$75.)	W. Williams
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Amendment: Maybe you should limit how much they can raise it annually. No problem with moving some of these things to Admin Boards, but there should be statutory restrictions on how much the Admin Boards can change things.	S
Business Regs	<u>HB18</u>	Cannot req landlord to lease to an individual who receives money from federal housing program. Can't req landlord to pay emergency response fees for a tenant.	R. Dotson
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Veto Override	Strong protection of property rights. Similar to SB25. L: I don't understand the logic of denying a tenant based upon them getting federal housing assistance, Sec. 1 (shouldn't we be backing the principle that money is money, as long as legally obtained). Is this due to the hassle of converting housing vouchers into cash? UPDATE: It appears that the issue here is that Federal Housing Assistance (at least "Section 8"), comes with significant strings attached which many landlords don't want to follow (SB25's Section 1 language seems more tailored to this purpose): https://benefits.com/section-8/rules-regulations/ Amendment: I agree with the intent in Sec. 2 to not charge the property owner/landlord for an emergency response that a tenant is responsible for. However, I think the "no control" language may prevent a bill to the owner of a house for the actions of a houseguest, visitor, or family member. Is the language precisely capturing this landlord/tenant intent and only that intent? J P: Landlords need this protection. Not only should a property owner have the right to decide to whom he will lease his property (for a myriad of rational reasons), but it is a well known fact that "section 8" tenants often destroy their dwellings. Aside from that, though, the gov't should not have the authority to force a property owner to rent to anyone in particular. The U.S. is not China.	L / J
Transportation	<u>HB19</u>	Reqs a driver to move over or slow down when approaching a disabled vehicle with warning signal.	M. Imes
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	L: This needs clarification in terms of its effect: This is common courtesy that enhances safety that seems to be getting turned into a regulation (note: it is already a regulation when it is an emergency vehicle) when it is a stalled car. I am having a hard time determining what the penalty for a violation of anything in this section is, as far as I can tell there is none (in house committee they suggested it is either a fine or a moving violation, nobody was sure which). It would be nice to have clarity. Perhaps the only effect of this is that if you hit someone while breaking this regulation you can be criminally liable? In any event, no real issue with this.	L
Taxes & Spending	<u>HB20</u>	Adds a 2% increase to the pension of KY state employee retirees.	R. Palumbo
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	This is a lot to spend, but these retirees have no COLA provisions in their pension plans so I think it's necessary in order to try to somewhat keep up with inflation. L: Pulling back the veil, the lack of COLA adjustment is how the GA is bringing the pension obligations back to a reasonable level given Sup Court striking down pension reform. Until we get to that point, it's probably best to hold off on these things.	S / L
Taxes & Spending	<u>HB21</u>	Allow taxpayers to allocate all or part of their refund to the Greater KY and Southern Indiana Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.	R. Palumbo
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Good cause to donate to, but not a high priority. L: I don't have an issue with this in particular, but why THIS charity. There are TONS of diseases with foundations and other non-profit charities. Why not just allow a person to put any 501(c)3's (including their church) Federal Tax ID number as the beneficiary and have a designated portion of the refund redirected there?	S / L
Health	<u>HB22</u>	Rem req to have a medical doctor oversee an AED program.	P. Pratt
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Not a necessary requirement to have a doctor oversee if the rest of the current law is followed. L: I agree that you shouldn't need a doctor to oversee the training program, but this seems to eliminate the entire training req even if not a doctor. If true, is that safe?	S / L
Govt Regs	<u>HB23</u>	Reqs a working smoke detector in every residence at time of any change of tenancy or ownership.	P. Pratt

Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	It's another regulation, which I'm generally hesitant about, but smoke detectors are cheap and well worth the cost in terms of lives and property saved. One could quibble about whether the new, rather than old, owner should be responsible, or perhaps the tenant. No real issue here though.	L
Business Regs	HB24	Estab consumer rights in regard to collection, storage, and sharing of data.	P. Pratt
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Very similar to SB15. Need to get both of these reconciled into one bill. With the massive amount of data mining occurring on (and selling of) consumer data, this is overdue for regulation.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB25	Reclassifies possession or distribution of pornography involving a minor as a VIOLENT felony.	D. Fister
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	The Safer Kentucky Act (HB5) is likely going to be redefining this portion of the statutes anyway, so best to work any changes in with that. The drive behind this bill is good, I'm just not sure this is the right way to handle the topic legally. My hesitation here is that while these pornographic/sex crimes are egregious, and perhaps worse than using violence, are they really VIOLENT offenses? The general seriousness of a crime is supposed to be captured by the Felony or misdemeanor class, muddying VIOLENT and Non-VIOLENT crime in a VIOLENT crime section is likely to create unintended consequences.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB26	Monies paid to firefighters for expenses responding to emergencies shall not be considered wages.	D. Fister
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	The bill also changes single gender references to both genders. This should be an easy pass. Monies paid to firefighters to reimburse them for expenses in responding to emergencies should not be considered wages.	M
Govt Regs	HB27	Adds water conservation services & services provided by watershed and soil & water conservation districts to the list of "special purpose governmental entity. " Directs frequency of audits for these entities.	D. Fister
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	No problem with this addition. Not a high priority.	S
Health	HB28	Elim direct-to-consumer pharmaceutical commercials.	D. Lewis
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Why have so many pharmaceutical commercials of meds you cannot trust? List of side effects of these meds are outrageous. L: This is going to have to pass the Central Hudson (1980) test with intermediate scrutiny. It really needs text addressing what government interest is being served here, and likely to be tailored to a particular type of ad that is harmful to the public. I have no doubt that this can be done, and that this could be very beneficial to the public... but it hasn't been sufficiently done here.	L / L
Transportation	HB29	Allows racing on state highways with approval from the Transportation Cabinet.	D. Lewis
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Not a big issue, doubtful that this is a priority this session.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB30	Estab KY Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Suicide Prevention Program within KY Dep of Vet Affairs.	M. Meredith
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Certainly vet suicides are a big problem. It's hard to believe this functionality doesn't already exist within the VA, but maybe it doesn't. The US DVA certainly has emergency and ongoing support mental health programs and a hotline for suicide prevention. Amendment: Assuming this adds functionality above what the US DVA already does, perhaps it should also include access for First Responders (even if that req the Cab for Health and Family Services managing it) who undergo the same mental health issues and risks.	L
Health	HB31	Reqs Medicaid to cover home oral anticoagulation management and training.	D. Frazier Gordon
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Necessary for those who need it. How is this not already req, isn't this life-threatening?	S
Govt Regs	HB32	Reqs an option of a half hour cont. ed training for physicians, physician assistants, paramedics, chiropractors, dentists and nurses on death certificate completion.	D. Frazier Gordon
Support	Low (Can wait)	Could be good for those who need the training, but not a high priority bill.	S
Govt Regs	HB33	Reqs a crew of at least two persons during the operation of a train; provide exceptions; amend KRS 277.990 two include penalties for crews of less than 2 persons.	K. Bratcher
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	This could help with some of the derailment and safety issues that have been happening. Same as SB47.	B
Business Regs	HB34	Allows recog of occupational licenses and gov't certificates from other states, incl. using work experience as a basis. Excl interstate licensure compacts.	S. Doan

Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	<p>Seems to be a reasonable way to issue licenses to new arrivals to the state. It also is a comprehensive approach rather than the piecemeal approach we have been taking. Virginia and South Dakota (prob more) already have this and it is a big advantage recruiting workers.</p> <p>If someone is licensed and or has been legally performing a job in another state for an extended period of time, it is both unnecessary and anti-competitive to issue addl licensing reqs here. We need more workers in almost every industry, why not lower barriers for skilled professionals to more here? HB 343 from last session.</p> <p>The current approach of forming "reciprocal licensure compacts" with various other states is far inferior. You have to pass a bill in every industry and every such compact, you get roped into an agreement with another supra-state layer of bureaucracy, and more generally... I'm not particularly concerned if KY licensure allows people to work, that's a problem for OTHER states finding people competent to work in them (let's just take care of getting employees and workers for OUR state).</p> <p>*If you want more people to work, you lower the barriers TO working: reduce moving and housing expenses so people can live where the jobs are, and reduce licensure reqs so that people can enter the industry more easily (and the people already in it don't have a monopoly).</p> <p>Amendment: Would love a provision that if the board denies an occupational license from any other state on the basis of scope or insufficiency of preparation, then they must provide a report to the GA Admin Rev committee with specs for an expedited supplemental program to obtain licensure.</p>	L
Health	HB35	AN ACT relating to psychologists.	L. Willner
Education	HB36	AN ACT relating to student resiliency and well-being.	L. Willner
Taxes & Spending	HB37	Reqs proper registration for a greenhouse gas reduction agreement to be binding on subsequent owners of a property.	K. King
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	The bill is fine as it is, if you want these sorts of agreements to be processed correctly. Amendment: I'm more inclined to ban "greenhouse gas reduction agreements" entirely or at least to put a 100 year cap on them... not a land restriction in perpetuity.	L
Courts & Crimes	HB38	Reduces all death sentences to life in prison without probation or parole.	J. Tipton
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	<p>This bill has 9 sections, the first being the operative adding a new section to KRS 530 which basically eliminates capital punishment and, for those where the sentence is not carried out, the death sentence disappears and it becomes life without parole or probation. The other 8 sections refer to details regarding the change from a death sentence to life without parole or probation. It also mentions youth and being allowed parole for capital crime. There are sections that refer to execution itself, ie treatment of the body. But all the changes and repeals reflect the change from a death sentence to life without parole or probation. SAME AS SB144.</p> <p>R: I strongly oppose this bill. If we respect human life, we need to have the availability of the death penalty for a person who intentionally, with malice, murders another person. Removing the death penalty cheapens the value of human life. The first 5 books of the Bible all require the death penalty.</p> <p>L: The death penalty isn't working in this state, there have only been 3 people put to death since 1976. I'm in favor of actually putting it to use by limiting/expediting appeals, or ending it if we aren't going to actually use it.</p> <p>J P: Strongly oppose. We need the death penalty on the books, if for no other reason than the mere possibility that it could cause a psychotic serial killer to do his work elsewhere.</p>	D
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB39	Helps veterans receive all of the benefits they are entitled to, even when working with outside orgs to help them get benefits.	B. McCool
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	<p>There are orgs that promote to veteran that they can help with benefits for the veteran. In the end these organizations end up receiving part of the benefits the veteran is entitled to receive. There is VA assistance for the veteran at no charge. This effort by the organization amounts to a scam effort on the part of the organization and this bill will shut down the scam effort.</p> <p>Amendment: The portion of this that I think should be removed is the part that provides for an agreement between the veteran and an ngo. I could envision an ngo being able to take advantage of a veteran in many different ways. [Sounds like HCS1 takes care to limit most of that.]</p>	M
Govt Regs	HB40	Estab certifications for the supervisors of wastewater treatment plants.	B. McCool
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	<p>Don't know if this is needed.</p> <p>L: A voluntary certification program? I've never heard of such a thing, either you need it or you don't. If it's needed (probably, sewage systems can be quite complex to run and maintain), make it a mandatory program.</p>	R
Health	HB41	State insurance should not pay for immunizations of any person.	E. Callaway
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	<p>Good Bill, prevents state funding of immunizations.</p> <p>L: I'm less enthusiastic about this. COVID vax is a new class of vaccinations that alter RNA (a type of gene therapy) which deserve more extensive study. Most other standard vaccinations use a weakened strain of the virus to develop natural immunity and have a long history of use and safety (though some rare side-effects occur, they reduce deaths overall enough to be a clear net good). I'd really only strongly support this bill if it targeted just the COVID vax or mRNA vaccines generally until further study is done on them.</p> <p>DOLLY - SUPPORT at one time I would agree, however the FDA is ALLOWING all kinds of stuff in our food, what are they putting in vaccines, immunizations we are not being told?</p>	D G

Taxes & Spending	<u>HB42</u>	Def disabled veteran and service animal. Exempts veterinarian services from sale or service tax for disabled veteran's service animal.	E. Callaway
Support	Low (Can wait)	Reasonable def and exemptions. Not a high priority.	S
Govt Regs	<u>HB43</u>	Reqs that no change to a fire protection district which could result in lowering of their service rating shall be implemented without the Board calling a public meeting.	J. Hodgson
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Good req, pretty common sense. Not a high priority.	S
Elections	<u>HB44</u>	Reqs a public listing of the number of voters by address.	J. Hodgson
Support	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	This Bill may help get rid of the dead and moved voters and improve general voter roll integrity. R/L: Good bill! It includes a public listing of the number of voters by address so citizens can check their own address and notify the state if there are too many voters listed at their address. J P: Strongly Support this Bill. This is a no-brainer. Great provisions that should've already been law.	D G / J
Govt Regs	<u>HB45</u>	Omnibus privacy bill, 5 categories of restrictions. Prohibits installation of a tracking device on person or property of another without their consent; exempts parental tracking of minors from the prohibition...	J. Hodgson
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	Great bill. Installation of these trackers without a warrant violates the 4th Amendment spirit, if not law. Unlawful use of a tracking device is a Class A misdemeanor. L: Prohibits retention of AI camera info, except in felony investigations, for more than 30 days (I'd argue this period should be far shorter, if not banned all together; tracking my whereabouts with AI for 1 second is too long). (*Note: Got worse in Comm Sub by expanding license plate reader information retention and sharing (LEO lobbying, no doubt).) Prohibits use of drones by the state for spying except for reasonable exceptions. Prohibits use of deep fakes (this is the section I have the most worries about on 1st Amendment grounds, as it is a cutting-edge area of the law and tech). Needs discussion as a lot of issues are addressed.	B / L
Education	<u>HB46</u>	Open up KEES scholarships for non certified private and homeschool students with strong test scores.	S. Rawlings
Support	High (Pass this session)	Expands the Kentucky educational excellence scholarship program to students who didn't graduate from a public school in Kentucky (eg homeschoolers and other non-certified private schools), and sets parameters for that. The idea is that since "GPA" isn't really a reliable way to evaluate these students, use performance on standardized tests (eg ACT) as an indicator of how good of a student they were/are/will be. Same as SB7. Also same as SB24 from last session, which passed the Senate. It's time to finally pass this.	L
Other	<u>HB47</u>	Allows for persons to seek damages if their religious liberty is infringed. Expands present RIFRA.	S. Rawlings
Support	High (Pass this session)	Since Covid it is important that Government be held accountable for attempting to limit religious freedom. This bill addresses that. This applies to local government as well, city or county.	D
Health	<u>HB48</u>	Etab right to refuse medical treatment.	S. Rawlings
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Very good bill. Amendment: Should include a patient can decide if they want to be medical flighted to a hospital and it be on the back of their drivers license. L: Not sure if "medi-flight" refusal belongs in this bill, though I suppose you should be able to refuse that. I would suggest language be added that a guardian can refuse treatment (though not examination) on the behalf of a minor under their care, so long as it doesn't imminently threaten the life, or risk permanent disability, of the child. DoI: AMEND to include OPT OUT option on back of license for medi-flight. Some ppl have shared their loved ones are being medi-flight for NON LIFE THREATENING injuries and if a person does not have medical flight stat insurance would put a financial burden on families. This could possibly and probably has caused many families to go bankrupt.	D G
Health	<u>HB49</u>	Protects professional who don't want to perform types of medical procedures they are opposed to performing.	S. Rawlings
Support	High (Pass this session)	No medical professional should be forced to perform any medical procedure that may go against their beliefs.	D G / L
Taxes & Spending	<u>HB50</u>	Codifies numerous reasonable regs on transfer of property deeds after death. (*Final Provision on Inheritance Taxes would be best debated as a separate bill.)	S. Rawlings
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Significant improvements to streamline transfer of property after death. Should reduce the burden on probate courts. Overall, nothing objectionable here on the regulation side of things until the very end. Expanded version of HB72 last session. Amendment: The last provision eliminates all inheritance taxes (eg KRS 140.070), as far as I can tell. That is a big change and really should be debated on its own merits. Take that out and debate it as its own bill and I'm on board with (SUPPORT) the rest of this UPDATE: I have word that this amendment (to separate out the inheritance tax elimination) is in the works. In which case, some of these changes are beyond the scope of my expertise and will need to be combed through, but I'm in strong support of the idea of reform here which this bill does thoughtfully. Definitely needs a detailed committee hearing this time.	L
Education	<u>HB51</u>	Reqs parental consent for school surveys.	S. Rawlings

Support	Medium (Committee review+)	We are living in times we do not trust schools and shouldn't. EVERYTHING the schools ask of students beyond the basic curriculum should have parental consent.	D G / L
Health	HB52	Reqs insurance coverage for screening, tests and procedures for detecting cancer.	D. Frazier Gordon
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Should be covered. Ultimately, early detection rates may actually likely wind up reducing overall cost to the insurer anyway. L: Note that KY has the highest cancer rates in the US.	S
Elections	HB53	Details a planned, mandatory hand-to-eye audit of an election-day result for a randomly selected race in each county in order to validate results.	J. Hodgson
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	J P: As an amendment/addition to the existing statute, this is an excellent concept; but auditing one race in one precinct is totally inadequate to provide sufficient proof against election fraud in a county the size of Jefferson. Auditing only one precinct may be reasonable and sufficient for the majority of rural counties that have only 10-20 voting precincts, but some of our more populated towns like Bowling Green, Paducah, Somerset, Ashland, etc. may have 30-100 precincts. Lexington obviously even more. Jefferson County, however, has over 670 precincts. Auditing one would prove little-to-nothing to the host of citizens who have legitimately lost faith in the integrity of voting machines and our voting system as a whole. The audit should be based on some reasonable, workable metric (sliding % of precincts?) at least a significant portion of which should be selected by the losing candidate of the most significant race in that election. The County Clerk can administer as prescribed, but should be accompanied at all times by two individuals, one selected by the losing candidate and one selected by the winning candidate. The oversight prescriptions sound reasonable and adequate. John O & L: I don't know what happened to your comments. I apologize profusely if something I did erased them. They were very good and worthwhile.	J / L
Business Regs	HB54	WITHDRAWN	S. Bratcher
Support	Medium (Committee review+)		W
Taxes & Spending	HB55	Elim the Limited Liability entity tax after 2024.	K. Fleming
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Similar to HB120, but whereas that one eliminates the tax only for small businesses, this seems to eliminate it altogether. I'm much more comfortable with HB120's implementation (which is why this is marked oppose). Compromise position would be upping the gross receipts threshold in HB120 to \$200K. Side-note: How about we actually pass a real bill, instead of slipping tax changes (eg the pass-through entity tax break; tax exemptions for marketers and advertisers) into shell bills, as happened with HB360 last time? Amendment: HB120 is a better implementation of this with a cap of \$100K (I'd be fine with \$200K) of gross receipts.	L
Govt Regs	HB56	Allows for cross-state licensure of social workers with the (apparently 17) states in the compact.	K. Fleming
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	No issue with this. Honestly though, having all of these "compacts" is just a silly way of handling the hundreds of different professions in the state. We want more people willing to work in virtually every industry. I'll go as far as to say that any employment reqs that we have above any other state, unless there is literally some state specific legal issue in question, is just an irrational barrier to entry (likely put in place by the people already in the industry to keep out wage competition). Just allow anyone with licensure in any state (so long as their licensure has not been suspended or revoked in any state) to work here (ala HB34).	L
Health	HB57	Removes classification of ambulance services. Allows EMT or EMR with good standing in another state reciprocity at the same level.	K. Fleming
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	No problem with this but not a high priority. Good bill, if you are licensed in any state you should be licensed here. Amendment: If your license has been suspended in any other state, you should have to go before a board or provide explanation.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB58	Creates the Tax Expenditure and Economic Development Incentive Review Board.	K. Fleming
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Excellent idea, at minimum this needs committee discussion and refinement soon. The gov't has a responsibility to be good stewards of the taxpayer's money. There have been several cases of massive incentive giveaways to private companies to induce them to start new factories, etc. in the state over the past half decade (some disastrous). We have also had a number of substantial changes to the tax code approved over that time (so benefitting particular industries). While not necessarily opposed to this activity under the right circumstance (given that other states are doing the same and it is a competitive market), we need to have a full economic assessment (ideally before a vote is taken) of (projected) ROI from any of these expenditures, and review/audit after they are made. Amendment: GIVE THIS TEETH. Make it such that this board must convene, discuss, and produce a preliminary report BEFORE the GA can vote to approve any expenditure / incentive of this sort to induce a company to relocate or expand here. Otherwise, this is largely for show.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB59	Allows the GA to arbitrarily determine property tax on anything (or eliminate it altogether).	C. Massaroni

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	I think this is a bit too broad and aggressive, perhaps limit this to real property? It should be noted that property taxes will inevitably wind up being replaced by more regressive taxes (where the poor pay a higher proportion, even if assessed at the same percent rate, of their income than the wealthy). Nevertheless, if the people want to vote for that on a ballot, fine. If you want to do this bill so it will pass on the ballot, it needs to appear much shorter than this (esp. when there are more important items it will compete for space and attention this year). In another year, perhaps you could get away with the long text.	L
Transportation	HB60	Reqs Transp Cabinet provide one permanent full-time driver license office in each Senatorial district.	C. Massaroni
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Definitely needs to be done. Same as SB91. Similar to, but I think better than HB 217 and HB250. The "regional office" shift has left too few places and req people to go too far to get these services. 40 of these is probably closer to the right number. Amendment: Generally best to combine these with a county clerk's offices (as in HB250), for efficiency's safe. Also, may only need 1 for every 2 senate districts in Fayette and Jefferson Counties where senate districts are tightly packed.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB61	This would increase the homestead exemption to 50% of first \$250,000 of value of the home.	R. Dotson
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	R: Will require amendment to the KY Constitution. There may be better options. L: I don't think this requires a constitutional amendment, there just happens to be a constitutional section related to this but changes above and beyond that section of the constitution can be made. Is this the best implementation? I'm not sure of that (I do like it), there have been several other proposals made just this session (eg freezing property valuations at age 65; which seems biased to benefit people living in booming areas of the state; eg HB112). Maybe a combination of these ideas is in order?	R
Taxes & Spending	HB62	Allows the GA to set an arbitrary exemption threshold amount for property tax for seniors and the disabled (currently \$6500) each year.	R. Dotson
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Not sure we can trust that they would raise it significantly, but not sure if they might even decide to lower it when searching for new revenue. Amendment: May possibly support if they lock in the \$6500 exemption as a minimum baseline.	S
Health	HB63	Reqs insurance coverage of an annual pap smear without cost sharing.	K. Banta
Support	Low (Can wait)	It is only recommended once every three years. Perhaps this should be tailored to those at high risk? Otherwise, no real issue here.	S
Health	HB64	Exempts menstrual discharge devices from sales and use tax.	K. Banta
Support	Low (Can wait)	No huge objection, but not a high priority.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB65	Reqs post incarceration supervision for certain felony sex crimes.	K. Banta
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	No problem with this. High recidivism rate here, so extra supervision is reasonable.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB66	Expands sex crime definition to include possession (or distribution) of child pornography.	K. Banta
Support	Low (Can wait)	Pretty obvious that distributing child pornography should be considered a sex crime. It seems an oversight, more than anything, that this isn't already the law.	L
Courts & Crimes	HB67	Reqs sex offenders registered after effective date of act live at least 3K feet (instead of 1K) from schools, parks, or daycares.	K. Banta
Support	Low (Can wait)	No particular problem with this, but housing 3K feet from any park, school, or daycare starts to be difficult to find in highly urban areas. There is some limit where this becomes an absurd burden (that probably isn't 3K feet though).	L
Transportation	HB68	Incr renewal fees for certain personalized license plates. Allows vanity plates on RVs.	K. Banta
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Fee increase goes to charitable groups, but still an unnecessary increase. L: OK, seems to be an increase only on vanity plates and the increase goes to charity. On the one hand, it's good that it is voluntary and goes to charity. On the other hand, it's not great that plates cost more. Amendment: Wouldn't it be better to have the plates cost less at base, and just allow people to donate to charity when they purchase the cheaper plate?	S / L
Courts & Crimes	HB69	Prohibits the release on bond the subject of a protective order when the bond is paid by the person the order is meant to protect.	D. Frazier Gordon
Support	Low (Can wait)	Reasonable. Don't need to be protecting someone who doesn't want it.	S
Govt Regs	HB70	Grants to help farmers to have healthy soil.	N. Kulkarni
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	See NH HB1700 (2024) to verify Bill to stop weather modification and cloud seeding. What chemicals are being used and are the chemicals harmful to our soil and environment? The sponsor of NH HB1700 should be called to get a better understanding as to what is going on.	D G
Courts & Crimes	HB71	Expunges records of minors who commit crimes.	N. Kulkarni
Oppose	Low (Can wait)	I have been told minors are being paid huge amounts to destroy property. Minors are intentionally being chosen to commit crimes because their records will be expunged.	D G

Health	<u>HB72</u>	Decrim of personal use cannabis, cannabis extract and paraphernalia. Expunges records of those convicted.	N. Kulkarni
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	This bill is a half measure. It would legalize growing or possession of personal use cannabis but leave criminal growing or possession of more than personal use amounts. Most people don't have the inclination or ability to grow their own, so must purchase from a supplier, which is still illegal. If you want to push for legalization, go all in. Don't try to push it increments.	S
Business Regs	<u>HB73</u>	WITHDRAWN	N. Kulkarni
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Education	<u>HB74</u>	AN ACT relating to urban youth agriculture education.	N. Kulkarni
Business Regs	<u>HB75</u>	Reqs a landlord to store a previous tenants property for 21 days and notify tenant by certified mail that the landlord has their possessions.	N. Kulkarni
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Extra cost added to the landlord is unnecessary. If the tenant wanted the property, they should have taken it with them. L: I'm not entirely opposed to this, esp. the certified mail that they receive. You can't otherwise take someone else's mail. Perhaps the better way to handle the property aspect would be to require that these provisions be included in any rental agreement.	S
Business Regs	<u>HB76</u>	This is a complete repeal and replacement of KRS 383.545 regarding landlord/tenant relations.	N. Kulkarni
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	This is a 62 page bill, and does not show the previous language. It completely replaces a previous statute, so I can't compare the new language with the old language. I am working my way through, but it is difficult to know what clauses might be problematic. Until I can read through it I will state Oppose. At L's suggestion I have suspended my review of this bill. JO	JO
Business Regs	<u>HB77</u>	Creates Interstate Massage License Compact. Establishes rules for the Board and governance.	DJ Johnson
Support	Low (Can wait)	Could help with interstate trafficking enforcement.	S
Business Regs	<u>HB78</u>	Allows game meat to be distributed to correctional facilities for the purpose of consumption	B. Wesley
Support	Low (Can wait)	As the law stands now, game meat can be distributed by appropriate non profits or government entities for educational purposes and to those who are deemed in need of this source of food but did not include correctional facilities. This bill simply allows game meat to be distributed to correctional facilities as well. It is for the consumption by inmates. The provisions are the meat must be taken form the Commonwealth of Kentucky, be properly field dressed, and apparently disease free.	D
Govt Regs	<u>HB79</u>	Reqs applicant for a driver's license to be able to read and understand English in order to read traffic signs.	B. Wesley
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	While this MIGHT help make the roads safer, the reality is that the only english on road signs are a handful of 1-2 word phrases (stop, yield, mile, left, right) and most actually have pictures on them. Amendment: While familiarity with these words and symbols should be on the written exam even if taken in a foreign language (demonstrating the minimal familiarity necessary), it seems this bill as currently written is excessively onerous toward ESL speakers.	L
Govt Regs	<u>HB80</u>	Restricts KY Lottery or Corporation, its board or employees, from releasing name or likeness of any winner of a lottery prize who elects to have their identity withheld	K. Banta
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	(Committee sub makes this any amount.) Solid bill, the rare person that comes into this level of money quickly can be the target of both scammers and thieves. Amendment: This was probably a better bill with the threshold being \$1M. If the bill is going to stay as committee subbed and eliminate any threshold amount for anonymity opt-in, then the bill should have the default position being anonymity for the winner, with the winner having to OPT-OUT of anonymity to have their likeness used (perhaps for a fee).	L
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB81</u>	Allows that entry of judgment of a conviction for certain offenses operates as an application for an order of protection against the victim which can be for life.	K. Banta
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Victim has the right to refuse.	S
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB82</u>	Adds computer generated image, picture or motion picture to the description for child pornography.	K. Banta
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good addition. We don't need loopholes for the distributors to be able to use to avoid prosecution. L: The bigger point here is that the quality of AI imagery has made these images virtually indistinguishable from actual people. However, I suspect that this might run into 1st Amendment challenge given that no actual human being is depicted.	S
Transportation	<u>HB83</u>	Allows personalized license plates for recreational vehicles. Sets the price and increases the cost for certain other plates.	K. Banta
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Fine with adding personalized plates for RVs. Price set for purchase and renewal (\$51) is too high. Take out the price increases on the others.	S

Transportation	HB84	Decr cost of personalized license plates to \$43.	K. Banta
Support	Low (Can wait)	Fine, not a high priority. I have no strong feeling about what these fees should be.	L
Business Regs	HB85	Decr number of emergency medical or mine emergency technicians req'd from two to one if no more than 15 employees on that shift.	B. Wesley
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Reasonable request, but not a high priority. Apparently it occasionally happens that a shift must shut down, because only 1 of these safety employees are present. The bill is aimed at helping small mining operators. Amendment: I would prefer that the bill be written that 2 is standard operating procedure, but there is an allowance perhaps twice per month that a shift can occur with only 1 safety person. That would disincentive only scheduling one of the mine safety employees, who make slightly more than other miners, for cost cutting at the expense of safety.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB86	Allow interment of National Guard or Reserve soldiers in KY state veterans cemeteries.	B. Wesley
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	This is only for those killed while deployed on active duty.	S
Govt Regs	HB87	Permit the child, grandchild or sibling of a deceased birth parent or deceased adoptee to be given the right to inspect adoption papers and records.	J. Blanton
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Reasonable but not a high priority.	S
Business Regs	HB88	Prohibit various financial scams: entities from pretending to be a bank, or financial services company; bar real estate services companies from entering contracts for more than 2 years.	M. Meredith
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	No significant issues with this. Amendment: I don't love the ability of a financial services company to sue (even without actual damages), but not have to pay attorney fees and a penalty if they lose. These are usually extremely wealthy, powerful institutions that can destroy people's lives through frivolous lawsuits. A quibble, the word Trust, esp. when not clearly used as a noun, doesn't imply "banking institution" to most people (that's already in existing law, dumb as it may be).	L
Business Regs	HB89	Prohibits employers from asking or considering an applicant's criminal history for the purpose of hiring.	G. Brown Jr.
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Employers have every right to know the criminal history of their applicants.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB90	WITHDRAWN	R. Roberts
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Business Regs	HB91	AN ACT relating to metal recyclers.	R. Roberts
Health	HB92	Allows patient or guardian to sign away a provision of a living will. Reqs caregiver to inform patient of the right to transfer service to another provider.	M. Dossett
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good provision but not a high priority.	S
Govt Regs	HB93	Estab yet another woke board with a budget.	M. Dossett
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Not needed. Wrap this into one of the existing ag boards' purview. Same as HB384 from last session. J P: Agree, not needed. Woke DEI initiative related to local food production looking for taxpayer \$\$\$\$\$	R / J
Govt Regs	HB94	Amends the Constitution to allow the Assembly to meet throughout the year but no later than December 30.	M. Lockett
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Steve: The Assembly needs to finish its business by the Constitutionally mandated date. No longer. DoI: Not to exceed past date of Nov 1st (UNLESS SEVERE STATE OF EMERGENCY) of any given year and the public should know what Bills will be voted on. L: I'm inclined to like this amendment (though not this year), it doesn't add any additional days to the legislative calendar, but it does allow the legislature to arrange them however they want. This could allow the legislature to operate more efficiently, and to address Governor overreach when out of session. I fear it will be used to reduce gov't transparency however, by having ALL business decided in between small short sessions, leadership picking the bills to be rubber-stamped and legislators just showing up to vote yes with no feedback from constituents (and the reason I likely would oppose it as is). Amendment: Better to add a 2nd summer period during which the same number of days (or even expanding to 45 days in the short session) can be allocated.	L
Courts & Crimes	HB95	Makes it a crime, theft of services, to hold rented personal property beyond the term of the rental agreement.	M. Lockett
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Seems reasonable, if you keep it beyond the terms of the agreement, you ARE effectively committing theft. L: Presumably this doesn't apply to something like turning a rental car in a day late, correct? Maybe only holding property, without restitution, for more than 25% beyond the contracted length could become a criminal offense (to keep common overstays or delays from becoming crimes)?	R

Education	HB96	Reqs K-12 schools to have a 1 to 2 minute moment of silence at schools.	D. Fister
Support	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	Good idea. This may be a long enough period of silence to become awkward and create discipline problems, but kids will adjust. Amendment: Could make it 30 seconds to 2 minutes.	D G
Transportation	HB97	Bumps up the fees on a selection of several personalized/specialty license plates by \$5.	D. Elliott
Support	Low (Can wait)	No issue with this. Not a high priority.	L
Courts & Crimes	HB98	Reqs anyone over 18 that engages in a crim conspiracy with a minor be subject to the same penalty for that offense. Moves possession of a handgun by a minor in a crime to a Class D felony and each subsequent offense a Class C felony.	DJ Johnson
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good bill. May reduce instances of gangs using minors for their deeds. Will need to be integrated into HB5 to pass, I think a similar protocol is in that bill, but with the co-conspirator with a minor getting 1 class higher penalty than the minor (which I actually like better).	S
Taxes & Spending	HB99	Makes various technical changes to the administration of KPPA. Doesn't significantly affect benefits or liabilities.	DJ Johnson
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Actuarial analysis indicates that benefits and liabilities are not expected to be affected. There may be slight decrease in administrative expenses as a result of the amended disability review process.	L
Govt Regs	HB100	Removes the small fee for getting a copy of their birth certificate for homeless people.	S. Witten
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Looks as though this is already codified into the statute. L: Agreed, I don't actually see what this changes in the statute... no problem with it though, as long as there are identity verification standards in place. Amendment: May want to limit the number of free copies per person.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB101	Exempts currency and bullion from sales and use tax. (*Don't like carve outs, but these function as a common medium of exchange.)	S. Doan
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Very important to get this enacted due to recent actions by the Fed Reserve and the inflationary acts of Congress. All of these things are used as mediums of exchange, and for the same reason we don't tax dollars themselves, we shouldn't tax these. Same as HB213 from last session, and almost same as SB105, same as SB121.	L
Govt Regs	HB102	Prohibits local political entities from restricting the use of private property outside of a homeowners association.	S. Doan
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	This needs vetting in a committee this cycle as it is a pressing issue/need. Note: Florida passed something similar to this a few years back. The idea is to allow housing developers to have more freedom to build multi-family dwellings in cities which tend to zone too many things as single-family dwelling. We do need more affordable housing in our cities, and that requires higher housing density. While I'm a strong supporter of individual property rights, this may go too far in restricting what local government can prohibit. Amendment: Perhaps a less "local mandate" approach to this legitimate issue is to require counties of a certain population or population density (ie urban) to have a comprehensive zoning strategy which includes expansion of multi-family zoning, and multi-income housing development, within certain parameters. (Allow cities to design their own plans, but give parameters within which they must design.)	S / L
Health	HB103	Allows the parent or personal representative of a minor to access their medical records.	S. Doan
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Same as HB174.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB104	Increase Circuit and District Court pay for jurors from \$5 to \$50. Strikes out the \$7.50 per day reimbursement.	D. Frazier Gordon
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Not a bad idea, but SB22 increases it to \$150 (HB176 to 25). Amendment: L: Let's split the difference at \$100 on all of these jury bills with \$50 for half day. HB176, HB104, SB22 are all similar. See commentary on SB22.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB105	Provides a monthly stipend (on top of free tuition) to foster kids in college.	D. Frazier Gordon
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Honestly, free tuition in itself is a massive allocation per person by the state. We are adding a hefty monthly stipend too? Seems a bit excessive. If we are going to help out families (kids) who adopt or foster more (not opposed to that), do it when the kids are younger and in the house.	L
Govt Regs	HB106	Remove req to have more than 5 acres to hunt on one's own land and need for a fishing license to fish in private pond.	S. Maddox
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Fixes law change from SB241 last session. Needs to have emergency declaration for immediate effect. Similar to SB5 and HB217, but with better fishing provision.	S
Education	HB107	WITHDRAWN	W. Lawrence
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Education	HB108	Prohibits using English language learners assessment scores in their 1st two years of enrollment in public schools.	K. Jackson
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Not a bad idea, it isn't really fair to expect a new language learner to achieve at the same level as a native speaker until they have a chance to establish some fluency. This means for school level assessments... Kids will individually continue to be tested.	S
Govt Regs	HB109	Reqs Cabinet for Health and Family Services to classify non residential pools that are open to the public.	K. Jackson
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Cabinet would decide whether a lifeguard is needed. L: I'm inclined toward this being over-regulation, but pools actually are exceptionally dangerous to children, which maybe warrants this.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB110	AN ACT relating to appropriations providing financing and conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the Transportation Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.	D. Graham
Taxes & Spending	HB111	Proposes to exempt property tax valuation from increasing after homeowner turns 65.	T. Huff
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Similar to SB23. Good proposal, probably best to implement it as a regular bill, HB112. L: I think the amendment is so long it will lessen the chance of it passing. Nevertheless, I do generally like this implementation of the homestead exemption. I do think there should be a limit if you make substantial money using your primary residence for a commercial activity (eg owning 1K+ acres of land on a farm, you are making significant profit to pay the taxes and are already getting property tax breaks, so why the tax break?).	S / L
Taxes & Spending	HB112	Freezes assessed value of a property when the owner claims the homestead exemption.	T. Huff
Support	High (Pass this session)	Good bill. Implements HB111 as a regular bill. L: I'd suggest exempting the 1st 100K in primary residence property value as well (eg something like HB61). That way you advantage both people in highly appreciating areas (this bill) and also poor retirees (that bill). A case could be made that this shouldn't apply if someone over 65 has over 100K in income from any source.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB113	Enhanced penalties for fleeing or evading the police.	S. Baker
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement that someone convicted must serve at least half of their sentence. L: Fine with this, probably will need to be integrated into the HB5 to make it into law this cycle.	S
	HB114	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.	D. Graham
Health	HB115	Reqs coverage for any covered diagnostic or supplemental breast exam without cost sharing for state employees.	K. Moser
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Not a huge concern with this, but not a high priority.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB116	Provides for reimbursement of expenses for firefighters' blood tests for PFAS ("forever chemicals") contamination.	N. Kulkarni
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Same as HB159. I don't know that this is a bad bil, but it may be a bit out in front of the science. Apparently these sorts of chemicals (nearly 15K kinds are known) are present in some firefighting foams (I assume the reason firefighters are included here), as well as carpeting, packaging, etc. They are found in levels above the EPA recommended level in MANY public tap water locations (incl the Louisville area). Currently, how these chemicals relate to the certainty of detrimental effects on humans is inconclusive, according to the EPA. Encouraging testing for something that isn't known for sure to be dangerous, and which are found in the environment and tap water, has litigation and frivolous lawsuits written all over it. Amendment: Put a start date of 2026 on this and I'd probably be on board. The state should consider banning these chemicals at the point, if the science continues to come back as very dangerous.	L
Business Regs	HB117	AN ACT relating to professions and occupations.	N. Kulkarni
	HB118	AN ACT relating to unemployment insurance.	N. Kulkarni
Education	HB119	Allows homeschoolers to participate in public school extracurricular activities (eg band, sports).	R. Dotson

Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	It's time for this bill to finally get a look and discussion after multiple years (Was HB119 last time; the House passed a Tebow bill (this should be much broader than that, as the sports stuff is the MOST controversial) back in 2017!). Good bill, these parents are taxpayers as well, why shouldn't their kids be able to make use of public school resources for their kids? Amendments: Why INTERscholastic, why not scholastic as well (drama club, chess club, whatever)? Why only homeschool, why not any private school without an extracurricular? Restrict participation in sports to the geographically nearest public school with the activity to their home within their county (since Jefferson has a crazy busing policy). Req parents to have health insurance and/or sign a liability waiver. With these amendments, this becomes one of the highest priority bills of the session.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB120	Prevent a business with gross receipts less than \$100,000 from paying the limited liability entity tax.	P. Flannery
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Would help very small businesses by saving up to \$175 per year. L: I'd be fine upping the gross receipts threshold to \$200K, which is still quite a small business, likely barely getting by. Similar to, but better than, HB55.	S
Transportation	HB121	Allows registered and insured off highway vehicles that meet certain criteria to be allowed on KY highways.	P. Flannery
Support	Low (Can wait)	Can be regulated by local ordinance.	S
Govt Regs	HB122	Dep of Revenue must publish administrative writings within 120 days.	P. Flannery
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Good requirement to increase transparency.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB123	Excl military pensions from state income tax.	W. Thomas
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	We don't exempt pensions for public servants, etc. As a rule of thumb, I'm not a fan of carve outs for preferred groups of either the left OR the right. Amendment: I could perhaps see this exemption for disabled veterans. Dol: In regards to military - There Should be a tax on 2nd state pensions. Pension should revert back to one pension and if rehired NO SECOND PENSION for military. Details would have to be worked out, possibly an outside task force, I would be willing to be on the task force, WITHOUT pay. On the state level pensions (which is not related to military pensions,), we do not know how in debt the pension system is because lawmakers passed a law several years ago that taxpayers could not find out.	L
Business Regs	HB124	Req hiring and licensing authorities to establish an application process that gives persons convicted of a crime an opportunity to apply for a position before pursuing training. Adds criteria to consider.	E. Callaway
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Not a bad proposal, relatively minor change. Once someone has paid their debt to society, they should have opportunities. L: This at least keeps them from having to waste their time. We need to really work on more ways to get previous criminals a way to find jobs.	S / L
Education	HB125	AN ACT relating to school personnel.	B. Chester-Burton
Health	HB126	Reqs homeless shelters receiving state funds to provide feminine hygiene and contraception products.	B. Chester-Burton
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	The bill is mis-named. It requires homeless shelters receiving state funds to provide certain feminine hygiene products, as one would expect from the title of a bill described as "relating to menstrual products." It also requires the provision of sex-related contraceptive products; specifically - condoms, dental dams and emergency contraceptives. Many religiously-based shelters will find this contrary to their teaching. Oppose this bill unless lines B, C and E are removed. I'm not sure how much of a problem this is. I would bet that most shelters currently provide tampons and pads without a government requirement.	JO
Business Regs	HB127	Defs mobile salon and reqs establishing criteria for inspections.	G. Brown Jr.
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not sure how big a problem this is. Not a high priority.	S
Govt Regs	HB128	Reqs any business dealing with government contracts or receiving government funding provides a living wage equal to 130 percent of the poverty level in that county.	K. Herron
Only If Amended	Oppose (bad bill)	Why should these gov't contractors be held to a different standard here? If anything, require that they may only employ US citizens with verification.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB129	Exclude veteran's wages from taxation for 4 years.	S. McPherson
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Why does being a veteran mean that your wages after leaving the military shouldn't be taxed? Don't some people leave the military before they are 30 yo? Amendment: Perhaps I could see a disabled veteran exemption for non-rental/landlord income or capital gains/investment.	L
Govt Regs	HB130	Most of changes this bill provides involve allowing for conditions to dissolve a water conservation district.	S. McPherson

Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	This bill amends a bill for governing the water conservation districts which are subsections of soil conservation districts. It provides a path to eliminating the water conservation district and defines what happens to the authority that the directors of the water conservation district had. The authority reverts back to the soil conservation district in which the water conservation district existed, or if the water conservation district was in multiple soil conservation districts the authority is shared amongst the multiple soil conservation districts. The funds controlled by the dissolved water conservation district revert back to the soil conservation district. This bill also defines how to fill vacancies on the water conservation district boards. This seems to be a useful bill but is not a high priority. The highest I would rate this bill would be medium priority.	M
Health	HB131	Allows an employer to take a tax credit for time lost for an employee who participates in a live organ donation.	S. McPherson
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good idea, to encourage companies to allow employees to be organ donors.	S
Business Regs	HB132	Enhanced penalties for selling alcohol to a minor or facilitating a minor's possession.	S. McPherson
Support	Low (Can wait)	No problem with this.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB133	Provides a \$1000 tax credit for volunteer firefighters.	A. Tackett Laferty
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Not a bad thought, but not sure this incentive would be enough to entice someone to become a firefighter.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB134	Decr taxes on retirement distribution by excluding the first 41K, rather than 31K of distributions.	A. Tackett Laferty
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	With inflation gas, food, etc... I see why this is necessary. BUT ONLY for a first pension.	DG
Business Regs	HB135	Local gov't can't compel a waste service company to release confidential business information.	J. Bauman
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Not a big priority. Amendment: this seems like a odd carve out for this industry, hence opposed even though I'm sympathetic to not having to produce this information generally. What motivated it? If there a more general principle here for which businesses shouldn't be compelled to disclose client information then put all of these in here.	S
Govt Regs	HB136	Adds "the air pollution control board" as controlling authority in KRS Chapter 77 (putting Louisville under APCB control). Indemnifies companies from fines if they self-report violations of pollution standards.	J. Bauman
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Amends statute to include the wording "air pollution control board" to be included with the existing wording defining 'the cabinet' as the controlling authority. It really doesn't change any function of self reporting or auditing. It just adds "air pollution control board" to also be an authority to report to with voluntary audit results. It also establishes that the "air pollution control board" cannot pursue civil penalties if the violation has been fixed within 60 days of the report. L: this bill is making many more modifications to the law than it appears on 1st glance. When references are made to Chapter 77 that means air pollution regulations within/from the largest city in every county in the state (including all of Louisville). This bill basically means that companies who pollute the air around Louisville can voluntarily report that they did so when it is discovered and not suffer fines for those violations. Amendment: I don't have a core problem with the changes made by this amendment (which puts regulations of Louisville on a similar tier as much of the rest of the state), but I think there needs to be extensive discussion about Section (2)(8), whether voluntary disclosure of bad action should grant immunity from APCB fines. Doing something wrong, then owning up to it before caught, in other contexts usually earns some good will and reduced punishment, but not eliminated punishment.	M / L
Govt Regs	HB137	Removes local residency reqs for assistant county attorneys.	S. Bratcher
Only If Amended	Oppose (bad bill) *Passed House	A bulk of these county attorneys SHOULD be required to live in or near the county where they practice, they DO need to have some connection to the communities they represent. Amendment: Perhaps a better alternative would be a bill that makes a provision for a certain % of hours (and hence a small number of employees) being filled by remote work within the state. Even more simple would be making the restriction within 70 miles (commuting distance).	S
Education	HB138	Allows teachers to take off days for religious observance, and recover those via assigned other work on other days.	D. Grossberg
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	No real objection here, only objection is the number of days in question: 10 days per year seems like an awful lot, esp. for teachers who already only work a partial year (in addition to the number of other days already allotted off). Amendment: I would drop this down to 5 days (5 days is the standard for acceptable numbers of unpaid days off that is used elsewhere in this section of KRS anyway). In which case, no objection.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB139	Estab KentuckyCYBER board within the CPE, allowing for universities to start cyber security centers that work with local businesses.	W. Thomas
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	This is a complement to SB33 last session that didn't pass. I like this bill for local university hubs to help beef up business and community cybersecurity. I still think Nemes' UL cybersecurity center makes a lot of sense as an upper echelon research center that perhaps coordinates with Fort Knox, perhaps coordinating work with the other university centers from this bill. Very similar to HB319, but that one has a member of leadership on it (so...). This bill has the slightly more expansive non academic role in private sector development in section (1)(3) and I think is the slightly better bill.	L

Govt Regs	HB140	Removes req to have 5 acres or more to hunt or fish on one's land without a license.	M. Hart
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Need to include that a non-owner can fish without a license with owner's permission, from HB106. Similar to SB5 and HB217.	S
Govt Regs	HB141	Allows local water systems to opt out of fluoridation programs.	M. Hart
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Great bill. This allows for local control of decisions related to health.	S
Business Regs	HB142	Estab a vapor retail license regulated by Dep of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Provides criminal penalties for distributing nicotine products to people under 21.	M. Hart
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	This bill drastically changed from introduced, becoming directed toward nicotine products in schools. HB11 does some of the functionality of the old bill. Amendment: My resistance to section 1 is that there is no license requirement for selling tobacco products in the state of Kentucky, so it's quite odd that you would need a vape license. We should have both Tobacco and Vape licensing (in which case, change the name of the board to Alcohol and Nicotine Control) or neither.	L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB143	Allows State Police Retirement System or a hazardous position in the KY Employees Retirement System to select the old guaranteed pension option for a decade ago.	R. Roberts
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Should this be the employees 2nd pension, it should stay "as is" and does not need to revert back to the old system. Where else in the private sector are you allowed to get 2 pensions? L: Why are we rolling back to a prior pension program that puts the state in greater liability when we have \$65B or so outstanding? I get that we owe first responders a debt, but that debt can't bankrupt the state.	L
Health	HB144	Prohibits health care provider which receives more than 10% of its funds from the state from enforcing a "do not compete" clause.	S. Doan
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Protects employees rights.	S
Health	HB145	Under penalty of fines, hospitals must disclose what they charge for all goods and services they offer.	S. Doan
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	This is a good way to start to control skyrocketing costs. The bill will make the hospitals show charges that are shoppable and they must list them anew each year. All goods and services the hospital offers must be listed in a "chargemaster" list. The thing I like is that it must be presented in plain language free of charge. This is the start of better competition for services hospitals offer. How many times have you gotten a bill with no explanation of what you are charged for? This is a step in the right direction of market forces driving down prices. Amendment: I didn't see where this was extended to rehab and nursing facilities but it should be included.	D
Business Regs	HB146	Reqs a child care staff member who turns 18 shall submit fingerprints for a background check within 30 days of their 18th birthday.	M. Clines
Support	Low (Can wait)	Are minors employed by child care centers not required to have a background check?	S
Taxes & Spending	HB147	Reqs question on ballot to ask the voter if they are FOR any tax increase rather than an ambiguous or confusing question. Estab the timing of the vote to be "next regular election".	K. Fleming
Support	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	R: This is a bill we requested after our experience with the school tax recall petition. KY Supreme Ct. allowed the school board to violate the requirements under the law, saying the legislature had not considered the possibility that the tax rolls would be certified late in the year. This makes sure it is clear that they have considered and provided for that possibility. Also, we hope it will ensure that the ballot question will be clear in any future tax recall.	M
	HB148	Reqs at least half of the non-male exclusive bathrooms in a public school have menstrual discharge devices for no charge.	L. Willner
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Fine, low priority, and really the parents should pay for these, but... limited cost. Amendment: Have an explicit prohibition against presence of these in boys bathroom.	D G
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB149	Prohibits the use of the KY National Guard outside KY in a war zone without a declaration from Congress.	C. Massaroni
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Protect Our Guard. Amendment: I actually don't think it should be only war zones, ALSO National Guard shouldn't be allowed to be deployed without approval of both the Governor and General Assembly and out of state without a declaration of emergency.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB150	Exempt motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, trailers and semi trailers from state and local ad valorem (proportionate to assessed value) taxes.	P. Flannery
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Generally good to see another form of taxation go away. However, this clearly favors the wealthy. There SHOULD be more tax on a Ferrari than a Ford. Not sure how local governments will be able to replace this revenue stream	L
Elections	HB151	Extends voting hours until 7:00 p.m.	C. Aull

Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Twelve hours is enough time for the polls to be open. Would make for a longer day for poll workers. J P: OPPOSE! Completely unnecessary. Citizens have plenty of time to vote.	S
Elections	HB152	Removes straight ticket voting option for elections.	C. Aull
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Keeps people from double voting (not an actual concern) or from missing down ballot nonpartisan races and issues. L: No chance the Republicans are giving up the straight ticket advantage after it helped Democrats for decades. I suggest they move the non-partisan races to a separate election year (see SB10 notes), move non-partisan to the top of the ballot ahead of the straight ticket option, or require election workers to read a script alerting voters to non-partisan races that must be individually selected at the bottom.	S
Elections	HB153	Reqs KY electors vote for the winner of the national popular vote.	C. Aull
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Absolutely not. Why would smaller states give up the advantage that they have through the electoral college? J P: HIGHLY OPPOSE! This would mean the end of our Republic. Exactly what Dems want.	L / Ji
Business Regs	HB154	Doubles civil penalties for employers cited for workplace safety violations.	B. Chester-Burton
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	This bill essentially doubles civil penalties for businesses cited for safety violations. It is simply a tightening of the clamps on employers.	J O
Courts & Crimes	HB155	Allow criminal misconduct against a spouse to be considered in disposition of marital property. Provide that a spouse convicted of a felony against the other may not be entitled to claim retirement or life insurance as marital property.	S. Dietz
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	No problem with this. Not a high priority though. L: I do worry about possible unintended consequences, could it lead to increased prosecutions in marital disputes in order to establish an advantage in possible divorce settlements? There is also a 5 year look-back provision here. It seems like one spouse could hold this over the other.	S / L
Transportation	HB156	Reqs vehicles operating on the highway with iron, steel or wood wheels be equipped with a rubber strip.	W. Thomas
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Seems to be targeting the Amish. L: I agree, it's definitely targeting the Amish and Mennonite community in particular. Where does one, especially an Amish person, get such a rubber strip for these custom wheels? Also, a \$20 fine is nothing compared to having to travel all the way to court and then pay court fees. Surely there is a less onerous way to implement this policy objective. Amendment: Where can these rubber strips be found? Why not just pay to provide them to the Amish?	S / L
Courts & Crimes	HB157	Makes law enforcement using deception to interrogate a minor illegal.	K. Herron
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Long overdue. L: I thought this was already illegal, as was questioning a minor without a lawyer or guardian. No? If not, we definitely need this.	D G
Education	HB158	Reqs local boards of ed to develop policies on dyslexia. Reqs postsecondary teacher ed programs to include instruction on dyslexia.	T. Bojanowski
Support	Low (Can wait)	Confined to grades 1 through 3. Good to require implementation.	S
Business Regs	HB159	Health care provider shall be immune from criminal liability for any harm or damages alleged to arise from an act or omission relating to the provision of health services.	P. Flannery
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly) *Passed House	This appears to be a blanket immunity from the Covid malpractice and forcing of vaccines. Not accepting it. Must be held accountable or it will happen again. R: I was relieved to see that this was just immunity from criminal liability, not from civil liability. The provider still could be held financially responsible for damage done but would not risk going to prison. It still is a bad bill. If a health care provider intentionally harms a patient, they should be at risk for criminal prosecution. L: I'm OK with this having an "only if amended" status, based upon how broad the def of provider is. I think a lot of the concerns here are addressed in subsection (2) this is only criminal, not civil, liability immunity, and (3) providers are still criminally liable for "gross negligence or wanton, willful, malicious, or intentional misconduct," this immunity is really just for good faith accidents or errors. Amendment: Should be restricted to just actual medical providers, not just any employee of a health facility.	S / L
Other	HB160	Constitutional Amend. guaranteeing the right to possess, use, and grow a small amount of marijuana.	N. Kulkarni
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Why is this being proposed as a Constitutional Amendment? Marijuana will still remain illegal in federal law, it being in the state constitution doesn't supercede that. Just file this as a regular law. I don't have a strong position on the concept, but it makes no sense in the constitution.	L
Elections	HB161	Prevents a recent change of precinct names or numbers from keeping a candidate off the ballot.	J. Branscum
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Signed by Gov	No issue with this. Given the number of people in house leadership on the sponsor list, it seems likely that one of their preferred candidates in a race was affected. Whether that's true or not: Amendment: Why not eliminate a LOT of the purposeless reqs to file for office that serve only to exclude mostly outsiders from appearing on a ballot while we are at it: most notably 2 notarized signature from 2 members of the party in your voting district. A mistake here keeps someone from appearing on the ballot every cycle (usually from east or west kentucky where it is harder to rush someone to the capitol to re-sign the paperwork)?	L

Education	<u>HB162</u>	Reqs improvement in math instruction, assessment and teacher quality of instruction	J. Tipton
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	This is a no brainer..This basically requires the Dept of Ed to make sure kids are tested and proficient in mathematics from fourth through eighth grade, that tracking and testing is better, and that teachers are better selected and trained to be qualified to teach math. I would go further and add ancillary tutoring services.	D
Health	<u>HB163</u>	Reqs blood collection establishment to track donor's history of COVID-19 illness or vaccination status and label collected blood.	J. Decker
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	States "If the donor fails to provide the manufacturer name of the COVID-19 vaccine, the donor may be required to wait before donating blood. " This should be changed to "shall be required. " Would also like to see a patient's right to refuse COVID-19 vaccine tainted blood.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	<u>HB164</u>	Incr non-spouse dependant lump sum pay for state employee in hazardous duty from \$10,000 to the average monthly pay times 36.	S. Witten
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Seems like a massive bump in pay, but not sure how often this would be used. L: Actuarial analysis suggest once, but maybe a couple more were unaccounted for, per 5 year period. At \$4K per month which would probably be on the low end, this is \$144K per dependent (not sure why the actuarial analysis divides this in 2). Still, not a huge issue with this.	S
Business Regs	<u>HB165</u>	Reqs licensing and registration for bouncers.	K. Moser
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	More bureaucracy and red tape. L: I don't necessarily oppose some sort of training to avoid lethal interactions, not just anyone should be a bouncer, but how to do that without creating needless bureaucracy isn't totally clear. Worthy of more thought.	S
Health	<u>HB166</u>	Doctors required to inform epilepsy patients about sudden unexpected death in epilepsy (SUDEP).	J. Nemes
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Not a high priority.	S
Business Regs	<u>HB167</u>	Exempts req that a dealer provide name, address and phone number of previous owner if previous owner has not given written consent.	J. Dixon
Oppose	Oppose (friendly) *Passed House	Dealer not required to ask for the information and can just deny that he has it. Fewer requirements is clearly good for a dealer, but may not be good for the new buyer. L: There are many reasons that a new car owner may need to know the prior owner of a car and where this information would need to be tracked (off the top of my head: something left in the car, some criminal connection to the car, hit & run, hidden problem with the car...). When a person is selling a car for scrap, does this info also have to be collected? This received ZERO discussion on the floor or in committee. I'm less oppose than in search of due diligence here. There had to be a rational for the req in the first place, it's been over 50 years.	S / L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	<u>HB168</u>	Info posted at work sites to inform of all veterans of services available to them such as drug treatment and job training..	B. McCool
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Among all of the other items posted on bulletin board, such as EEO information, there is absolutely no reason information about veterans services that are available shouldn't be among the information posted. All employers should be required to do this and even encourage their veteran employees to take advantage of them as needed. This bill makes that requirement law.	D
Education	<u>HB169</u>	Purchase and keep a portable automated defibrillator at schools and sporting events.	R. Palumbo
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	This is a common sense idea and should be passed. It requires schools to keep defibrillators and train personnel on the use of the equipment and to report on these activities. It would be improved if they added testing and calibration of the equipment and maintenance.	D
Govt Regs	<u>HB170</u>	Offers technical corrections to citations within the bill.	R. Roberts
Support	Low (Can wait)	Seems benign, and corrects erroneous citations.	J
Govt Regs	<u>HB171</u>	WITHDRAWN	D. Hale
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Prohibits the removal of any art or statues from the Capitol grounds without the consent of the General Assembly. Good requirement, given recent national trends. Contextualize history, don't silence it. Rated as High Priority not because of the impact, but because given recent trends nation-wide it is important to get out in front of this.	W
Govt Regs	<u>HB172</u>	Reqs in imminent domain cases, the owner shall be compensated for any discount points needed to obtain the same interest rate.	S. Doan
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement. May be very difficult to get the same rate currently.	S
Health	<u>HB173</u>	Reqs Medicaid to cover midwife services.	N. Kulkarni

Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good option for women to have. Similar to SB89.	S
Health	HB174	Allows the parent or personal rep of a minor to access their medical records.	R. Raymer
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Same as HB103.	S
Health	HB175	Reqs U of K or U of L to get approval from the General Assembly before acquiring a hospital.	P. Flannery
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Reasonable to have this oversight.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB176	Incr pay for jurors to \$25 per day. No daily reimbursement.	P. Flannery
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	\$25 not enough pay per day. See commentary on SB22. Amendment: L - Let's split the difference at \$100 on all of these jury bills with \$50 for half day. HB176, HB104, SB22 are all similar.	S
Health	HB177	Prohibits the state or state affiliates from requiring COVID-19 vaccine for minors.	R. Raymer
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Love the spirit of this but would like for it to be that they cannot require anyone to get the vaccine. L: Why can't we get this over the finish line, or any COVID restrictions? Is this a conservative state or not? Probably should prohibit child masking here as well, if this becomes the 1 COVID bill the state passes (I believe 17 states have passed some form of COVID mandate ban).	S
Courts & Crimes	HB178	Estab KY Lifeline for Moms program; expands and specs post-natal services that must be covered by insurance (incl KCHIP and medicaid); allows pregnant women to enter health care exchanges at any time.	J. Nemes
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	It's hard to believe this doesn't already exist. Compensates people who were wrongfully convicted by the state for their time served. Quibbles are reasonable about aspects of the level of compensation. Amendment: I would also love to address the recovery of capped attorney fees, plus some penalty, by the defense for a failed prosecution. Too often the process IS the punishment with malicious prosecution (even if not fitting the legal definition) costing people their life savings, for fighting for their life with a decent lawyer against a bottomless pit Commonwealth's attorney staff.	L
	HB179	Def "Paid Family Leave Insurance" for employers, and makes adjustments who can issue it and "Disability Income Insurance".	S. Heavrin
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Unclear why this requires declaration of an emergency, but no real issue with this. Not sure why only a life (it isn't a death benefit) or health (ok, fine) insurer can issue either of these 2 types of insurance, sounds like this may be creating a monopoly for certain companies, but I doubt anyone else is in this business anyway (worth exploration in committee).	L
Govt Regs	HB180	AN ACT relating to public utilities.	L. Willner
Business Regs	HB181	Allows tenants to break residential leases for mental health emergencies.	L. Willner
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Landlords currently have the option to allow a tenant with mental health issues to terminate a lease early. This bill gives the tenant the option to terminate the lease as long as they have a doctor's note stating that the tenant is having a mental health emergency. I think this is open to serious abuse, and diminishes the rights of the landlord.	J
Courts & Crimes	HB182	Enhanced penalties for attempting to commit a violent crime.	J. Decker
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Overall a good bill, will need to get integrated into HB5 to get movement. Don't know why it strikes out the sections dealing with emergency responders for violent felonies list. Needs to be put back in. UPDATE: Most of this bill did get added into HB5.	S
Education	HB183	Provides that caseworkers and reasonable effort should be made to accommodate an adoptive parent with a disability.	N. Tate
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Very reasonable, not sure why anyone would have an objection here. Amendment: Section 2 should probably have a qualifier that disability shall not be a basis of denial of service within reasonable limits... certainly SOME extreme disabilities are going to make parenting nearly impossible even with adaptive parenting.	S
Business Regs	HB184	Abolish the KY Board of Cosmetology.	S. Doan
Support	Low (Can wait)	Less government regulation. Just the possibility of having fewer, or even just smaller, boards is exciting.	S
Health	HB185	AN ACT relating to paramedic education and making an appropriation therefor.	A. Tackett Laferty
Health	HB186	Exempt Qualified insurance companies from requiring state to pay for costs incurred that are reqs of Federal Law as pertains to the Affordable Care Act	M. Meredith

Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	If the burden of payment is required by Federal Law it is unfair to ask the state to force insurance companies to bill states for costs the Federal gov't should be covering. I take this to be demands on the state to pay for federal programs...ie unfunded mandates.	D
	HB187	AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Indigent Persons' Burial Program.	C. Aull
	HB188	AN ACT relating to harboring a vicious dog and making an appropriation therefor.	C. Aull
Taxes & Spending	HB189	Allocates \$0.33 per meal to districts that participate in the fed gov't community eligibility provision to provide lunches to all kids in higher poverty districts.	C. Aull
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Same as SB40. No question that Republicans should be opposed to "universal free school lunch", as parents who have the ability should be paying for their own child's lunches (the free and reduced lunch program is unaffected by this, those kids would get meals anyway). Also, no question that the Biden USDA is using this as a bribery scheme to get schools hooked on another gov't program (which is also appalling to Republicans). Nevertheless, the fact remains that almost every school district in this state (probably 80% of indiv. schools) is poor enough that at least 25% of kids are on free and reduced lunch, and a big percentage of them (probably 60%) hit the 40% tier that this replaced... do you deny this state spending that would encourage schools to get the larger pot of federal money, or do you give the state spending and increase gov't dependency? Tough choice. Amendment: I think implementing the KY Proud portion of this (good for KY farmers, good for schools) is common sense. If Republicans DID want to back this, I would re-conceive this as a means of partially rebalancing the state spending on public ed (SEEK) funding disparities that have emerged (which needs to happen anyway). Schools in program that are at 40%+ FRL get \$1 per meal, Schools at 25%+ FRL get \$0.50 per meal, but also require that schools do fundraising to supplement these costs to receive the money.	L
Health	HB190	Prohibits insurers from requiring or incentivising mail-order pharmaceuticals.	S. Sharp
		Will wait for final assessment until the actuarial assessment is finished. Note: A similar provision is in SB188. Our concern is primarily the cost impact... Rep Sharp has expressed the concern from constituents which motivated the bill that often insurers require mail-order pharmaceuticals but the meds can't be provided mail-order on the time table that the physician prescribes. Could needlessly increase costs for insurers. Mail order pharmaceuticals could benefit those on maintenance prescriptions or who don't live near a pharmacy.	S / L
Education	HB191	If material is determined to be too graphic to be read or shown at a school board meeting then it must be removed from schools.	J. Calloway
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Simple bill, clever concept. Amendment: Perhaps include also that if something can't be shown on broadcast TV by the FCC, then it also doesn't belong in a K-12 school. Same as SB247.	L
Govt Regs	HB192	Implement automated speed enforcement devices (speed cameras) in work zones.	J. Blanton
Only If Amended	Oppose (bad bill)	Would not be completely opposed to this except that it would open the door to having this implemented everywhere. L: I'm VERY hesitant to allow the expanded use of these AI cameras. Amendment: SUPPORT as long it is limited to work zone DURING times with workers present.	S / D
Transportation	HB193	Reckless or careless driving in a work zone can result in the loss of license.	J. Blanton
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Strikes out the requirement that at least one worker be present when driving in a work zone for enhanced fines and penalties. L: Losing your license (Section (1)(5)) entirely is a MASSIVE penalty in a rural area, even more than the \$500 or even up to \$10K fine. That should only be possible here if someone's life is clearly put in danger. Amendment: Much more comfortable with violation of 1.4 resulting in loss of license than 1.3 (repeat violation of 1.3?). Enhanced penalties should only occur if there IS a worker present. Section (4)(2)(b) should remain a requirement, not be stricken-through.	S / L
Courts & Crimes	HB194	Expands def of health care provider in terms of criminal penalties for 3rd degree assault.	K. Moser
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Not a high priority... but not sure that assaulting any contract employee on or around a medical facility (eg potentially a janitor, or landscaper) should be classified the same as assault on a doctor performing their duty. Amendment: If the person isn't actively engaged in performance of their job, then a side conversation that escalates into a fight.	S / L
Business Regs	HB195	Codifies unpaid family leave, allowing 12 weeks.	C. Stevenson
Support	Low (Can wait)	I'm torn on this. It obviously puts a burden on employers, but it seems to be in line with what I've seen as a standard at various companies. It doesn't seem like an onerous requirement. I'm surprised this isn't current law.	J

Business Regs	<u>HB196</u>	Reqs employers to provide paid sick leave, and codifies the use of that leave.	C. Stevenson
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	This bill requires employers to provide one hour of paid sick leave for every 30 hours of regular work time. For the same reasons I oppose a minimum wage, I urge opposition to this bill. If an employer wants to offer paid sick leave he may. The government should not be involved in this transaction. The rules for use of the leave seem standard.	J
Business Regs	<u>HB197</u>	AN ACT relating to recyclers.	R. Roberts
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB198</u>	Adds sexual debasement of a corpse as a mitigating circumstance to be considered in pre sentencing for persons where the death penalty could apply.	S. Heavrin
Support	Low (Can wait)	There are a whole list of mitigating, and aggravating, circumstances to be weighed in the sentencing phase of the criminal process. This law would add abusing a corpse, in various ways, as a consideration of the ultimate sentence. It refers to Angela's Law but I cannot find a direct connection to that law in this statute. Nevertheless, this addition helps in determining mindset and overall clarity of criminal behavior.	D
Business Regs	<u>HB199</u>	Estab licensure reqs for free standing birthing centers.	J. Nemes
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Also exempts facilities with no greater than four beds from CON requirements. More medical options is almost always a good thing, at the very least should provide specialty care and likely drive down costs through competition. Same as SB103.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	<u>HB200</u>	Adds US Space Force to def of "Armed Forces" for the purpose of bonus payments and other benefits.	S. Bratcher
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	The United States Space Force is a new component and service of our military armed forces which includes Army, Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines. it is only fitting that they be included. This is an update that should eventually be incorporated, but not ignored.	D
Business Regs	<u>HB201</u>	Restr a private entity's use of biometric identifiers.	S. Doan
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Exempts state and local governments from this requirement. DoI: Not sure if we can trust some govt agencies to willingly "hand over" biometric identifiers. I SUPPORT ONLY if add huge fine (\$25K) and loss of job should someone working in government hand over information to a 3rd outside party.	S
Business Regs	<u>HB202</u>	Raise minimum of capital and major medical equipment expenditures required (to \$10M) before a certificate of need is required.	M. Proctor
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	CON laws, in place in about 36 states, were to theoretically limit hospital beds and services to keep profits up and quietly provide health care for the poor. But that has not happened. This amendment would raise the amount a facility can spend in improvements and equipment before a certificate of need is required... Allowing small medical practices to open, while taking away the risk of a new hospital going in. Only about 131 beds per 100,000 people exist in Kentucky. I support this effort to curtail the impact of certificates of need, because (opposite of the intention) CON actually negatively affects the availability of medical options for everyone (including the poor) to seek health care	D
Business Regs	<u>HB203</u>	Adds various health facilities (mental health, rehab, home health...) exempt from CON reqs.	M. Proctor
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good bill. This is the goal of CON revocation but for a limited pool of facilities, but I fear it is also the least likely to pass incrementally IMO. The reality is that the lack of rehab facility beds actually HINDERS the ability of our major hospitals to provide service, because patients can't be discharged until rehab or mental health beds open up and therefore new patients can't be admitted.	L
Business Regs	<u>HB204</u>	Moves right to have a CON hearing to more favorable terms for the applicant.	M. Proctor
Support	High (Pass this session)	Great bill, this may be the most likely to pass with a high impact of the CON bills this session. This just assures that the current CON hearing processes are more fair: allowing applicants to have legal counsel in hearings, restricting who can request a hearing, etc.	S
Govt Regs	<u>HB205</u>	Removes req 60 days elapse before testimony is heard in a divorce proceeding where minors are involved.	S. Dietz
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not a high priority.	S
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB206</u>	Estab standards for collaborative law for reconciling disputes outside the courtroom.	S. Dietz
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	I would change it so that both sides are not required to use an attorney.	S
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB207</u>	Prohibits possession and trafficking of a child sex doll. Also includes a computer-generated image / digitization of an actual minor as equivalent to a live minor in the child pornography laws.	S. Dietz

Support	Low (Can wait) *Concurrence	Needs to pass immediately. L: Very interesting bill. All of this activity is definitely weird, and I suppose I can see it being illegal (as it with very little doubt encourages, not mitigates, long-term horrendous real-world activity). There are perhaps some 1st Amendment issues here (given that it is a doll or a generated image no person is being directly harmed), but if so, let the courts sort it out. It's also worth noting that age regression technology is purportedly available such that adults can be used as the source of digitization but they can be age regressed to a minor (I don't think this covers that, and that REALLY may cause 1st Amendment issues).	S
Education	<u>HB208</u>	Allows state to fund education outside common schools without a referendum.	J. Calloway
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	This bill is, in my opinion, the most important of the session. (Note: HB2 on same topic.) Great. If this passes it requires that it be put on the November '24 ballot for voter approval. The state does not have a right to do whatever they want with our tax dollars, nor to subsume a parents' duty to educate their Children. One size does not fit all. No one wants ignorant children who can't compete and that is what we are producing... This state is crying for school choice, and Our kids need it. Amendment 1 is a Version of the bill without any mention of means testing. (Amendment: I would amend it to include the language "regardless of race, creed, color, or sex" to increase the appeal on the ballot.) R: I like it with floor Amendment 1. I do not support it in its original form. L: Note every version allows GA to define all relevant terms. The 2 most important (and positive) parts of this const amendment, aside from it giving the GA wide discretion but requiring them to actually do something, and being legally sound (eg addressing its relation to reqs of Section 184), are: (a) it has populist appeal in this economically poor state because it immediately identifies the problem that it is addressing which should have sympathy from everyone wherever they live (specifically, most poor parents don't have educational options for their kids in cases that the public school isn't working for them; this gives them options), and (b) it actually addresses the elephant in the room, the Supreme Court's interpretation of Section 183 where currently the state only has a responsibility to public schools, which in turn must meet the Sup Court's legislating from the bench def of "efficient" (equitable)... instead this says the state's responsibility to public schools is not providing Equity but Oversight, and the state also has an affirmative responsibility to provide some funding to education outside of the common schools. (Note: I do think there should be some measure of equitable distrib of ed funding, but that ISN'T in the Constitution, only the statutes, but the Sup Court created it and has used it as a cudgel.) Amendment: Sentence 1 COULD be interpreted to mean that each parent has an individual right to some funding (of course, that "portion" may be defined near zero) for their child's educational cost (probably intentional). Striking "for parents of children" would make it clearly a general responsibility to fund education, not each parent has a right to funds (that's where I'd be on this).	D / L
Business Regs	<u>HB209</u>	AN ACT relating to occupational disease claims.	A. Tackett Laferty
Business Regs	<u>HB210</u>	AN ACT relating to workers' compensation.	A. Tackett Laferty
	<u>HB211</u>	Sets up harm reduction centers where drug users can get their drugs tested, acquire needles and use.	K. Herron
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Decrim of possession of Marijuana, methamphetamine,... and possession of paraphernalia.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	<u>HB212</u>	Allows rescue squad members to participate in the Alan "Chip" Terry Professional Development and Wellness Program.	B. Wesley
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	No problem with this.	S
Govt Regs	<u>HB213</u>	Estab a permanent full-time operators license office in each county.	S. Rawlings
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Same idea as HB250. Opposed only because HB60 is probably closer to the right number of offices (we have too few now, but one in every county is probably more than we need).	S
Govt Regs	<u>HB214</u>	Def terms with regard to the rights of an individual with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Gives the AG the ability to protect against the violation of those rights.	M. Hart
Support	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	People with developmental disabilities deserve to participate in society to the greatest extent possible and have their individual rights respected. Allows the Attorney General to institute civil action on their behalf. It's time for this to finally move and get serious discussion, it has been filed multiple times in recent years. HB42 from last session.	S
	<u>HB215</u>	WITHDRAWN	M. Hart
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Taxes & Spending	<u>HB216</u>	A one time stipend increase for hazardous and police retirees. \$5K increase for police and \$6K increase for hazardous duty employees.	D. Graham

Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Bad bill as written. #1 any retiree mentioned in the Bill whose retirement is over \$30K a year should NOT receive a stipend. To receive this type of pension, mostly likely in the 5 year before their retirement they were given beyond normal raises to help raise their pensions. #2 Police, fire, gas dept and road crew should ONLY be deemed hazardous. Should NOT be for administrators who were ONLY hired as administrators and have not put themselves out there as an actual person involved in hazardous positions. #3 Any retiree mentioned in the Bill who has been rehired should not receive this stipend. #4 the KRS is deeply in debt and cannot afford to have this benefit for those who more than likely has a 2nd homes, to purchase more property, +3 cars, many yearly vacas, that is why the limit should be set. The taxpayers are struggling to get by and cannot afford taxes to keep up this elaborate life for the above personnel I mentioned. .	D G
Govt Regs	HB217	Removes 5 acre restriction on requiring license to hunt or fish on your own private property.	D. Hale
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Good bill, same as SB5, closing an inexplicable licensing requirement on properties less than 5 acres introduced in SB241 last session. Amendment: Only criticism is that better language is contained in HB106 to allow a landowner to allow anyone to fish in his lake with permission with no license.	L
Govt Regs	HB218	Reqs the Dep of Transportation to notify an individual prior to their license expiring.	S. Lewis
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	More burdensome regulations. People need to be accountable for themselves.	S
Govt Regs	HB219	Allows Freedom Flag to be flown, along with the American and KY flags, on September 11th, 2001, a day which is known as "Patriots Day."	M. Dossett
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	It is very appropriate that the tragedy that was 9-11 be remembered. Allowing the Freedom flag to be flown helps us all to think about our need to be vigilant and patriotic citizens. The bill outlines the description of the flag itself which can be seen on the Freedom Flag Foundation web page, freedomflagfoundation.org	D
Health	HB220	Allows insurance companies and pharmacy managers to require the use of biosimilar products (like many do with generics).	A. Neighbors
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Signed by Gov	A biosimilar product is one that is made from natural products where as a generic is made from chemicals. This allows, but does not require, the use of the biosimilar products. It is basically putting the biologic product in the same use availability as a generic product, which should be a good idea. This could, in the long run, help lower the cost of drugs. A biosimilar product is one that is made from living systems such as yeast, bacteria or animal cells. Biosimilar products require FDA approval and testing.	M
Education	HB221	Changes make up of the KY Higher Education Assistance Authority and Student Loan Corporation.	B. McCool
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Same as SB81. No real issue with this, it seems to streamline admin of student loan collection programs.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB222	Creates a tax deduction for interest earned from a savings account for a first time home buyer.	K. Timoney
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Not necessary. L: I understand the principle here, create a way for very responsible young people to start saving for a 1st home purchase given the sky-rocketing prices. Amendment: Would be more straightforward and quicker to just give a declining 1st home buyer tax credit for a few years (to be put toward paying down principal on the loan).	S
Other	HB223	Deletes current 10-year statute of limitations on bringing civil action for childhood sexual abuse.	L. Willner
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	This is a tough one. While abusing a child is heinous, never-ending liability is also problematic. A criminal conviction is not required for a person to bring a civil suit, so any accusation could be lobbed at someone. On the other hand, if a child is molested at age 10, it may be too much to ask that by age 20 they would bring suite. Perhaps a compromise with a 20 or 25 year limitation.	J
Education	HB224	Def free speech on campus and prohibits institutions from infringing upon this right & Estab penalties.	S. Maddox
Support	High (Pass this session)	Very thorough and detailed. L: Good legislation, covers lots of speech suppression issues on college campuses. Higher ed should be bastions of free speech, not enemies of it... but "Progressive" Marxists are profoundly Iliberal. HB139 from last session. It's time this finally got some movement. DEI & CRT regulation is a hot topic this year, this bill keeps things from going too far. Why not deal with these free speech issues on campus comprehensively, while also dealing with DEI and CRT?	S
Education	HB225	Change to the wording of expectations for our school system. Expands reporting reqs for the budget.	S. Rawlings
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Not bad changes, but not sure how much it will affect school achievement. Do: HIGH PRIORITY, schools are dumbing down our students with CRT and DEI. Look at the school records since CRT and DEI has been implemented, very bad. They need to learn about our govt and how it works. L: I could nit-pick language (eg get that word efficient (Rose, 1990) out of there, and ed should promote INDIVIDUAL excellence for each student), but generally I like almost all of this. Amendment: I think Numeracy and data literacy should be added to the core competencies. I'd tweak the language in 1.6 and 1.8 as well.	S
Govt Regs	HB226	Exempts non-resident military members from paying the nonresident fee for a hunting or fishing license.	S. Bratcher

Support	Low (Can wait)	Support helping our military. L: Obviously this is a minor expense, so if it starts moving, fine. Any military member in the US gets treated as a US resident for fishing and hunting permits? Why?	S
Education	HB227	Reqs KY Board of Ed promulgate regs regarding school district mergers due to insolvency.	J. Tipton
Oppose	Oppose (friendly) *Passed House	If a successful district doesn't want to merge with a failing one, a no vote should be enough. It's not the Board's place to step into the decision.	S
Education	HB228	Reqs boards of KY univs and technical colleges to establish performance standards for the president and faculty. Standard review every 4 years and employees can be removed for failure to meet expectation.	J. Tipton
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	I love the sentiment here, but make no mistake this is an elimination of tenure bill. Kentucky cannot lead the nation in this (or there will be a massive flight of faculty). Amendment: I AM comfortable instituting Florida's every 5 year post-tenure review, with an annual report to the GA on high earning employees.	L
Health	HB229	Reqs any gene therapy product to be labeled as such and require an exposure statement. Reqs informed consent.	E. Callaway
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Great bill. Would be good to catch up the law in this relatively new area of medical research.	S
Education	HB230	Provides for 50 minutes per day of teacher non-instructional time, and facilitates the completion of a BA in Education.	T. Bojanowski
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	This is a very confusing bill. Poorly written with lots of run-on sentences. Teachers should be compensated for time they are required to be performing duties. No more, no less. Not knowing how the teachers' contract works, it's hard to tell from this bill whether the changes are merited. A program to facilitate advanced degrees specifically mentions a degree in Education. I think degrees in Education lead to much mischief, and should not be required for teacher certification.	J
Education	HB231	Caps tuition increase at state universities. Freeze tuition for a 4 year student. Triple student representation on Boards of public univs and KCTCS.	W. Lawrence
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Good recommendations, but not a high priority. L: Kentucky apparently has the best in nation incoming class size increase, which speaks against the urgency here. Amendment: Sympathetic to this. The tuition increase caps in 8a1 are reasonable. 8a2 might be going too far and create a chaotic system with every college class paying different amounts simultaneously. I'm definitely opposed to removing Senate confirmation requirements for board members, and would only have 2 student reps: 1 undergrad student prez and 1 grad student rep.	S / L
Education	HB232	Prohibit hiring or firing decisions from private companies and disciplinary punishment in public schools on the basis of historically racially associated hairstyles.	G. Brown Jr.
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Same as SB230... and SB63 last session. Amend KRS 344.010 to provide definitions of "protective hairstyle" and "race" that include traits historically associated with race... prohibit private businesses from firing, or not hiring, people based upon their hairstyle; amend KRS 158.148 to provide that school disciplinary codes shall prohibit discrimination on the basis of race (including not restricting hairstyles apparently). Unnecessary. A hairstyle is not a "trait". In any situation we are talking about here (people aren't being fired for well-kempt hairstyles, including braids, afros, or even well-kept dreads), it is a fashion or (counter-)cultural statement. Private businesses have the right to restrict your statements, as do the public schools within a narrower window. They both also have rational reasons for requiring well-kempt hair.	L
Education	HB233	Reqs world history courses to include the teaching of African history of a number of specific countries and specific teaching of Native American history.	G. Brown Jr.
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Obviously some amount of history of all of the different continents makes some sense, as the US is a melting pot with lot of cultures influencing modern and historical American society... but there is only so much that this needs to be specified in state law.	R
Govt Regs	HB234	Adds Juneteenth (June 19th) to the list of state holidays.	G. Brown Jr.
Support	Low (Can wait)	It already is a federal holiday, as of a couple of years ago. L: I'd suggest it be named National Freedom Day. Clearly ending the African slave trade and chattel slavery was an massive milestone, though the justification for June 19th is pretty tenuous... June 19th also happens to be the date of the US's victory in the 2nd Barbary War which effectively ended "white slavery" sale of US sailors by the North African Barbary pirates.	R
Govt Regs	HB235	Reqs participants in the SNAP (food stamps) participate in an employment and training program starting within 90 days.	D. Meade
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	I'm sympathetic to this who line of thinking (people who can work, should work), but as a side-note I genuinely don't know why SNAP of all of the Welfare/Safety Net programs gets such outsized attention (to me, it's among the least odious of these gov't assistance/dependency programs). Only the people who cynically game the system buying cokes and reselling them for cash actually frustrate me about people getting meal assistance... I do suspect that a lot of people on SNAP are working in menial, low paying jobs, largely off the books, and their best path to prosperity would be helping them move to an area with better job prospects. Nevertheless, it's reasonable to expect any adult getting gov't assistance to get on a path toward getting off of it and on their own 2 feet. This established the employment and training program and I don't see anything really objectionable here.	L

Courts & Crimes	HB236	Reqs anyone convicted of a sex crime against a child under 12 to undergo chemical castration with medroxyprogesterone acetate.	R. Dotson
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Obviously sex crimes against kids are horrible, but forcing a medical procedure on someone is a huge step (arguably death penalty is the only example of this currently). I also understand the high recidivism rate here. Amendment: The farthest I could go is to allow for voluntary treatment of this type for free in exchange for some small amount of sentence reduction.	L
Business Regs	HB237	Imposes many regs on employers WRT to notifying employees of work hours, standby schedules, etc.	L. Burke
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Gov't overreach to the infinite degree. There is no good outcome in this bill. The burden on an employer would be huge and to violate this bill if it passes could cost the employer even more. Cost to hire an employee would be sky high.	M
Courts & Crimes	HB238	AN ACT relating to guardians and conservators.	L. Burke
	HB239	AN ACT relating to contributions made to a Kentucky Saves account.	L. Burke
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB240	Incremental attempt to neuter the second amendment via onerous storage reqs.	L. Burke
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	This bill is getting very close to removing 'the right to keep and BEAR arms shall not be infringed' because it would require storage that would render the firearm useless in an emergency situation. You would in essence have a hammer rather than a firearm.	M
Other	HB241	Reqs strict age verification guidelines for pornographic sites. Civil penalties for failure to comply.	S. Baker
Support	High (Pass this session)	Great bill. Very detailed. It's hard to believe this isn't already the law. Do Republicans support hard core pornography being accessed by kids?!	S
Business Regs	HB242	Allows USDA exempt poultry producers to sell on a farm, farmer's market or road side stand. Poultry sold at a farmer's market or roadside stand must be frozen and wrapped.	S. Maddox
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	This would expand freedom of farmers, enabling them to process poultry and sell to end users. It is a bit confusing in that it seems to require the poultry to be refrigerated and then requires the poultry to be frozen. HB117 from last session.	R
Govt Regs	HB243	Allows for initiation of child support any time after conception (ie during pregnancy).	A. Neighbors
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	L: There is an interesting discussion to be had here among Republicans. I'm sympathetic to the idea, esp. in cases where pregnancy results from sexual assault, but Mike correctly assesses that this implementation sets up a clear presumption of maternal custody. Amendment: The amendments to the existing child support statutes would allow a parent to file for child support during pregnancy, which does not overtly favor the mother in consideration for custody, but does sets up an underlying implication of custody (esp. in Sec. 5).	M / L
Courts & Crimes	HB244	Estab detailed chart for parenting time credit for separated parents.	S. Dietz
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	The chart is very specific. Not sure how it is enforceable by the court. If one parent keeps diligent records, how will the court verify they are accurate? L: No issue with defining "day" cleanly, etc. Most of this isn't objectionable. The core issue here is this level of micromanagement of something that is, and should be, handled by family courts. If the family courts overwhelmingly think this eases their jobs somewhat, as was purported by the sponsor, then so be it.	S / L
Education	HB245	Removes "expected family contribution" from criteria for teacher scholarship application.	C. Massaroni
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Good recommendation. L: Not so sure about this one. The amount a family can contribute toward tuition SHOULD be factored into financial aid decisions, what am I missing? Emancipation is an option to avoid this being a factor. Amendment: Make people FROM "critical shortage areas" a factor in awarding scholarships, who is more likely to work there than someone returning home.	S / L
Govt Regs	HB246	Allows private entities to enter local lease agreements for naming rights of roads and bridges.	S. Doan
Support	Low (Can wait)	Requires that state and local names and addresses won't change. Are we really this hard up for new sources of revenue?	S
Elections	HB247	Reqs the State Board of Elections to provide county clerks with signature roster and furnish precinct list at a reasonable price.	M. Proctor
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good recommendations.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB248	Removes the req that a person shall be eligible for reinstatement to a police or fire department within one year of separation.	K. Timoney

Only If Amended	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	This could allow reinstatement after 20 years of separation. Perhaps you could increase the separation time. but not beyond 5 years.	S
Transportation	HB249	Exempts low speed vehicles from additional standards that are not applicable.	R. Raymer
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Less regulation for less people, most times, is a good thing.	S
Transportation	HB250	Reqs a driver's license office in every county, either through the clerk or Transportation Cabinet.	S. Bratcher
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Same idea as HB217. See commentary on HB60, which I think gets closer to the right balance here. We have too few now, but one in every county (as used to be the case) is probably more than we need.	L
Transportation	HB251	AN ACT relating to railroad operations.	A. Tackett Laferty
Health	HB252	AN ACT relating to informed consent for medical examinations.	S. Stalker
Govt Regs	HB253	Reqs Animal Control Officer to report suspicion of child abuse or neglect (presumably because it is common where animals are being abused).	S. Witten
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Same as SB106; see commentary there.	L
Courts & Crimes	HB254	Sets compensation rate for a public advocate to at least a Commonwealth Attorney's. Assistant public advocate shall be unclassified employee, unless they elect to stay classified.	D. Elliott
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Assistant public advocate salary to be set by the Public advocate. Bars these attorneys from taking outside compensation. Establishes a new division within office for protection of people with disabilities. I don't know that prosecutors and public defenders need the same pay, but it should be relatively close. The reality is that Prosecutors need to match resources more with highly paid private defense attorneys than public defenders.	S / L
Business Regs	HB255	Prohibits Dep of Workplace Standards from promulgating regs for people under 18 more restrictive than the US Secretary of Labor.	P. Pratt
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	The Commonwealth needs to keep its sovereignty, regardless of what the Federal government does. L: I don't really feel strongly one way or the other. I get that the idea here is to ease workplace regulations, but it seems the only affirmative argument being made for this is that it puts KY in alignment with the Federal government. I don't care one bit whether we are in alignment with Federal labor rules, letting the US Secretary of Labor set all of our workplace standards (whether that be minimums or maximums) isn't a positive good. Amendment: So, ARE the federal standards for 16 and 17 year old workers wise? The 6hr daily limit on 16 & 17 year olds is needlessly restrictive, why can't they work a 10 hour shift on a Saturday, for instance. Remove that one. The relevant factor is WHAT hours they are working. However, 30 hours per week during the school year does make some sense to me (they shouldn't be full-time employees AND full-time students that young).	S / L
Govt Regs	HB256	Reqs reduced insurance rates for "fortified" roof housing and sets up a fund for a grant program for building with these roofs.	M. Pollock
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	OK with everything, except paying contractor or homeowners for construction costs from \$ from the general fund. L: If these fortified roofs warrant a reduction in home insurance (hence they effectively pay for themselves over time in reduced insurance rates), then why aren't they just part of the building codes and why do taxpayers have to pay for it?	S / L
Education	HB257	Abolish the Council on Postsecondary Education and place its responsibilities under the KY Higher Education Assistance Authority.	S. Doan
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Nowhere in the bill does it explicitly state that the Council on Postsecondary Education is abolished.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB258	Expands def of torture of a cat or dog to include restraints. Enhances penalties.	S. Witten
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	L: Main change is including various types of restraint of an animal that results in extreme pain or death as torture. Expanding the definition of torture is great. Overall, this is a very good bill, but with a big issue in the sentencing structure. Amendment: Would be best to keep the penalty structure as is, and don't make each act a separate offense. A class A misdemeanor for a 1st offense (up to 1 year in prison) is reasonable, and allows for reform for acts that may be due to lack of education, etc. It also keeps it consistent with 1st time abuse of an animal not being more than abuse of a human. FOR INSTANCE, this makes torturing a dog or cat a Felony D whereas Criminal Abuse in the 3rd degree; torturing a human child 12 or under is only a Misdemeanor A (KRS 508.120). That comparison is pretty grotesque.	L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB259	Lower the concealed carry age from 21 to 18.	S. Maddox

<u>Support</u>	High (Pass this session)	If someone is old enough to serve in the military, they are old enough to carry. Note: this does NOT include an 18 student carrying a gun into high school.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB260	AN ACT making appropriations for the operations, maintenance, and support of the Legislative Branch of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.	D. Osborne
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Taxes & Spending	HB261	AN ACT making appropriations for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the Judicial Branch of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, boards, commissions, subdivisions, and other state-supported activities.	D. Osborne
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Taxes & Spending	HB262	BUDGET - Puts a definite cap on spending for \$50M for natural disasters, and \$1M for prison cost overruns, without a special session.	J. Petrie
<u>Support</u>	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	Not a bad idea. It seems these were blank check items in existing law. This doesn't mean that we can only spend this much, just that the GA needs to approve additional spending.	L - BUDGET
Taxes & Spending	HB263	BUDGET - Standard Budget Boilerplate for Leg. Branch. Interesting that Senators each get almost twice the stationery allowance.	J. Petrie
<u>Support</u>	High (Pass this session)	It seems odd that the stationery allowance is twice as big as the house (presumably because their districts are about 2.5 times bigger). If the house is fine with it, so be it, we are talking literally about a few tens of thousand dollars total. Do Senators actually use more than twice as much?	L - BUDGET
Taxes & Spending	HB264	BUDGET - Allocates funds for Judicial Branch, incl construction projects and prisons.	J. Petrie
<u>Support</u>	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	Allocates \$508,116,200 (2024-5) and \$522,878,500 (2025-6) for the Judicial Branch, over half a billion dollars for the first time with \$1,351,900 and \$1,396,900 toward retirement. Note: all of these Budget Bill would be much easier to process if they put the current fiscal year totals right next with them and/or the percentage change from the current fiscal year were labelled. Amendment: why are we issuing bonds to pay for construction projects in this high interest rate environment, rather than using the rainy day fund?	L - BUDGET
Taxes & Spending	HB265	Transportation/Roads Appropriations Bill.	J. Petrie
<u>Support</u>	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	This is a bit outside of our scope in terms of offering thoughtful analysis this cycle.	L
Transportation	HB266	This seems to be the Master Highway Project Plan from the Transportation Cabinet.	J. Petrie
<u>Support</u>	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	268 pages. This is a bit outside of our scope in terms of offering thoughtful analysis this cycle.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB267	Estab Office of Broadband Development to administer federal BEAD program.	J. Petrie
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	No objection.	L
	HB268	Provide construction loans for the development of multifamily and single family homes for individuals with a family income equal or less than 120 percent of the area median income.	S. Rudy
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (bad bill)	Another foray into spending tax money to do what private industry already does.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB269	WITHDRAWN	N. Wilson
<u>Only If Amended</u>	Medium (Committee review+)		W
Courts & Crimes	HB270	Defines certain offenses which it is illegal to travel into KY with the intent to commit.	N. Wilson
<u>Only If Amended</u>	Medium (Committee review+)	Seems to be saying that you can't be convicted of two offenses.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB271	Allows a person to make a written (not just oral) report of child dependency, neglect or abuse.	N. Wilson
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Clarification of existing statute.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB272	Infant drop.off sites states currently that it is staffed 24 hours every day by a licensed emergency medical services provider. Adds "except when all emergency medical service providers are temporarily off-site providing emergency medical services. "	N. Tate

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	I would add that the site is staffed by an employee while the emergency medical service providers are off-site. Wouldn't want an infant to be left alone for a prolonged period of time. L: I think this is a pretty reasonable provision. Occasionally, there may be nobody staffing even a 24-hour staffed emergency facility if there is an active emergency situation. I don't think these are situations where nobody is there for 4+ hours at a time, we are talking an hour or two at most.	S / L
Health	HB273	Reqs Medicaid and state sponsored health plans to provide coverage for the treatment of obesity.	N. Tate
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	This could save on health costs further down the line.	S
Health	HB274	Permit pharmacist to administer vaccines to children three years or older with parental consent.	D. Bentley
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Currently allowed for age 9 and older. No issue with this, pharmacists have access to the same info on contraindications for vaccines that MDs and DOs do.	S
Education	HB275	Forbids schools from entering into nondisclosure agreements with employees charged with abuse of a minor. Increased scrutiny of new hires and mandates a background check every 5 years.	J. Tipton
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Good requirement. L: An allegation (even within the past 12 months) that is found to be baseless should not have to be disclosed.	S / L
Health	HB276	AN ACT relating to menstrual discharge collection devices.	G. Brown Jr.
Courts & Crimes	HB277	Moves Louisville Public Defenders Corp under Dep of Public Advocacy.	J. Nemes
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Shifts Louisville's public defenders under the state level public advocacy cabinet that performs the same general function. No objection, it seems like bureaucratic streamlining. I don't fully understand the retirement implications: The actuarial analysis indicates there is no impact to bringing these employees under the KERS retirement system. What are they under now, does Louisville have a retirement system? If so, they can't collect BOTH, correct? So, the state will be taking upon accrued liability for years' served?	L
Courts & Crimes	HB278	Enhanced penalties for sex crimes involving a minor. Removal of statute of limitations for civil action arising from childhood sexual assault or abuse.	M. Lockett
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	More comprehensive than HB25, HB66, HB207 and HB270.	S
Education	HB279	Allows for full day program for kindergarten students in the public school.	T. Truett
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	A full day may be convenient for some parents but is too long a day for the students.	S
Business Regs	HB280	Reqs a certain level of insurance coverage for delivery services (eg door dash).	M. Pollock
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Good minimum requirement.	S
Govt Regs	HB281	Adds the Division of Compliance and the Division of Sports Wagering to the KY Horse Racing Commission.	M. Meredith
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not a big problem with this, since current law put sports wagering there.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB282	Enhanced penalties for committing a crime with a firearm.	W. Williams
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	No problem with this.	S
Govt Regs	HB283	AN ACT relating to mining licenses and making an appropriation therefor.	A. Camuel
Business Regs	HB284	AN ACT relating to wage theft.	A. Camuel
Health	HB285	AN ACT relating to individual-directed care at the end of life.	J. Raymond
Courts & Crimes	HB286	Reqs local law enforcement to collect a DNA sample from anyone arrested for a felony and enter it into a nat'l DB.	P. Flannery

Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	This should only be done for criminals convicted of a crime. L: Mention of Maryland vs King was made, it should be noted that Maryland v King was a 5-4 decision with Scalia in vehement opposition on the grounds that it violates the 4th Amendment. The reason that fingerprints are almost universally allowed to be collected is because they are often a necessary way to establish a definitive identity for the person, NOT to allow for searching for crimes that they might be associated with. DNA provides little to no value in this capacity (identify of subjects is well known before any DNA results are back), and the ONLY real reason that it is being collected is to create a comprehensive database of people's DNA samples so they can be linked to crimes that otherwise there would be no reason for them to be suspected. NOTE: We absolutely should destroy BOTH any FINGERPRINT or DNA info in any DB that was collected if a person is NOT found guilty of a felony.	S / L
	HB287	AN ACT relating to risk protection orders.	B. Chester-Burton
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB288	Allows concealed carry in public schools (not by students). Removes ban on concealed carry at postsecondary institutions.	S. Maddox
Support	High (Pass this session)	Great bill. Simple and clean, the only reliable way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB289	Adds "sexual contact" to deviate or sexual intercourse to the list of things considered incest.	N. Wilson
Oppose	Low (Can wait)	I fail to see any reason for urgency with this bill. It adds "sexual contact" to the list of things considered incest, and hence makes more subjective and lessens the activity that classifies. On its face, that isn't unreasonable. However, let's wait until the (likely to pass) HB5 provisions go into effect, which includes def of incest as violent felony offenses, before we start lessening, expanding, redefining what we mean by incest.	L
Health	HB290	AN ACT relating to coverage for substance use disorder.	J. Raymond
Business Regs	HB291	AN ACT relating to employment discrimination.	J. Raymond
Govt Regs	HB292	Creates new positions within the KY Public Pension Authority. Adds Office of Financial Management and Office of Benefits.	DJ Johnson
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Seems to be another layer of bureaucracy. Don't see any positions removed. L: It definitely does add more public employees (although the additions seem minimal) and bureaucracy, but given that we are talking about a future with \$40B+ in liability some additional expertise and oversight seems appropriate. Amendment: Director of each of these divisions should have to get Senate confirmation (we don't need a Governor's office stooge in these roles).	S / L
Health	HB293	License kratom dealers and regulate / prohibit certain products.	K. Moser
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	The side effects don't seem to be worse than most prescription drugs. L: It does affect opioid receptors depending on dosage. It is a stimulant in low doses. I'm not sure where this legislation should land, but this is in gas stations so we need to start paying attention and have a committee hearing (Note: from past experience, only the PRO side will show to testify so need experts on the ANTI side as well). I'm probably on the side of strict regulation (similar to the current status of Marijuana, as this also is not regarded as having any medical use by the FDA.	S / L
Business Regs	HB294	AN ACT relating to jurisdiction of contractor disputes involving real property.	D. Grossberg
Courts & Crimes	HB295	Bars the use of slave/unpaid labor by prisoners in prison.	G. Brown Jr.
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	We don't need this amendment to the KY Constitution. The only think this would affect given the US Constitution, Amendment 13 is labor in prison. All of our prisons pay some small wage for prisoner labor anyway. Same as SB231.	R
Business Regs	HB296	Exempts temporary gov't structures (less than 6 months) from local building code standards.	W. Lawrence
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Good exemption. L: Should it apply to anyone, not just gov't?	S
Business Regs	HB297	Permits cities to establish their own minimum wage, higher than the state minimum wage.	C. Aull
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Nope. The minimum wage is an economic loser and consistency of biz regulation is good for growth.	R / L
Courts & Crimes	HB298	AN ACT relating to driving under the influence.	C. Aull
Govt Regs	HB299	Reqs Sec. of State estab a searchable, central database of grant ops from state agencies.	A. Tackett Laferty

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Seems like a good idea, and would assist in the allocation of grant money to places in need. Amendment: Do we have something similar for Federal grants? If so, that should be integrated here. If not, shouldn't we?	L
Education	HB300	Estab process and procedures for receiving and processing a complaint against a certificate holder (teacher).	M. Clines
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Good, fair recs to improve due process (incl filing in home district court). Amendment: Some discussion in committee of whether the time-lines are too tight for the EPSB to handle them (may need to be lengthened a bit). We don't want cases dropped due to timelines being impossibly short.	S
Education	HB301	Req every child in public K-12 schools be assigned a lunch period of at least 30 minutes.	A. Tackett Laferty
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	I'm not sure this needs to be a law, surely this already takes place, but it's something that clearly should happen assuming the child is there for the full day. Amendment: Perhaps should specify that this req applies only for full-day attendance.	L
	HB302	Creates a right to a clean environment.	J. Raymond
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	No more rights that can't be enforced anyway, and will just be used by the courts to regulate every aspect of life.	R
Govt Regs	HB303	AN ACT relating to road projects and declaring an emergency.	D. Graham
Education	HB304	Declares parental rights in their children's education.	S. Baker
Support	High (Pass this session)	Great requirements. L: Most of this didn't make it into SB150 last session, why can't we just address these issues well once, instead of rushing through half-measures at the end of session? Most of this amounts to the school system having to disclose what is happening with a child to his/her parents, which obviously should be in law already. Eliminates any requirement (ie no compelled false speech) to use pronouns opposite to a person's biological sex (not just students). Reqs that parents wishes on instructional topics that they don't want their kids to be exposed in writing are respected. Fixes the "or" ambiguity. Allows parents to file suit against the school district (not the employee) for violations of the statue, and for the employee's license to be suspended for 2 years. Amendments: (1)3.b.4. shouldn't it be ALL health or mental health services, beyond perhaps applying a bandaid; (1)2.b.6. shouldn't you notify all parents regardless of whose kid has been molested or groomed?	S / L
Govt Regs	HB305	Estab criteria for violations of the Uniform State Building Code.	J. Calloway
Support	Low (Can wait)	No problem with this but not a high priority.	S
Health	HB306	AN ACT relating to maternal health disparities in perinatal care.	B. Chester-Burton
Health	HB307	AN ACT relating to Medicaid coverage for doula services.	B. Chester-Burton
Taxes & Spending	HB308	Elim of the inheritance/death tax after August 2024.	M. Lockett
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	It's a debate worthy of Republicans having (I'd like to hear the discussion in committee). The state does have some basic functions that need to be paid for, the question is how? What taxes (and we have to have some) are best? The inheritance tax isn't the source of a massive amount of revenue (less than \$100M per year likely), but we need to discuss the principle. I'm less enthusiastic about this elim, as to me the inheritance tax (above some base threshold, to protect "the family farm") is one of the LEAST offensive taxes to me. Proponents of elimination often call this a "death tax", I would call it an multi-generational, inherited wealth tax. There's nothing offensive to me about death being the time when you lose claim on some of your accumulated wealth; you can't take it with you after all. Amendment: There are few things more destructive to the concepts of meritocracy, and social mobility than aristocracy based upon inherited wealth. I'd make it that the greater of 1st \$2M total, or \$1M per current spouse, or biological or adopted child is exempted, but I would have no issue with upping the percentage of tax beyond that. To really address this and the associated tax dodges used to avoid it, we need to take a hard look at the way trusts are regulated, however.	L
Govt Regs	HB309	Bans appropriation of public funds (state, or local) for lobbying purposes or employing a lobbyist.	F. Rabourn
Support	High (Pass this session)	Excellent idea, that needs to make it into the law one way or another this session. I should not be subsidizing someone against my will, via my tax dollars, to come lobby against my interests. The principle here seems similar to the Janus (2018) decision. Same as SB120.	L
Health	HB310	AN ACT relating to health services.	R. Roberts
Courts & Crimes	HB311	AN ACT relating to the safety of canines and felines.	C. Stevenson

Business Regs	HB312	AN ACT relating to nondisclosure agreements.	C. Stevenson
Business Regs	HB313	AN ACT relating to the sale of pets.	C. Stevenson
Govt Regs	HB314	Creates the "community restoration tax ."	W. Lawrence
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Looks to be another tax break for bankers.	S
Govt Regs	HB315	Practical solution to line of sight situation at RR crossings, makes railroad company responsible and Transportation Cabinet entitled to reimbursement if it addresses it.	N. Tate
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	This one page bill establishes that a RR company is responsible for keep vegetation cleared at RR crossings for line of sight. A lot of RR crossings do not have warning systems for the motorists. Enabling a motorist to see down the track if a train is coming is very important. This bill also provides that a Transportation Department can clear vegetation at a RR crossing and bill the RR for the removal if the RR has failed to maintain the line of sight at the crossing.	M
Health	HB316	Estab KY Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board of the KY GA to oversee the KY Medicaid Program	J. Petrie
Support	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	The Kentucky Medicaid Program should be, as far as is possible, free of fraud. This board would formulate a thorough process of seeing that fraud is minimized. I am surprised that this type of board hasn't already been created given the cost and purpose of medical care. Nevertheless, it is a worthy effort.	D
Health	HB317	AN ACT relating to prior authorization.	K. Moser
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Very detailed bill, with definitions applying in certain sections but not others. It needs to be closely evaluated. Codifies HB318's intent in a specific way in law.	L
Health	HB318	Reqs insurers to offer a program to reduce or elim prior authorization reqs for providers.	M. Lockett
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good way to streamline service to the patient.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB319	Estab KentuckyCYBER board within the CPE, allowing for universities to start cybersecurity centers that work with local businesses.	M. Imes
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	This is a complement to SB33 last session that didn't pass. I like this bill for local university hubs to help beef up business and community cybersecurity. I still think Nemes' UL cybersecurity center makes a lot of sense as an upper echelon research center that perhaps coordinates with Fort Knox, perhaps coordinating work with the other university centers from this bill. Very similar to HB139, but this one has a member of leadership on it... HB139 has the slightly more expansive nonacademic role in private sector development in section (1)(3) and I think is the slightly better bill.	L
Courts & Crimes	HB320	Estab statute of limitations for an employee's claim against an employer for wage disputes.	D. Elliott
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Two / three years is too short. Amendment: Maybe five / seven.	S
Health	HB321	AN ACT relating to health benefit coverage of chronic pain treatments.	C. Stevenson
Health	HB322	AN ACT relating to coverage for hepatitis C virus infection.	C. Stevenson
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB323	Allow commission to reimburse firefighters for cancer screenings.	D. Frazier Gordon
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	No issue with this. No question that firefighters are likely at heightened cancer risk based upon exposure, expense isn't huge.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB324	Reduces agency reporting reqs to the General Assembly.	D. Frazier Gordon
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Less bureaucracy and red tape.	S
Govt Regs	HB325	Reqs court hearing if a parent refuses or is unavailable to execute a petition for a minor's name change.	K. Timoney
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirements.	S

Govt Regs	HB326	Reqs state and local contracts contain a provision that any iron, steel aluminum or manufactured goods be made in the USA.	J. Blanton
Support	High (Pass this session)	Good requirement. Allows exemption upon approval where applicable.	S
Health	HB327	Reqs Medicaid coverage for remote ultrasounds and remote fetal nonstress tests.	N. Tate
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	No problem with this.	S
Health	HB328	Allows Veterinarian Tech to administer rabies vaccines.	K. Timoney
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	No objections.	L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB329	Allows police officers leave time to attend mental health treatment.	C. Freeland
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	"All police officers in a supervisory role shall receive specialized training on supporting police officers with mental health needs. " This seems to be a pretty broad stroke. Who will supply the curriculum and who will administer?	S
Health	HB330	AN ACT relating to youth mental health protection and declaring an emergency.	L. Willner
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB331	AN ACT relating to firearms.	L. Willner
Business Regs	HB332	AN ACT relating to earned wage advances.	C. Aull
Courts & Crimes	HB333	Attorneys for the Cabinet for Health and Family Services may only prosecute with the consent of the county attorney and judge.	D. Meade
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Changes "written notice to " to "written consent of. " This could be a problem if the county attorney or judge has a relation with the person being prosecuted.	S
Transportation	HB334	Estab a limited minor's farm operator's license for minors at least 14 but younger than 16.	C. Massaroni
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Would be a help to farm families. L: I agree that this is likely very good. My understanding is that no license is used right now, what are the negative effects of that? I'd prefer no license even be necessary, but are there insurance claim issues with that, etc.?	S
Business Regs	HB335	Clarifies difference between a service animal and an emotional support animal. Estab that fines for misrepresenting a pet as service animal go to animal shelter care.	C. Massaroni
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	This excludes "emotional support animal" (a silly recent invention for attention & sympathy) from the legal provisions that regulate business to allow "assistance/service animals" to be used. It also clarifies regulations around service animals and when they CAN be excluded (when a danger to others), and sets significant fines for pretending your pet or emotional support animal are actual service animals.	S
Elections	HB336	Allow citizens to propose ballot initiatives by petitions with 2% of the state population to pass laws without going through the legislative process.	J. Raymond
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	If you want a law passed, get legislators elected who support it. It has worked just fine since the beginning of the commonwealth.	L
Govt Regs	HB337	AN ACT relating to local regulatory actions.	J. Raymond
Business Regs	HB338	Req planning commissions recv complaints about cellular antenna tower site; req commission hold public mtg, req owners of a cell antenna attend public mtg, take all necessary actions to address public nuisance.	K. Bratcher

	Only If Amended	<p>Amendment: ADD Section 2(d) submit all documentation regarding all possible harm to human health (physical and mental), insects, animals and the environment.</p> <p>OMIT all of SECTION 3 and ADD instead - Public shall have access to all records (3 days on ORR) and no information shall be deemed confidential and proprietary. NOTE: As it is written now, some records are omitted from the public. Why? This is alarming and should be a wake up call.</p> <p>OMIT Section 12 (c),(d),(e) start process now to locate towers away from the public. No reason to wait for complains. The United Nations 2019 4 page written summary to the Human Rights Council titled - 5G(cell towers) are Cruel, inhuman and degrading with MANY REFERENCES should be significant enough to locate towers 1680' to 1800' away from hospitals, nursing homes, day cares, police and fire department and residencies. Start date of this Law to be July 1, 2024 LOCATE CELL TOWERS AWAY FROM THE PUBLIC NOW 1680' TO 1800'. SEE New Hampshire HB1700 (2024)</p> <p>https://www.ericsson.com/49295a/assets/local/about-ericsson/sustainability-and-corporate-responsibility/documents/2021/5g-human-rights-assessment---final.pdf</p> <p>L: All of these are very reasonable measures for neighbors to object to a cell tower. Similar to SB161. I'd suggest a merger of the 2 bills (minimum distance of ~2000 ft from homes & gathering places; plus this complaint process with reductions of # of req'd complaints).</p> <p>Amendment: 12 complaints about cell towers should not be necessary (how about 2 separate households?). This process would take years to get cell towers moved, if at all.</p>	Medium (Committee review+)	D G
Health	HB339	AN ACT relating to coverage of mental health and substance use disorders.		R. Roberts
Taxes & Spending	HB340	AN ACT relating to sales and use tax exemptions.		R. Roberts
Elections	HB341	Codifies in KY Constitution that only US Citizens may vote in KY elections.		M. Meredith
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Obviously the change is positive (only US citizens should be voting), though this is implemented in KY statutes in various ways already (which lessens the urgency, it's mostly political posturing). I'm sure it would be popular on a ballot though (even with "Idiots and insane persons" in the text). SAME AS SB143. Amendment: I'm not sure how you alter this section of the constitution without modernizing the "Idiots and insane persons" provision (the partisan jokes write themselves). If it either strikes that provision or at least updates the language ("those judged by a court to be mentally incompetent"), I'm on board. It probably passes regardless.		L
Business Regs	HB342	Allows poultry to be sold directly to consumers on a farm, at a farmer's market or at a roadside stand.		J. Bray
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	More freedom and could help small farmers. Similar to HB242.		S
Education	HB343	Appropriate GA funds to the KY High School Speech League. (35K annually)		M. Imes
Support	Low (Can wait)	No big problem with this but not high on the priority list.		S
Business Regs	HB344	Bans "source of income" discrimination in housing throughout the state of KY.		L. Burke
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Louisville has had this for 5 to 10 years, Lexington is preparing to pass something similar. I actually am sympathetic to the cause here, money is money (as long as it is legal). However, committee testimony has brought out the fact that Section 8 housing vouchers specifically come with landlord restriction strings attached (which I agree is unacceptable and a landlord should be able to turn those down, not for an individual but as a policy for an entire property). I also don't like the local mandate aspect of this. Amendment: If this excluded any gov't housing assistance program that imposes restrictions on landlords (specifically Section 8 to my knowledge) and this simply explicitly permitted local municipalities to pass source of income restrictions that didn't conflict with that, then I could get behind it.		L
Taxes & Spending	HB345	Estab KY Aerospace, Aviation, and Defense Investment Fund Advisory Committee. Sets up a joint public / private partnership for scholarships for aviation critical positions.		K. Fleming
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement that no public money spent without a private match. Same as SB127.		S
Education	HB346	Reqs public school health instruction to incl human growth and development (fetal) instruction.		N. Tate
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Good requirement. I don't know that this is urgent, but it's definitely a good idea that I see a few states are proposing this cycle. Teaching teenagers about fetal development is so common sense it SHOULD be this session. Amendment: I wouldn't even have the "opt-in" provision for this material (or any human development material; just strikethrough that addition), it should be opt-out (if even that). This isn't "sex ed", this is a video on simple human development, why do we need to have parent opt-in for THAT?		S / L
Education	HB347	Adds age appropriate and evidence-based standards on child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect awareness and prevention to trauma-informed team's mandate.		N. Tate

Support	Low (Can wait)	Adds an extra layer to the responsibility of the trauma-informed team's duties. L: We need to figure out what we want to do with this trauma-informed mental health counseling that was added a couple of years back (couple of bills this cycle are altering this KRS section). Get rid of it (eg SB93; as it has been a harbor for left wing ideological activism), better specify (and constrain) what it includes, etc.? If we are keeping it, then this makes sense...	S
Business Regs	HB348	Creates new guidelines as pertains to charitable gaming institutions, revamps Board.	K. Bratcher
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Don't agree with the removal of fingerprint submission as part of the background check. This will help verify the identity of the individual.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB349	Any individual who receives a determination of a hazardous disability as a direct result of an act in the line of duty shall have their insurance premiums paid for their spouse and any dependants (not just themselves).	E. Callaway
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement to protect the family of those in hazardous job classification. L: The hit is pretty substantial here based upon the actuarial analysis. Does this insurance premium coverage last for any dependants even after they are older than 21, or even 25, years old? Perhaps they shouldn't.	S / L
Courts & Crimes	HB350	AN ACT relating to pregnant inmates.	K. Herron
Business Regs	HB351	AN ACT relating to workers' compensation.	A. Gentry
Health	HB352	AN ACT relating to qualifying medical conditions for the use of medicinal cannabis.	A. Gentry
Courts & Crimes	HB353	AN ACT relating to small claims.	A. Gentry
Education	HB354	Req Dept of Ed to pay insurance for hazardous pay retirees (before July 1st 2003) if rehired by a school board.	DJ Johnson
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Would this just be shuffling of GA funds from one place to another? L: Seems to be allowing a former employee to come back and serve without being penalized on health care insurance premiums. It's a bit confusing.	S / L
Business Regs	HB355	AN ACT relating to occupational safety and health.	A. Gentry
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB356	Incr amount a fire department may charge for responding to a fire for a nonsubscriber.	A. Neighbors
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	I think there may be a need to add language that the owner had to have been given the option to subscribe.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB357	Prohibits financial institutions from targeting or discriminating against firearm retailers or customers.	D. Lewis
Support	High (Pass this session)	Very good bill. Should something be added also to protect manufacturers?	S
Govt Regs	HB358	Reqs that a designation of only male or female be entered onto a birth certificate.	B. Wesley
Support	High (Pass this session)	Such common sense. I can't believe we have to codify this.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB359	Include law enforcement telecommunicators (dispatch) as participants in the KY Law Enforcement Foundation Program.	B. Wesley
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good recommendation but not a high priority.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB360	Obliges someone to report when a child is born to a parent who already has a child in the care of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.	M. Dossett
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Good recommendation. Not certain it's enforceable to compel someone to report. L: At first glance this makes a lot of sense, I have no issue with the req to report a child has been born to a person who has another child in protective custody (that is something the state should know; good idea). The (even if rebuttable) presumption of guilt, to me, violates due process.	S / L
Health	HB361	Adds nonvoting physician assistant to the State Board of Medical Licensure. Revamp of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee.	M. Clines
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Not sure why this is a pressing need, but fine. It seems boards only grow.	S
Business Regs	HB362	AN ACT relating to leave from employment.	L. Burke

Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	<u>HB363</u>	AN ACT relating to workers' compensation for first responders.	L. Burke
Health	<u>HB364</u>	AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Child Mental Health Services Access Program.	T. Bojanowski
Taxes & Spending	<u>HB365</u>	AN ACT relating to taxation of breast pumps and related supplies.	T. Bojanowski
Education	<u>HB366</u>	AN ACT relating to maternity leave for teachers.	T. Bojanowski
Govt Regs	<u>HB367</u>	Reqs Cabinet for Health and Family Services not increase access to SNAP benefits beyond federal law, and limits leeway of cabinet to wave work reqs.	W. Williams
<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Work requirement for able bodied adults is good. L: Generally agree this is good overall, esp. provisions for able bodied single adults. Amendment: I think in Section 2(9)(a), only strike 2. here as being too subjective with the cabinet perhaps having too much leeway. To me, 1. and 3. should be retained. If UNemployment is over 10% (ie there objectively are no jobs), granting some leeway makes sense to me. Completely as an aside: I'm not sure why SNAP of all gov't safety net progs gets focused on so much; I guess because people see recipients using them in the grocery and there are some obvious sell-resale scams associated with it? To me, these are among the least obtrusive programs, which help farmers and local grocers.	S / L
Education	<u>HB368</u>	AN ACT relating to curriculum.	C. Aull
Govt Regs	<u>HB369</u>	Elim Robert E Lee day and Confederate Memorial Day from list of official state holidays.	C. Aull
<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	Low (Can wait)	So few people care about this. Amendment: Just replace Confederate memorial day with Civil War Remembrance day. If we are doing June 19th as a holiday federally, may as well put it in here but make it Emancipation Day, or Freedom Day (recognizing BOTH the end of AA slavery AND the end of White slavery in the Barbary Wars).	L
Govt Regs	<u>HB370</u>	AN ACT relating to a name change for a minor.	C. Aull
Govt Regs	<u>HB371</u>	Incr living expenses paid to 50k for a resident displaced due to mine subsidence. Max value reinsured per structure to be determined by the administrator.	W. Williams
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Good to increase living expenses paid. Maximum allowed reinsured was previously set at 300k, this changes that to the max value of the policy.	S
Education	<u>HB372</u>	Clarifies that an interlocal cooperative board created by two or more school districts falls under the management of the KY Board of Ed and all statutes and regs apply.	M. Lockett
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait)	Not sure where this is an issue, so a low priority.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	<u>HB373</u>	AN ACT relating to gun safety for children.	G. Brown Jr.
Elections	<u>HB374</u>	Removes credit or debit card as a secondary form of ID to confirm a voter's identity.	C. Massaroni
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement. Similar to HB80, although that also eliminates College Photo IDs.	S
Transportation	<u>HB375</u>	Incr vehicular weight from 6000 lbs to 10,000 lbs for annual registration. Allows for joint ownership of a vehicle, even if one owner lives out of state.	R. Bridges
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	No problem with this.	S
	<u>HB376</u>	AN ACT relating to children and declaring an emergency.	S. Stalker
Education	<u>HB377</u>	Estab Teacher Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Pilot Program. Maximum \$5K stipend per semester paid in exchange for one year of teaching.	K. Banta
<u>Support</u>	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Upon failure to comply, stipend required to be paid back immediately. Good idea, good bonus for teacher recruitment. Amendment: Should this perhaps be \$2.5K for any KY school, and \$5K for serving in a rural or underserved community school? Should this be retroactive for teachers in 1st 5 years of service?	S / L

Govt Regs	HB378	Makes chalcedony agate the official state mineral; Coal the official rock of KY	A. Gentry
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Corrects an embarrassing error in the statute which mixes up the geological classification of 2 state symbols.	L
Business Regs	HB379	AN ACT relating to workers' compensation.	A. Gentry
Health	HB380	THIS is the full MOMNIBUS bill.	N. Tate
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	THIS is what I thought the Omnibus bill was going to be (see HB10). 82 pages, so LOTS of proposed changes to the law, lots of interesting ideas that push the boundaries of conservative thinking. About half of the bill is identical to HB10, which presumably are the parts that leadership deemed worthy of being allowed a vote... this includes: Req health (insurance) exchange open enrollment period for pregnant women (see: HB10). Section 6 establishes a child care assistance program (income-based eligibility criteria should be tiered and start at perhaps 60% or 70% of median income; Note: is this single or married couple median income?). This includes several provisions NOT in HB10 though: Exemptions from sales tax for breast pumps, baby wipes, and child's diapers. Provides a child care tax credit at an additional 20% of the federal tax credit amount. Child care for dependents tax credit. Up to \$5K (per year?) adoption tax credit from 2025-9 to cover adoption expenses. Donations to Pregnancy Resource Centers qualified tax deductible contribution. Republican Caucus needs to have a full discussion of these tax credits as they are pushing Republican thought on these issues (I'd argue in a good way, as long as they are means tested). Amendment: I'd be fine if the sales tax exclusions included more big ticket items like cribs and car seats, and excluded baby wipes (which are used from more general purposes, like baby powder (not here) is).	L
Education	HB381	AN ACT relating to local school board student representatives.	L. Willner
Health	HB382	Reqs employees, visitors and patients in any health facilities wear a respirator masks essentially all of the time.	R. Palumbo
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	It's absolutely insane that the gov't is continuing to try to micromanage health care like this after the COVID debacle. The evidence for even trained professionals reducing disease spread by using N95 masks outside of a controlled environment is precarious; much less having a mask on visitors and patients without any sign of respiratory illness, and expecting that they will keep them on all of the time. Often, wearing the mask (typically improperly) can backfire and produce a level of confidence in close interaction that is avoided without them.	L
Education	HB383	Reqs school boards to set a policy forbidding student use of personal telecommunications devices (eg cell phones) during instructional periods.	J. Bray
Support	High (Pass this session)	Will help all students focus on academics. L: This is a great idea being implemented haphazardly throughout the state as people figure out how much of a distraction these are. I have heard some school board objection to what I consider a no brainer that cell phones are used in some classrooms to supplement the lack of computers (I don't regard that as a fully good faith objection given the cost-benefit trade off, but it's at least a consideration). If your instruction requires a cell phone, teach something different or teach it differently IMO. This does allow that instruction exemption, although I think allowing that exemption is going to make enforcement of this difficult ("turn your cell phone in at the principal's office and get it when you leave" is easily enforceable, "make sure the hard teachers don't see it" won't REALLY do what is intended). My only real topic for discussion is: would this be better handled, in the spirit among some of the party to "avoid local (school board) mandates", as a req for a KDE regulation or even KDE bulletin / best practice recommendation.	S / L
Govt Regs	HB384	Prohibits closing of the drive around the Capitol except in emergency situations.	J. Decker
Support	High (Pass this session)	Shame we have to have a statute to address this. Can we FINALLY get this through? The reservations that the police have against this, and really any car access around the capitol complex, do not outway the benefits in terms of openness to the public. Note, this drive was open for DECADES before Andy took over. SAME AS SB75.	S / L
Health	HB385	Adds close friend to the list of people authorized to make healthcare decisions for an adult patient who doesn't have capacity. Reqs examiner treat & report on a defendant's capacity when claiming incompetence.	K. Moser
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	All very reasonable.	S / L
Health	HB386	Rem annual and package purchase limits for pseudoephedrine.	R. Duvall
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Maintains limit of 7.2 grams per month.	S
Education	HB387	Allows for tiered accreditation (1, 3, 5 year) of substitute teachers based upon educational attainment.	T. Truett

Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly) *Passed House	Not sure why this is a necessity. It allows people with only a high school diploma to get a 1 year accreditation. It SEEMS to actually decrease / eliminate the ability of a college graduate to get a full-time substitute employment. Amendment: Why not allow anyone with an advanced degree and with college teaching experience of any type to get full-time substitute teaching certificate? Why not allow the 3 year teaching certificate to get full-time substitute employment as well, why make it harder to be a substitute when we need them?	S / L
Govt Regs	HB388	Reqs local gov't reimburse fire dep for services performed. Makes Louisville local council elections nonpartisan. Reqs local boards have geographic and political affiliation diversity. Prohib a city annexing a manufacturing area unless each owner gives written consent.	J. Nemes
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Some good requirements in this. Amendment: Not sure it's a good idea to require local city races to be nonpartisan, in fact it very likely is NOT a good idea to have the Louisville Metro Council races non-partisan (Mayor might be ok). Also, we don't need to mandate political diversity on every board, just the most important ones and ones with a political bent.	S / L
Taxes & Spending	HB389	Offers tax credit for motor vehicle taxes paid by active duty military in KY if they had previously paid a similar tax in another state.	E. Callaway
Support	Low (Can wait)	Reasonable. They shouldn't have to be taxed twice when changing posts.	S
Govt Regs	HB390	Estab legal def of what a male is and what a female is.	D. Hale
Support	High (Pass this session)	SAME AS SB336. Establish that a male, man or boy is one that can normally produce sperm. It also establishes that a girl, female or woman is one who would normally produce ova. It states that there are two sexes, male and female. It also provides that under certain circumstances that it shall not be construed to prohibit separation of the sexes in the interest of maintaining safety, privacy, and fairness as specified in this section of the bill. In maintaining safety, privacy, and fairness, the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions and instrumentalities may provide single-sex environments for males and females where the sexes are not similarly situated, particularly with respect to biology. As illustrative, non-exhaustive examples, public entities in the Commonwealth may distinguish between the sexes with respect to prisons and other detention centers, athletics, living facilities, locker rooms, bathrooms, domestic violence shelters, and rape crisis centers without violating antidiscrimination mandates. I copied in some text from the actual bill as I couldn't have said it any better.	M
	HB391	AN ACT relating to civil rights.	K. Herron
Taxes & Spending	HB392	Sets up self-directed brokerage account for employees in the Deferred Compensation program. Authorizes board to purchase liability insurance and reimburse employees for legal expenses related to their employment.	J. Hodgson
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	It is good to allow employees to self direct their plans. Would like to see some language limiting participation from brokerage houses that utilize ESG in their programs.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB393	Prohib fire department from having a residency req but allows them to have a response time req for employees.	K. Timoney
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement. If an employee lives nearby but not in the district, they can still qualify for employment. Response time is the point anyway.	S
Elections	HB394	AN ACT proposing to amend the Constitution of Kentucky relating to redistricting.	L. Burke
Elections	HB395	Estab an independent commission to handle election redistricting (rather than the legislature amending their own districts).	L. Burke
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	I don't particularly like legislators being allowed to redraw their own maps either, but this is a non-starter. The Democrats drew their own maps for roughly 100 years, now one redistricting cycle under Republican control later and we have Democrat proposals for an independent commission? No chance that will fly. Amendment: A fix that might have some chance to pass is that Senate handle redrawing the house maps, and House handle redrawing the senate maps without input from the other body incl staff (likely through "House Rules" amendment).	L
Taxes & Spending	HB396	Chairs of standing committees House or the Senate, or chairs of interim joint committees of the LRC, compensation \$60K per year; President Pro Tempore of Senate, Speaker Pro Tempore of the House \$75K per yr.; or joint interim committee of the LRC shall receive compensation of \$65K per year. See complete Bill for more increases.	J. Raymond
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	As it stands now, leadership has failed Kentucky residents and do NOT deserve these increases. Taxpayers are struggling to pay their taxes, feed their families, put gas in their vehicles and pay their rent. Leadership need to represent the people and not the special interest of lobbyist, Taxpayers would like to see what each Legislator has earned every year since taking office, not just their salaries but dollar amounts, trips, and who knows what else they have received from lobbyist and other outside interest. The insanity never stops. One has to question, was this legislator bribed or intimidated to propose such a bill?	D G

Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB397	Incl military orders of a transfer to KY as valid proof of military service. Ensure that occupational licensing compacts in KY take precedent.	M. Koch
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Reasonable. Will help our members of the armed forces and their families.	S
Transportation	HB398	Exempts from electric vehicle power tax any dealer with a charging capacity of less than 50 kilowatts.	T. Huff
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Still have to pay the tax, regardless of size. Amendment: Scale the tax down, if the size of the tax is an issue.	S / L
Education	HB399	Adds freshman and sophomore eligible for dual credit courses. Allow two career and technical dual credit courses each year and two general ed in the 11th and 12th grades. Scholarships to be awarded based on application date.	J. Tipton
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	No big problem with this. I'm not sure that we should want kids under 16 years old (beyond Doogie Howser?!) by themselves on a college campus though.	S
Education	HB400	Allows Murray State to start a doctoral program in veterinary medicine.	R. Heath
Oppose	Oppose (friendly) *Passed House	I understand the motivation here, and I believe it is well-meaning: KY definitely needs more (large-animal) veterinarians (superficially an early thought would be: What about a vet school?), Murray State is in the most agriculturally productive region of the state given the climate and the school and region wants to be more prominent... The problem is that this makes zero financial sense. (Note: This is the same as SB189, see the extensive commentary on SB189 for how this doesn't make non-financial sense either.) Here are the reasons it makes no financial sense: The cost of (off-setting the out of state tuition difference) for our long-standing Auburn (a top tier veterinary school) partnership for vet school slots is tiny compared to the cost of building out a vet school (even a second-tier one), and staffing it (even if we believe the unrealistically low Murray estimates of \$89M start-up and \$15M recurring). My understanding is that there is an available partnership with UGA and maybe Miss St. (being vacated by SC), should we actually get enough high quality KY vet school candidates, to fill up all of our Auburn slots and expand to around 50 vet school students per year. A more straightforward and cost effective strategy for getting vets to come work in Kentucky would be to continue the financially very sensible partnerships with Auburn (and/or UGA) and roll those savings into recruitment programs at unis to get more undergrads to pursue vet (and medical) science (the core issue is not enough KY kids are going to vet (or med) school, not WHERE they are going to school), providing a moving bonus for out-of-state vets (or meds) to come here (maybe a starting bonus for the Auburn/UGA grads who come back), and perhaps provide a retention bonus (eg for student loans) for vets (or meds) willing to serve in underserved regions. I'm sensitive to Murray State wanting more investment, the KentuckyCYBER bill seems like a good opportunity. If they want to do more ag stuff, how about developing a program in genetic research and CRISPR tech (Monsanto is in St. Louis), or a freshwater lake marine biology specialty (given land between the lakes proximity)?	L
Business Regs	HB401	Expands def of "physician" to incl any with a license in any state or territory of the US.	M. Pollock
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	No problem with this.	S
Business Regs	HB402	Estab min state reqs for adult-oriented businesses; eg min distance from places where families gather.	N. Tate
Support	High (Pass this session)	One of the more important bills this session. KY is WAY behind here, TN has had similar laws for about 30 years. Requires that an adult-oriented business (various definitions) should be at least 1 city block from family-oriented locations (parks, daycares, churches, etc.). Also requires that they not allow people in who may be under 18, or be viewable from the outside. All of this is common sense and it's amazing that it hasn't been state law (only some local city ordinances exist). SAME AS SB147. Amendment: only thing I see missing here is a req that these businesses officially be licensed by the state and perhaps regulated by a board. Perhaps that will be added in future sessions.	L
Govt Regs	HB403	Creates Div of Real Property Board within Public Protection Cabinet with an executive director.	D. Meade
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	As far as I can tell, this just reorganizes a bunch of existing boards (KY Real Estate Authority(?), KY Real Estate Commission, Kentucky Association of Realtors, Board of Auctioneers, Kentucky Board of Home Inspectors, Real Estate Appraisers Board) in a way that doesn't make them any less confusing or efficient, it just adds another executive director. It would be helpful if all bills like this came with an attached before vs after organizational diagram. Amendment: If we are digging into all of these things, why are Home Inspectors and Appraisers regulated by separate boards? Merge the 2. Why aren't all of these boards under a single division (or are they going to be?).	S / L
Courts & Crimes	HB404	AN ACT relating to the rights of incarcerated children.	L. Willner
Health	HB405	AN ACT relating to the Perinatal Advisory Committee.	L. Willner

Health	HB406	AN ACT relating to coverage for perinatal mood and anxiety disorders screenings.	L. Willner
Education	HB407	Allow Eastern KY University to offer doctoral degrees in osteopathic medicine.	D. Meade
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	<p>Richmond does have a hospital that the school could utilize to support the program. Perhaps could help alleviate shortage of doctors in the state.</p> <p>L: I have some significant concerns about the cost-effectiveness here (it's not nearly as bad as the cost-benefit of the Murray Vet School proposal though). I'm actually not sure that there IS a shortage of doctors in this state BTW, apparently Kentucky graduates more MDs than there are residency slots available in the state (the shortage may just be among some specialties like family practitioners). It also seems that retention of students and med pros in the state is the bigger problem to be addressed than number of med school graduates.</p> <p>Given its proximity to Lexington, it is questionable why this is necessary vs just expanding UK's medical school program to make it one of the larger destination medical schools in the country (or having a partially remote program like UK runs with Morehead, NKU and WKU).</p> <p>Note: DO programs actually have slightly MORE reqs than MD programs (I'm very skeptical about the claim that EKV is going to be able to greatly reduce the cost of med school... HOW?). Also, Pikeville already has a DO program, and I wonder what the effect of this would be on that program.</p> <p>* See commentary on HB400. The logic of using an existing program and setting up satellite campuses is so obvious, and the advantage of our vet relationship with Auburn is so obvious... it begs the question of why we don't have reciprocal arrangements for Medical school (to match the vet school agreement) with Alabama, Georgia, (maybe Mississippi, South Carolina, West Virginia... and even Montana & Wyoming who are considering building out their own medical schools for the 1st time at great expense) to allow for those states' med students to fill slots at UK, UL, and/or DOs at Pikeville.</p>	S / L
Health	HB408	Reqs dependency treatment center to provide transportation to someone voluntarily leaving their program without arranged transportation. Reqs medicaid patients in program actually live in this state.	S. Baker
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	<p>Same general idea as SB71, but more good provisions related to making sure only in-state medicaid patients are getting treatment on the state's dime.</p> <p>Reqs transport be provided from treatment facility if participant voluntarily leaves. Also, requires them to notify the court and law enforcement if they violate a court order by leaving.</p> <p>Amendment: Should not require the facility to provide transportation for the individual, simply allow resident to arrange transportation.</p>	S / L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB409	AN ACT relating to military-connected educational benefits.	P. Stevenson
Govt Regs	HB410	AN ACT relating to Women Veterans Appreciation Day and declaring an emergency.	P. Stevenson
	HB411	AN ACT relating to cemeteries.	P. Stevenson
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB412	AN ACT relating to veterans.	P. Stevenson
Taxes & Spending	HB413	AN ACT relating to a tax credit for renters.	P. Stevenson
Education	HB414	AN ACT relating to Kentucky educational excellence scholarships.	P. Stevenson
	HB415	AN ACT relating to coverage for the care of children.	P. Stevenson
Govt Regs	HB416	Creates EMS Professionals Foundation Fund. Authorizes reimbursement for a out of pocket expenses for PTSD treatment. Establishes pension plan for EMS funded by the GA.	M. Hart
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	With the pension funding shortfalls already existing, don't think we should be adding more to it. Also don't like the stipulation that a work day can be a 24 hour shift. This is unsafe, particularly for an individual tasked with saving lives.	S
Business Regs	HB417	Another minimum wage raise bill.	D. Grossberg
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Minimum wage raises are bad economics.	L
Govt Regs	HB418	Decreases number of acres to qualify as an agricultural district from 250 acres to 50. Prohibits a city from annexing in that area.	M. Pollock

Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Good recommendation. L: I especially like the prohibition on annexation. I've always heard 60 acres are the standard size of a viable, small, full-time family farm, not 50 (that may be quibbling).	S / L
Education	HB419	Specify that Education Standards Board only has authority over public school educators. Defines "learning pods" and differentiates them from a child day care center.	F. Rabourn
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Great bill. Need clarification of what constitutes a school ahead of any possible future bill on school funding.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB420	AN ACT relating to the regulation of cannabis and making an appropriation therefor.	R. Roberts
Education	HB421	AN ACT relating to child care programs.	J. Raymond
Education	HB422	AN ACT relating to the Child Care Assistance Program.	J. Raymond
Education	HB423	AN ACT relating to outdoor nature-based child care.	J. Raymond
Education	HB424	AN ACT relating to preschool and kindergarten education.	J. Raymond
Taxes & Spending	HB425	AN ACT relating to children's early learning services taxing districts.	J. Raymond
Taxes & Spending	HB426	AN ACT relating to the Kentucky opportunity fund and making an appropriation therefor.	J. Raymond
Govt Regs	HB427	Prohibits a sanitation district from charging a fee to a property owner who is not connected to a sewer or who's property is more than a mile from storm water treatment site.	F. Rabourn
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good provision. It's unfair that a person is charged for a service they don't use. Opting not to connect to a sewer is a losing proposition in the long term based upon property values anyway. Exception if service will be installed within a year or the owner gives written consent.	S
Health	HB428	AN ACT relating to reproductive privacy.	L. Burke
Health	HB429	AN ACT relating to reproductive health care.	L. Burke
Health	HB430	AN ACT relating to the Health Access Nurturing Development Services Program.	L. Burke
Courts & Crimes	HB431	AN ACT relating to human trafficking.	C. Aull
Education	HB432	Allows high school students to use KEES funds for dual credit courses. KEES maximum award reduced by the amount used for this.	M. Dossett
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Not sure how you can award this to a student already enrolled in the class but not yet eligible for the scholarship. Would have to be a cash award to repay the tuition already paid. L: It's a good question that should be answered in committee. I'm not sure of the logistics here.	S
Business Regs	HB433	Removes the sunset clause of Jan 1, 2025 for tax relief for a disaster response business.	M. Dossett
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Two and a half years is enough for these companies. Don't need to give them this permanently.	S
Govt Regs	HB434	Allow third party entities to issue driver's licenses and personal identity cards.	K. Jackson
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Require county clerks (or regional license centers) to do their job. We don't need third parties doing what our local officials did for years. L: Third parties (rather than gov't officials) processing applications for licenses which can in turn serve as voter IDs requires a bit more scrutiny. What is the process to prevent, and penalty if, a 3rd party allows (or facilitates) the filing of fraudulent license applications? The parts added in Comm Sub, from SB91 and the license pilot program, are fine. DoI - No third parties should be involved, keep it AS IS.	S / L
Courts & Crimes	HB435	AN ACT relating to overdose good samaritans and making an appropriation therefor.	K. Herron
Courts & Crimes	HB436	A guardian ad litem shall be appointed and paid by the Finance and Administration Cabinet for a minor who is party to an action or when a protective order has been filed.	S. Dietz

Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Reasonable requirements.	S
Business Regs	HB437	Prohibits the KY Occupational and Health Standards Board from enforcing any regs more stringent than federal provisions.	W. Thomas
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement.	S
Health	HB438	AN ACT relating to undesignated glucagon.	C. Stevenson
Business Regs	HB439	Creates vintage distilled license fee (\$300). Incr size of governing board and amount allocated to Project Graduation from \$500 to \$1000. State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board may auction confiscated alcohol and donate proceeds to alcohol wellness and responsibility education fund.	M. Koch
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Concurrence	There is some good here. Auction is fine, and Project grad boost is OK. Amendment: Not necessary to increase the size of the board. Do we really need yet another license?	S
Courts & Crimes	HB440	AN ACT relating to custody.	R. Roberts
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB441	Estab a State Police HQ in the most populous county in the state (Jefferson).	J. Bauman
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Puts a state police post in Louisville. Not a terrible idea, but not a high priority. LMPD has more police officers than I believe the entire State Police does. L: If the funds get allocated for this, they need to include youth programming and anti-gang intervention for youth as that is the core of the crime problem in Louisville.	S / L
Taxes & Spending	HB442	Exempts nonprofits from sales and use tax.	J. Tipton
Support	High (Pass this session)	Good way to support these agencies. L: I thought this was already the case, but when they started adding sales ("consumption") tax to businesses, the Y started charging tax on programming. This is definitely a good exemption, and should be a high priority.	S
Govt Regs	HB443	Regs for subdivision plats and development plans shall be objective and applied ministerially (ie with no personal discretion by the board).	S. Rudy
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill) *Passed House	ALERT: This got put on the Senate consent agenda to further limit discussion. Limited exceptions are granted for "health, safety and welfare" (seems like litigation fodder). I have no issue with the concept of objective standards as a general concept (if they are viewed simply as rough guidelines) and/or a broader master development plan for the county being in place... but Zoning boards are established (and typically voted in) so as to provide discretion on how they want the county to develop. The reality is that no set of "objective standards" that is meaningful can account for the particular situation of every part of every county. Zoning boards need the freedom to deal with every subdivision development on its own merits and how it relates to the particulars of the location and community it is being placed within. The word MINISTERIALLY here really means, LACK OF DISCRETION. This bill is intended, as far as I can see, to be a HANDOUT TO REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS WHO TEND TO BE POLITICAL DONORS to eliminate the power of zoning boards over subdivisions, silencing the voice of voters/communities. Notice that the bill relates to subdivisions, not high density housing units that are actually what is needed to deal with a lack of affordable (typically urban, where the biggest scarcity exists) housing.	L
Business Regs	HB444	Repl quals for electrician and master electrician to hourly standard rather than yearly. Allows training to count towards total & mil vets with experience to apply for license. License renewal moved from annual to biennial.	S. Bratcher
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Good recommendation. Someone working part-time in the field may have the yearly required service but not have many hours.	S
Business Regs	HB445	Forbids retiring a fossil fuel burning power plant unless the commission finds that the cost to operate is greater than the revenue it produces.	T. Smith
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Short and reasonable provision. Piggybacks on SB5 from last session. Side-note: Would like to see the term "fossil fuel" retired in favor of something more realistic.	S
Education	HB446	Req KY Dep of Ed to create a transportation policy for disruptive students on busses and for local boards of ed to implement it.	E. Callaway
Support	High (Pass this session)	Uniform policy across the state for dealing with disruptive pupils and guardians. Discipline includes suspension of riding privileges for the pupil up to misdemeanor charges for threatening violence (incl for guardians). THIS is the core reason that finding bus drivers is so hard, student discipline.	S / L
Education	HB447	Permits school districts to use district owned, leased or contracted passenger vehicles to transport students to and from school activities.	E. Callaway

Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Concurrence	Allows flexibility in school's transportation plan. Common sense, adds flexibility and likely reduces cost too.	S
Govt Regs	HB448	AN ACT relating to state contracts.	A. Camuel
Elections	HB449	Allow a sworn affidavit in lieu of high school transcript for school board candidates.	S. Riley
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Good change, it's a somewhat silly req anyway. We need to prune many of these largely pointless barriers to running for office. Amendment: I don't really love moving the education requirements to being controlled by a board. Fulfill your constitutional role of making law, not pawning it off on the executive branch. L: Purportedly there is a substantially changed draft Committee Sub that makes this pretty simple bill FAR worse... removing the ability of the school board to choose the superintendent (making influencing the superintendent selection, which is the JOB of the school board, a reason for removal?!) with no replacement process. DEFINITELY vote THAT down, it doesn't even make sense.	L
Business Regs	HB450	Prohibits social media companies from allowing minors to create accounts without parental consent.	N. Wilson
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	This bill would require all (new?) social media users in the state of Kentucky to provide age verification. This would put us near the leading edge (in a good way) in protecting children, but this is a problem all over the world. Social media is ON NET a mind poison for young people and every study that comes out concludes something similar, period. Change must come SOON. Amendment: Will this require age verification of adult users who already have accounts in Section 2(1)a.2.? Perhaps it shouldn't, just make it for new accounts and accounts currently listed as under-age to ease the culture shock. The requirement that the social media company SECURELY(?) discard ID after verification should have some penalty for failure to comply, and also for retaining information that compromises anonymity beyond age verification, unless this is retained for all users.	L
Govt Regs	HB451	If a will refers to a specific written statement or list to dispose of personal property not specifically bequeathed, that list shall be given effect.	N. Wilson
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	No problem with this.	S
Business Regs	HB452	Prohibits financial institutions from discriminating against an individual based on a social credit score.	S. Sharp
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	I would like to see the threshold lowered below a bank with over 100 Billion in assets or a processor that has processed over 10 billion in the last year. This law should affect all financial institutions. Great bill though.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB453	Reqs notification of the military of a child abuse or neglect case involving a member of the Armed Forces.	DJ Johnson
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Seems common sense. I'm surprised this isn't already required by the military.	L
Business Regs	HB454	Include roasted coffee beans in the list of foods a home based processor may produce.	S. Riley
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Not sure how many people this will effect but no problem with it.	S
Business Regs	HB455	Limits number of retail liquor licenses large counties can have, based upon pop. Reqs anyone receiving liquor be 21+.	K. Timoney
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Reasonable restrictions. I'm sure there can be some quibbling about the 100K threshold and population limits and how they scale up. Arguably there shouldn't be limits at all, but as long as they are reasonable... it likely keeps liquor stores being all over the place.	L
Govt Regs	HB456	Adds sheriff's office or county police to agencies eligible for exemption to overtime pay compensation.	S. Heavrin
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Let's take care of our law enforcement deputies and not take away their overtime pay. L: There wasn't sufficient questioning about this in committee... but purportedly law enforcement officers prefer the ability to be paid based upon a 80 hours per 2 week schedule, rather than 40 hours per week, before overtime kicks in (I don't really know why they would). It passed on the basis that other law enforcement officers already have this exemption in the law and that excluding sheriffs was an oversight. If they are fine with it, then ok.	S / L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB457	AN ACT relating to firearms and declaring an emergency.	G. Brown Jr.
Business Regs	HB458	AN ACT relating to trade practices.	D. Grossberg

Health	HB459	Creates a provisional advanced practice registered nurse applicant license. Increases the size of the Board of Nursing.	K. Moser
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Don't need to increase the size of another board. L: So, the six month provisional license is so that a nurse can be working while they are waiting to take their qualifying exam? One wonders why we even need the exam, if it's a simple fine for someone with no experience to work for 6 months without it. Amendment: How about cutting the time down to 3 months and not being able to call yourself an APRN, just to make ends meet until the exam?	S
Health	HB460	Creates a system where individuals in distress can voluntarily surrender their firearms for 90 days, a year or permanently.	K. Fleming
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	It's ridiculous to think that this would work. L: I don't have a problem with this in principle, but the demand for this has to be tiny. Why wouldn't the person just sell it at a pawn shop, give it to a relative, or something. Seems like yet another gov't program that really isn't needed.	S
Education	HB461	Allows school districts to install a stop arm camera monitoring system on all school busses. Penalties levied for not stopping and waiting on bus, as determined by code enforcement board (now, district court).	D. Hale
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Opposed to all automated traffic enforcement devices. Next step to a police state. Also would be very expensive to install and maintain. L: There are several issues with this bill. (1) It is yet another example of gov't (yes, public school buses are the gov't) surveillance and AI plate reading tech (as stated above). (2) These camera systems are very expensive, \$1900 per setup (est. \$17M to outfit all buses), as stated above. (3) If you are on camera, you are presumed guilty with no ability to plead mitigating circumstances in a court of law, but simply assessed a penalty by a code enforcement board. (4) It isn't clear how this actually prevents deaths or accidents, it just assesses fines after the fact and hopes that serves eventually as a deterrent. Amendment: (To address 3) At minimum, a district court should adjudicate innocence, guilt, and hear appeals. NOTE: This was included/corrected in House Floor Amendment 1. (To address 4) The safety equipment that actually PREVENTS accidents and deaths in this context are the swing arms that attach to the front bumper of the bus and force children to walk wide around the arm to cross in front of the bus (so the bus driver and a stop arm violator can see them). Let's make sure every bus has one of those 1st, as they actually PREVENT deaths, no doubt cost less, and raise no constitutional issues related to AI surveillance.	S / L
Health	HB462	Permit a recovery residence that provides on-site clinical services to operate without certification until Dec 31, 2024. Estab conditions under which a recovery residence may provide on-site clinical services.	S. Bratcher
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	No problem with this but not a high priority.	S
Business Regs	HB463	Reqs digital service providers to register the age of the user, create parental monitoring tools and prevent minors from being exposed to obscenity.	S. Dietz
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	Note similarities between this and HB450 and HB241. I think all of these bills could be consolidated into one really strong bill. All are attacking the same issue but from different angles. Amendment: Nothing stops an 8 year old from putting in that they are 18+ when registering. There has to be actual age verification (eg provide picture of license with name and birthday when making a new account. Amendment: There's very weak enforcement here.	S
Education	HB464	Local boards of ed must submit all plans for new buildings to chief state school officer. No plan shall spend more than 10% of the cost on land acquisition and improvement. Reqs prior approval for district's purchase or disposal of real property.	K. Timoney
Support	Low (Can wait)	Lots in this bill. Dep of Ed to establish a professional development program for facilities management and construction. Each district to develop a facility plan with priorities. Allows a process for mitigation of radon exposure. Most not bad except that it increases the control that the state Board of Ed has over the decisions of local boards.	S
Business Regs	HB465	Allows a hirer to provide benefits (insurance) to an independent contractor.	P. Pratt
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Allows benefits to the individual without the liability on the hirer.	S
Business Regs	HB466	AN ACT relating to real property purchased at a master commissioner's sale.	D. Grossberg
Health	HB467	Reqs hospitals and birthing centers to provide or make referrals for perinatal palliative care. Reqs insurance to cover.	N. Tate
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement.	S
Business Regs	HB468	Allows cosmetologists and nail technicians to use callus graters for callus removal.	D. Frazier Gordon
Support	Low (Can wait)	No problem with this.	S
Education	HB469	Estab the Purple Star School Program for military connected students.	C. Fugate

Support	Low (Can wait)	Not a bad idea but not sure outside the Fort Knox and Fort Campbell area how many students would be affected.	S
Business Regs	HB470	Exempts sellers of goods or services related to insurance or service contracts from reqs related to home solicitation sales.	R. Duvall
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Not a big change but not a high priority.	S
Education	HB471	A school district shall not require the parent or guardian of a child of an active duty serviceman to appear in person for enrollment.	C. Freeland
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Reasonable exception.	S
Elections	HB472	Allows for the appointment of a receiver for a planned community when it fails to maintain infrastructure that it is legally obligated to maintain.	C. Freeland
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	I would recommend adding a sunset clause where the receiver steps down when the issue is settled.	S
Education	HB473	AN ACT relating to the Child Care Assistance Program.	A. Tackett Laferty
Business Regs	HB474	Reqs financial advisors /investors to disclose ESG commitments to, and obtain written consent from, customers.	S. Sharp
Support	High (Pass this session)	Excellent idea. This needs to pass immediately. L: I don't know that the idea is high priority in terms of huge impact, but the importance of the issue is. Companies need to focus on fiduciary responsibility and stop pushing social agendas, period .	S / L
Health	HB475	Removes prohibition that an entity that provides medical services to jails cannot also provide claims management or plan evaluation services.	M. Imes
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	I would think that we don't want the people handling the health services to also process claims. If there is a need for it they can currently file for an exemption. L: The committee meeting was a bit confusing. Wellcare was stated to have been the sole provider of dental, health, etc. services for all of the jails & prisons in the state for the past decade (MAYBE they meant provider for all of the STATE jails and prisons, as opposed to county / regional / local which may be managed separately from the Dep of Corrections). The impression was given (by Grayson representing Wellcare) that this would lead to (potentially) multiple providers competing for each county's jail health care services. Reading the bill, it seems that what this would actually do is allow Wellcare to not only provide medical services for every jail and prison, but to also bid for the claims management and/or waiver application processing. It would seem that rather than "breaking up monopolies", this actually is setting up Wellcare to handle every aspect of healthcare for jails and prisons (providing care, managing claims, and processing waiver applications). I'm not completely opposed to such an arrangement if it cuts costs and leads to similar or better quality, but it would seem to eliminate safeguards against fraud and/or profiteering if/when one company handles the entire process.	S / L
Courts & Crimes	HB476	Allows parent to voluntarily terminate their parental rights during pendency of a proceeding relating to dependency, neglect or abuse.	D. Elliott
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	If a parent is suffering from dependency, I would hate to see them permanently surrender their parental rights.	S
Health	HB477	Estab diagnosis criteria for sepsis for the purpose of coding for Medicare and Medicaid.	A. Neighbors
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Good, seems mostly a technical improvement. Same as SB247.	S
Business Regs	HB478	Allows a demolition waste disposal permittee to increase the size of the area to two acres if compliant and posts an additional bond.	J. Dixon
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	No problem with this but not a high priority.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB479	Allows fire protection district to assess a fee against a premises for cost of maintaining necessary protection measures. Estab the distilled spirits environmental fund to reimburse property owners for cleaning expenses related to whiskey fungus. Adds a \$0.25 environmental fee to each barrel stored annually.	C. Massaroni
Support	High (Pass this session)	Good requirement that owners of these premises pay for fire protection costs and cleaning of local properties affected by the product. L: Helps mitigate much of the community damage caused by last session's Barrel Tax revocation. I know this won't pass given the political climate around the Barrel Tax last session, but a provision like this needs to make it into law pretty soon.	S / L
Govt Regs	HB480	Reqs a coroner to perform an autopsy if a written request is made by the next of kin. Person making the request shall pay for the cost.	C. Massaroni
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good requirement but not a high priority.	S

Govt Regs	HB481	Creates an EMS license plate.	C. Massaroni
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Not a high priority.	S
Govt Regs	HB482	Adds chief of police of Owensboro police department and director of Northern KY Police and Sheriff's Training Center to the KY Law Enforcement Council.	S. Dietz
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	No problem with this but not a high priority.	S
Business Regs	HB483	AN ACT relating to misclassification of employees.	S. Stalker
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB484	Estab emergency medical services education grant program to be used for tuition support, agency support and training.	D. Frazier Gordon
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	No real issue with this, as long as it isn't THAT expensive (I haven't seen hard numbers). Hopefully we are talking about supplements to cover a portion of these costs, not the entirety. Various programs related to tuition or training assistance to get more people to be EMTs.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB485	Allows amounts received as repayment on a qualified low-income community investment reinvested in another be considered continuous. Raises New Markets Dev Program tax credits to \$20M per year.	W. Lawrence
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Need to strike out the increase from \$10 mil to \$20 mil.	S
Elections	HB486	Reqs that campaign expenditures be made directly to the provider of goods or personal services, not through an intermediary.	D. Grossberg
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	"Expenditure" means a payment, contribution, loan, or promise of payment of money or anything of ascertainable monetary value for goods, materials, services, etc... It just seems this will be unnecessarily burdensome and the definition of intermediate vs provider of goods is going to be WAY too fuzzy.	L
Elections	HB487	Defns and regs campaign consultants, including reporting requirements.	D. Grossberg
Only If Amended	Oppose (bad bill)	As it is written now, this bill changes KRS121.015 to require campaign consultants to register any campaign they are assisting. We need to put a TOTAL yearly CAP amount on the amount any politician can receive during their campaign; if not then caps on the total amount per person, household, and committee. NO DONATIONS by lobbyists. L: It's not clear why this is necessary, they are already listed on the expenditure side of the campaign expenditure ledger. Just handle it on that side of things, not with even more filing requirements. It isn't and shouldn't be a crime to help out on a campaign, even for pay.	D G / L
Business Regs	HB488	Make it easier to follow amendments, renewals, modifications or extensions to mortgages.	M. Meredith
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	This bill sets forth the reqs to be followed by the county clerk in recording and processing amendments, renewals, modifications or extensions to existing mortgages. It also requires the listing of the mortgagee and mortgagor on the paperwork being filed.	M
Business Regs	HB489	Prohibits sale of air ambulance membership agreements to individuals enrolled in the state's Medical Assistance Program. Reqs certain disclosures.	D. Frazier Gordon
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement since these people are already covered for air ambulance service.	S
Business Regs	HB490	Prohibits discrimination by pharmaceutical manufacturers against a health care facility pharmacy covered under U.S.C. sec. 256b.	W. Williams
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	No problem with this.	S
Business Regs	HB491	Changes req for when instructional programs for children are exempt from licensure admin regs. Strikes out "single" from "teaches a single skill, talent, ability, expertise, or proficiency."	W. Williams
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	L: Com Sub substantially expands the bill. This lessens regulation around some training facilities (not regarding them as child-care), which I imagine are doing athletic training or perhaps tutoring, so on that basis I'm fine with it (it seems martial arts academies are particularly excited about this). I guess there IS some ambiguity about what constitutes a single skill or ability.	S / L
Govt Regs	HB492	Req each employee of a local gov't who has access to federal tax information submit to a criminal background check.	M. Lockett
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	Good idea. If they are not currently required, I would recommend the same for state employees (and those with access to state tax info), such as financial aid officers in postsecondary schools or the revenue department.	S
Business Regs	HB493	Limit the provision of enumerated health and health related services to assisted living communities and nursing homes.	S. Bratcher
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Very small change. Not sure it's necessary.	S

Govt Regs	HB494	AN ACT relating to state symbols.	C. Stevenson
Business Regs	HB495	Modify reqs for entering into a deferred deposit transaction.	J. Dixon
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	No problem with this but not a high priority.	S
Govt Regs	HB496	Estab attendance req for citizen members of the Commission on Race and Access to Opportunity.	K. Timoney
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	I would suggest you disband the Commission. L: If you are going to be on a Commission or Board you should have to attend most of its meetings, but why not just get rid of all of these boards meant only to magnify and exacerbate racial resentment. Stop caring about negative media coverage as Republicans.	S
Education	HB497	Req anyone teaching elementary or secondary grades at a private or at-home private school (homeschool) to possess a high school diploma.	T. Truett
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	The Assembly does not need to get into the business of regulating home school programs. L: The clear implication is that most people who were homeschooled themselves should not be able to homeschool their own kids. Grotesque bill (without getting into the potential professional motivations of the sponsors).	S / L
Business Regs	HB498	Make various technical changes to enable insurers to maintain accreditation.	M. Pollock
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	I don't fully understand what the accreditation standards here that must be complied with. Seems innocuous.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB499	Provides procs for allocation of funds for state or district area career and technical courses for secondary students.	B. McCool
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Do not like the ability to seek a waiver to allow career and technical courses for students in grades 5-8. They are too young to be concerned with locking in a career path. Need to focus on the three Rs. Same as SB192.	S
Business Regs	HB500	Provides certain employees be exempt from minimum wage and overtime reqs. Strikes down laws that req overtime on 7th workday, lunch period provided. Strikes out penalties for employer violating reqs to give rest periods.	P. Pratt
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Exempts from minimum wage and overtime pay requirements agricultural workers, domestic servants and employees of retail stores, service industry, hotels, motels and restaurants if net receipts are less than \$95k. Removes req of paying people to drive to the location of their job. Removes req that the 7th day be overtime if you work every day in a week. Doesn't require that a lunch break be paid if it is taken at a time different than designated. L: I'm sympathetic to deregulation here, but most of these are bare minimum reqs that are very politically popular. Is the minor deregulation improvement here (these aren't drastic changes) worth the political hit of looking unreasonably anti-worker? Doubtful to me. The future for national Republicanism is as a pro-Worker (re: not pro-union) party. Time to start acting like it. The ONLY one of these I think might be worthy of consideration is restaurant employees who get compensated in tips... but even that might be so unpopular as to not be worth it.	S / L
Govt Regs	HB501	Reqs Senate confirmation for all appts or re-appts made by Governor.	M. Dossett
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Would be nice for certain appointments, but for all it would tie the Senate up in year round confirmation hearings. Wouldn't have time for legislative agenda. L: I agree, this needs to be targeted to the most influential of positions. I would suggest that high priority positions would be: the President of each university, chair/commissioner of CPE and KYBOE; perhaps even rank and file members of KYBOE and CPE (assuming those don't become elected: SB8); Chair of the KY State Fair Board; chair of the Racing Commission.	S / L
Govt Regs	HB502	Salaries for examiners and asst examiners to be based on the salaries of those employed by FDIC and SEC. Not subject to approval by the secretary of the Personnel Cabinet.	M. Lockett
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Average salary for examiner is mid 80k. Average for Federal examiners is between 106k and 124k.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB503	AN ACT relating to state benefits for veterans.	P. Stevenson
Business Regs	HB504	Makes firing an employee without cause unlawful; estab amount that may be recovered; specify when the employers' internal procedures are to be used.	P. Stevenson
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	"At will" has kept many whistleblowers from coming forward or complaining of corruption going on in their place of employment for fear of retaliation. This must stop. L: If this were a whistleblower law, I'd be inclined to agree with it and maybe even give it priority rating (honestly, I don't know existing KY whistleblower law). "Violation of public policy" seems exceptionally vague though. We don't want the gov't to be able to tell private employers who they can and can't hire and fire, especially 4 years of wages plus interest, plus punitive damages?!	D G
Health	HB505	Changes "certified" to "associate" alcohol and drug counselor. Lists reqs for a temp alcohol and drug peer support specialist license.	K. Moser

Only If Amended	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Remove the requirement to increase the size of the Kentucky Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors from 7 to 11.	S
Business Regs	HB506	Prohibits atmospheric polluting and geoengineering by private entities, the federal government or international bodies.	S. Rawlings
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	<p>Dol: This Bill is long overdue.</p> <p>1. States who have proposed legislation against weather modification misuse NH HB1700 (2024); SD B215 (2024); IL SB3095 (2023/24); IL SB0134(2023/24); Why now? Our food supply will be affected and probably already is affected. We must make it safe to eat. It IS already affecting our health the environment, because of this we must try to stop weather modification now.</p> <p>2.H.R.2977 107th Congress written to stop weapons (see Bill for long list misuse, Section 7 states weapons inflicting death or injury;destroying biological life,bodily and mental health, physical and economic well-being of a person (B)(III)(ii)chemtrails; (See actual Bill proposal for more information)</p> <p>L: There's no chance this bill passes this time, but I think it would be great to get a committee hearing for future consideration (probably an interim joint committee one). Even as a scientist, I'm not particularly well-versed on all of the topics in this bill, so there's no doubt that most legislators are not; information vetting and distribution is the first step for something like this.</p> <p>I'm also quite skeptical of the legal justification by which the state can regulate this area of the law, which is typically controlled by the Federal Gov't and the EPA, but West Virginia v. EPA (2022) makes that a topic of legitimate debate.</p> <p>Amendment: I feel certain that the definitions will need to be tightened up. For instance, I'm not sure that Coal power plant emissions or even car emissions wouldn't be considered atmospheric pollution. What about crop dusting? Cloud seeding isn't even particularly rare or controversial? Erring on the side of precision is best when trying to break new ground.</p>	D G
Business Regs	HB507	AN ACT relating to employment.	A. Camuel
Business Regs	HB508	AN ACT relating to prevailing wage.	A. Camuel
Govt Regs	HB509	Clarifies reqs for all executive branch public agency employees wrt what information is subject to Open Records Request.	J. Hodgson
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	<p>Note: The most objectionable parts of this bill were removed through Committee Sub, but there's still enough objectionable here (shielding too much from ORR) that I think it needs further Amendment.</p> <p>Reqs all employees in jobs requiring use of email to have an official email account. With few exceptions, employees must use this account for conducting "final" gov't biz. Those accounts ONLY shall be subject to Open Records requests. Establishes penalties for failure to comply.</p> <p>The one part of this that I do really like is Requiring an official email address be provided public employees and mandating that it be used for official biz is a good provision.</p> <p>Amendment: Let's get the law correct for what should be available for open records requests... Communications between private citizens and legislators, or even executive branch public employees, should be confidential (unless unsealed by a judge)... but * scheduled meetings, records of phone calls, and written communications BETWEEN MEMBERS of an executive board, or any non-incident communication between registered (paid) lobbyists and board members should NOT be shielded from ORR. I think at least the registered (paid) lobbyist part should apply to legislators as well, but given that they make the laws I'm not optimistic.</p>	L
Education	HB510	Incr per diem annual spending for board of ed members from \$6000 to \$8000.	M. Dossett
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Unnecessary increase in government expenses.	S
Govt Regs	HB511	Reqs that surveyor give landowner 7 days notice before entering landowner's property. Landowner has the right to review results of survey.	S. Riley
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good protection of property rights.	S
Business Regs	HB512	Excl agreements between KY Horse Park and entertainers contracted for events from the definition of "personal service contract."	M. Koch
Oppose	Oppose (friendly) *Passed House	Already an exclusion for contracts less than \$5000. Anything more SHOULD be subject to additional oversight.	S
Govt Regs	HB513	Creates a process for submission of plans for installation or removal of statues and artwork in the State Capitol Rotunda and reqs approval of the General Assembly.	D. Hale
Support	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	<p>Good requirement.</p> <p>An earlier bill, similar to this, was withdrawn (HB171), I think this version applies exclusively to the permanent displays in the Capitol building rotunda.</p> <p>Only given high priority due to the statue removal fad going around.</p>	S
Education	HB514	Shell Bill.	J. Tipton
Support	Low (Can wait)	Be on the lookout. I ventured into this before I saw the shell bill possibility.	M

Education	HB515	Shell Bill.	J. Tipton
		Be on the lookout.	S
Education	HB516	Shell Bill.	J. Tipton
		Be on the lookout.	S
Govt Regs	HB517	Estab official protocols and procedures for the Legislative Ethics Commission.	D. Meade
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Good clarification of existing language. Reqs Legislative Ethics Commission provide a draft of its proposed response to an advisory opinion request at least 10 days before it is scheduled to consider. Reqs Commission determine whether there is reason to believe someone committed or is about to commit an ethics violation. Five votes equals an inquiry. Less than five complaint dismissed.	S / L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB518	AN ACT relating to firearm safety.	K. Herron
Govt Regs	HB519	AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to qualifications of members of the General Assembly.	K. Herron
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB520	AN ACT relating to destruction of firearms.	K. Herron
Transportation	HB521	Exempts federally documented vessels from property taxation. Establishes the waterway usage tax.	K. Upchurch
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	I like that it doesn't tax boats that are domiciled in the Commonwealth. But it seems to be difficult for Fish and Wildlife officers to be able to distinguish whose boats are or aren't without owners having to carry extra documentation. Too easy also to switch tax onto everyone.	S
Govt Regs	HB522	Locates 5G cell tower 1,640+ feet away from the general public	J. Calloway
Support	High (Pass this session)	I think this is the same as SB161. This Bill (or K Bratcher's) must at least get a review this year. EXCEPT AMEND w/ the following: remove the term 5G and replace with cell towers. Why? We have no concrete evidence as to what countries these cell towers are coming from and Section 2(3) line 6 thru 19 states - The local planning commission shall deny any public request for the inspection of this information, whether submitted under KY's Open Records Act or otherwise, except when ordered to release the information by a court of competent jurisdiction. One has to wonder what is being hidden from the public about celltowers? What harm can they cause? Reference: Popular Mechanics April 2018 issue Psycho-Electronic Torture Fact Sheet which came from a WA state Fusion Center and INCLUDES the harm to our health by cell towers. United Nations (2019) 4 pg written statement to the Human Resource Council titled 5G is Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading on page 3 paragraph 3 is a LONG LIST of harm caused.	D G
	HB523	For unemployment claims, reduces the number of search activities from 5 to 2 and the number of applications or interviews from 3 to 1.	J. Blanton
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Makes it easier to draw unemployment. Not good policy.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB524	Estab the KY Rural Jobs Act of 2024. Allows no more than \$50 million of capital matching grants for investment in growth businesses in Eastern or Western KY. Allows up to \$100 million in investment authority.	J. Blanton
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Stipulations stated that if a bank wouldn't approve a loan and that employment positions would have been eliminated if not for the capital investment. Doesn't sound like companies on an upward trajectory. Government should not be trying to pick winners. This is Democratic socialism at its best.	S
	HB525	Estab reqs and standards for telehealth social work.	R. Bridges
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Hopefully this is used on a very limited basis. I can't see being beneficial for the patient long term.	S
Business Regs	HB526	AN ACT relating to landlords and tenants.	D. Grossberg
Business Regs	HB527	AN ACT relating to roofing contractors and making an appropriation therefor.	D. Grossberg
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB528	Extends the 5% rate for assistance with next generation 911 capabilities until July 1,2025, then 2.5%. Extends 7.5% rate for 911 service to July 1st, 2025, then 10%.	M. Hart

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	There are currently only 6 counties that have not upgraded. Perhaps you could let the 5 percent for upgrades lapse this year.	S
Education	HB529	Removes the authority of the Ed Professional Standards Board to req successful completion of assessments prior to certification. Allows local school boards to estab score reqs.	K. Banta
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	As many of our schools are failing and students are not at their grade level achievement we cannot dumb down the requirements for teacher certification. I know there is a shortage of teachers but lowering entry standards is not an option.	S
Health	HB530	Reqs commissioner of the Dep of Insurance to review each Medicaid managed care orgs' compliance with network access reqs as other managed care orgs.	D. Frazier Gordon
Support	Low (Can wait)	No problem with this clarification.	S
Transportation	HB531	Exempts hybrid vehicles from paying the electric vehicle reg fees.	S. Doan
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	The amendment to the existing bill would remove hybrid vehicles from paying the same registration fees as an electric vehicle or motorcycle. An electric vehicle and motorcycle is defined as a vehicle that has to be plugged into an electric source periodically. It differentiates a hybrid vehicle by defining that a hybrid vehicle or motorcycle does not have a plug in socket and can operate with either an electric motor or an engine.	M
Govt Regs	HB532	Removes the once per 4 year attestation engagement req from special service gov't entities with expenditures <\$25K per year.	W. Lawrence
Support	Low (Can wait)	No real issue here, minor change in the law for minimal resource expenditure entities. They still have to do an annual report.	M / L
	HB533	Incl payment of working capital expenditures as an allowable use for money received from the sale of bonds.	A. Neighbors
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	No problem with this.	S
Health	HB534	Prohibits Medicaid and insurers from requiring or using certain utilization reviews for prescription drugs that contain Naloxone.	R. Duvall
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	This drug needs to be easily accessible for people with a loved one fighting addiction.	S
Education	HB535	Allows completion of a half credit course in civic literacy in high school to also fulfill the civic ed test graduation req, including specific subject matter.	R. Duvall
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Good requirement. L: I generally agree that increased civic education is a good idea, but these curricula have been used as a vehicle to promote student left-wing political activism. Amendment: Some safeguards should be put in place against these courses being used for THAT left-wing activism... (1) Specify specific curriculum (eg Hillsdale College 1776 curriculum; see HB807 from FL 2019: House Bill 807 (2019) - The Florida Senate (2) No course credit, extra credit, or other incentive shall be given for any type of activism.	S / L
Health	HB536	AN ACT relating to contraceptives.	S. Stalker
	HB537	AN ACT relating to bereavement leave.	S. Stalker
	HB538	AN ACT relating to pregnancy resource centers.	S. Stalker
Business Regs	HB539	AN ACT relating to wages for employment.	R. Roarx
Business Regs	HB540	AN ACT relating to leave from employment.	R. Roarx
Business Regs	HB541	AN ACT relating to employment.	R. Roarx
	HB542	AN ACT relating to hazardous duty retirement for solid waste management services enforcement officers of a consolidated local government.	R. Roarx
Health	HB543	AN ACT relating to drug disposal.	R. Roarx

	HB544	AN ACT relating to child and maternal fatalities.	R. Roarx
Elections	HB545	AN ACT relating to vacancies in office.	R. Roarx
Elections	HB546	Lower age a person can be a representative from 24 to 18.	R. Roarx
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Since schools are not teaching children civics. 21 may be appropriate but even then it is iffy. L: 24 is fine, why would we want 18 year olds making decisions on topics that require wisdom and life experience?	D G / L
Education	HB547	Reqs all new Dep of Ed buildings have single user toilets.	A. Camuel
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Might as well put cat litter in the corner OPPOSE this bill. L: I'm not as opposed to this (though I'm not gung ho that it should be a requirement), to me it's not a significant imposition to put 1 single-use restroom in a main school building (likely with hundreds of people). The problem is putting such a facility in every building used for instruction, including say a single classroom double-wide used as supplementary space which may have no other bathroom facilities at all and also the possibility that KDE regulations require A LOT of these in buildings substantially adding to costs. 1 per main building I can live with.	D G / L
Courts & Crimes	HB548	AN ACT relating to sodomy.	A. Camuel
Education	HB549	AN ACT relating to social studies curriculum.	A. Camuel
Education	HB550	AN ACT relating to early childhood programs.	J. Raymond
Courts & Crimes	HB551	AN ACT relating to cold cases.	K. Herron
Health	HB552	AN ACT relating to hospital price transparency.	R. Roberts
Education	HB553	Estab a student loan repayment program for veterinarians who serve at least 5 years in an underserved rural KY area with at least 50% of their practice in livestock.	M. Koch
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	This is a DRASTICALLY better use of resources than the Veterinarian doctoral program at Murray State (HB400 / SB289; and yes, it is either/or because we live in a world with finite resources including very few KY graduates wanting to be vets). It addresses the ACTUAL problems the state has in veterinary care, not the number of slots in veterinary schools (less than 100 minimally qualified candidates applied last year): (a) a lack of young people from this state wanting to be vets, and (b) a lack of vets willing to come serve in KY in livestock medicine and in rural locations. If we have a huge boost in undergrad recruitment and lots of people want to be vets, that is best handled by sliding into South Carolina's vet school slots at UGA or Mss. St. that are being vacated in a couple of years.	L
Education	HB554	Allows the governing boards of state institutions to obtain property insurance outside the state fire and tornado insurance fund with stipulations.	M. Meredith
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	No problem with this so long as the insurance is a cost savings for the entity. Could make this a requirement.	S
Govt Regs	HB555	Clarifies the interpretation the construction of statutes by the GA. Intent is to comply with the state and federal Constitution and intend a just and reasonable result.	S. Rawlings
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	States that "words and phrases that have acquired a peculiar and appropriate meaning in the law, shall be construed according to that meaning " I would add the requirement "and that definition shall be included in the statute. " I'm concerned about the meaning of "rule that statutes in derogation of the common law are to be strictly construed shall not apply. No statutes should be derogatory to common law.	S
Health	HB556	AN ACT relating to coverage for injectable epinephrine devices.	C. Stevenson
Business Regs	HB557	Creates an interstate Compact for the Practice of Dietetics. Reqs a license to practice.	J. Tipton
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Is there any activity in the state that you don't want to license, regulate and tax.	S
Business Regs	HB558	Shell Bill.	P. Pratt
		Be on the lookout	S
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Education	HB560	Estab strong parental rights in dealing with the cabinet or its representative.	S. Doan
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	States that "If upon initial contact the cabinet has reasonable cause to believe that exigent circumstances exist that present an imminent danger to the child's life of or health and there is no time to seek a court order ...may take all measures necessary to protect the child prior to disseminating information regarding the parent's rights. " This gives too much leeway to the cabinet intervene.	S
Business Regs	HB561	Cabinet for Economic Development and the Council of Area Development Districts to develop a program to create opportunities for local government to help increase the supply of childcare and childhood education services in the community.	S. Heavrin
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	If a local community wants to implement this, they don't need state government to tell them how to do so. More socialist engineering from state government. L: It's true that local communities SHOULD implement this. I see this differently however, it is actually the zoning restrictions of local communities that are contributing to the lack of affordable childcare by preventing people from running a daycare out of their home, where costs & overhead can be dramatically cut. Stopping those local restrictions allows the market to respond to a need. Amendment: My issue isn't that this is the state stepping into local issues (local control is NOT a core principle of conservatism; it's case by case), it's that this bill overcomplicates a very good idea, puts it under a cabinet bureaucracy and takes forever implementing it. Do we need a Certified Child Care Community Designation Program administered by the Cabinet for Economic Development adviser by a Council of Area Development Districts? Why can't we just say, "A home-based child care business can be started in any residence by a certified provider & any business can provide child care services for employees on premise as long as it is run by a certified provider, or staffed by parents themselves on a co-op basis." Amendment: If we feel we must continue running everything through a gov't bureaucracy then at least bump the speed up tro start by August of this year. Declare an emergency.	S / L
Business Regs	HB562	AN ACT relating to dietitians.	R. Palumbo
Govt Regs	HB563	Creates the KY Water and Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems Program. Help finance water utilities in depressed areas.	J. Bray
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	The infrastructure already exists to serve this function in a limited capacity. Not sure the extra layers are necessary. Still, fine with this.	S
Education	HB564	Creates a \$150 tax credit per dependent for educational supplies.	W. Lawrence
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	No big problem with this.	S
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	A board member of a waste management district shall serve until their successor is appointed and qualified, not to exceed 60 days, after which the position becomes vacant.	E. Callaway
Elections	HB566	Const Amend to restore felony voting and civil rights within 5 years after parole.	K. Herron
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	With the exception of the Amendment below, I have no strong feeling about this one way or the other. On the one hand, after a person has completed their punishment for a crime (side-note: prisoners don't "pay their debt to society") it behooves a society to find a way to reintegrate them and restore reasonable rights. On the other, A person who commits a felony is grossly violating among the most important laws in a society. Why should they then get to determine what those laws are going forward? Amendment: This MUST exclude felons convicted of Murder or Manslaughter. If you kill someone, eliminating THEIR ability to vote forever, you shouldn't get your own vote back either. That would keep from violating a very basic level of fairness. Frankly, people convicted of those offenses shouldn't have them restored even by pardon.	L
Education	HB567	AN ACT relating to teachers.	B. Chester-Burton
Education	HB568	AN ACT relating to workers' compensation for educators.	B. Chester-Burton
Courts & Crimes	HB569	Estab an automatic expungement process for specific misdemeanors and felonies.	K. Bratcher
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Exempts from minimum wage and overtime pay requirements agricultural workers, domestic servants and employees of retail stores, service industry, hotels, motels and restaurants if net receipts are less than \$95k. Removes req of paying people to drive to the location of their job. Removes req that the 7th day be overtime if you work every day in a week. Doesn't require that a lunch break be paid if it is taken at a time different than designated. L: I'm sympathetic to deregulation here, but most of these are bare minimum reqs that are very politically popular. Is the minor deregulation improvement here (these aren't drastic changes) worth the political hit of looking unreasonably anti-worker? Doubtful to me. The future for national Republicanism is as a pro-Worker (re: not pro-union) party. Time to start acting like it. The ONLY one of these I think might be worthy of consideration is restaurant employees who get compensated in tips... but even that might be so unpopular as to not be worth it.	S

	HB570	AN ACT relating to emergency shelters.	B. Chester-Burton
Education	HB571	Reqs KY Dep of Ed to create a professional dev training schedule for certified personnel.	J. Nemes
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Surprised this wasn't already required.	S
Business Regs	HB572	Shell Bill.	P. Pratt
		Be on the lookout.	S
	HB573	AN ACT relating to Black History Season.	G. Brown Jr.
Health	HB574	Allow and add reqs for a physician licensed in another country to obtain a provisional license to practice in the Commonwealth.	K. Moser
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Must stay in the employ of a sponsor for 3 years.	S
Govt Regs	HB575	Prohibits nonresident alien or agent associated with certain countries (eg China, Iran) from the purchase, lease or acquisition of agricultural land in KY. Estab the KY Foreign Investment Review Board to review applications for appeal.	R. Heath
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Don't normally like the creation of new boards, but this one will be necessary if this is implemented and it's relatively small. Think this prohibition is necessary. L: This is similar to HB500 last session. This version is more measured and has a built-in appeals process. Overall, it's just a better bill and I can support it if some questions are addressed. The fact is, foreign investment in America is on net a massive positive, so why limit it? The lingering question for me is, what public good does limiting the investment of NON-Gov't AFFILIATED private citizens (not talking about gov't investment, or gov't controlled businesses) from ANY foreign country serve? I am interested in the justification here. If we are limiting purchases of areas around military bases, I would understand that. If investments become so high that it drives out American farmers so we can't produce our own food... I would understand that (though we aren't anywhere close to that point). In general, we need to be open to those who are willing to work and contribute to our economy LEGALLY if we want to be globally competitive. Amendment: I'd prefer that this board just be a commission of another existing board if that can be worked out (we have way too many boards).	S / L
Business Regs	HB576	AN ACT relating to wages.	J. Raymond
Govt Regs	HB577	Incr pay rate for PVA officers.	S. McPherson
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	55 percent increase in pay is way too much. Lower it down below 25 percent with a formula for COLA increases and then maybe there can be a discussion. L: Should be noted to ethics that the sponsor is an appraiser and thus works with PVA a lot, though by all accounts a good guy. Sheri Quinn/ DOLLY - OPPOSE - Dol says taxpayers are struggling to pay their food, gas, rent and being taxed to hilt. When does the greed stop?	S
Business Regs	HB578	Reqs lending institution in KY not release a consumer report or credit score to a third party unless there is a written agreement from the person to do so.	S. Bratcher
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Any organization that lends money in KY is covered by this bill. This bill also allows the offended person to pursue a civil lawsuit if this bill is violated. The Attorney General may institute an action against any consumer reporting agency alleged to have violated this bill.	M
Govt Regs	HB579	Reqs the condemnor to make video or audio recording of the negotiation if the owner of the property agrees.	M. Dossett
Support	Low (Can wait)	In addition to the video or audio recording it also requires good faith negotiations and that the negotiation recordings be available publicly as well as being available as a result of an open records request. It also requires a survey of the property be paid for by the condemnor. This is only a 3 page bill so is an easy read.	M
Elections	HB580	Various election provisions to make sure nobody legally allowed to vote is denied the vote.	J. Decker

		<p>Keep in mind, the committee sub substantially changed the bill. HFA4 further substantially changes the bill (including not increasing the compensation for elections). The bill WOULD HAVE: Allowed SOS to enter into agreements with outside entities for voter list maintenance. Raises state compensation to clerks from \$0.25 to \$1 per voter reg & \$0.50 to \$1.50 per election per voter. With the sub and amendment, it does neither. Most of these changes amount to uncontroversial technical changes (esp. now), so overall not opposed, but... Clerks DO need more compensation from the state (\$1, \$0.75(?) per reg; \$1.50, \$1 per election... should it scale up over the next 3 elections?) with which to run elections. VOTING ADMIN is a core constitutional function of the gov't. Inadequate funding is forcing a move to a voting center model that may not be the desire of every community, and opens communities up to technical/printer errors in a print-on-demand model... this is the most important part of the bill and should just be made a standalone if need be. * Note: HFA1 actually removes these increases (I'd rather take care of it now and at least double the money in a budget year with big presidential year turnout.)</p> <p>WHY DO WE HAVE TO HAVE OMNIBUS BILLS? Make this 3 or 4 different bills (eg one for appropriations changes; one for voter eligibility; one for new board of elections powers; electioneering; ...) and vote on more, smaller, more digestible bills.</p> <p>MUST HAVE AMENDMENTS: Amendment: Section (1) should require the KYBOE or SOS get us out of ERIC ASAP, find alternatives, let the GA (not the board) vote on that replacement in 2025, and put restrictions on who may have API-level access to any of this shared voting data beyond name, date of birth, and address (incl NO outside entities). The idea behind the ERIC system is great (states enter their voter registrations into a central DB so they can cross-reference people who may be registered in more than one), BUT it is not clear who gets access to that data, including left-wing non-profits.</p> <p>Amendment: Section (6) in original bill needs to make clear that electioneering IS permitted outside of (100; or ideally less, eg 75) ft from the entrance door at any property used as a polling place within 24 hours of the polls being open. Technically, private property can set their own electioneering (eg political signage) policy on their property outside of the 100 boundary currently, allowing for the suppression of political speech. It would also be nice to outlaw bull-horns and noisemakers; prevent handing out anything of value like food or drink except in an emergency, etc.</p> <p>Amendment: Section (11) should require retention of video surveillance for 75 days (60 days doesn't even cover until presidential inauguration day)... why can't we just put the video on a flash drive and preserve it a year or more?</p>		L
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House			
Business Regs	HB581	Allows competition amongst filling stations or electric charging stations.		K. Upchurch
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	This is a one page bill. This bill prevents a governmental entity from limiting competition for filling stations or electric charging stations. This bill shall not prohibit a local jurisdiction from subjecting retail filling stations to restrictions similar to those applicable to other businesses.		M
Govt Regs	HB582	Remove the req hybrid vehicle owners must pay an ownership fee the same as all electric vehicles		R. Palumbo
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Taxation over reach again.		S / D
Govt Regs	HB583	Reqs officials in an affected area of an environmental emergency be notified of that emergency. The time frame in the bill is 7 days.		W. Lawrence
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	This requires proper authorities to be notified within 7 days of an environmental emergency in their district be notified. Amendment: If it is an emergency then the officials should be notified much sooner than 7 days. 24 hours should be reasonable.		M
Education	HB584	AN ACT relating to education.		C. Stevenson
Transportation	HB585	Adds another custom license plate for qualified EMS workers or retirees.		K. Upchurch
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	This is straightforward and should not be considered political in any way. This adds a custom license plate for either current or retired EMS workers.		M
Govt Regs	HB586	Change "conservation officer" to "game warden." Move water enforcement duties from the State Police to Fish and Wildlife. Establish resident and non resident outfitter licenses.		D. Hale
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Support moving water enforcement from State Police duties. Need clarification on " 'Shooting range' or 'range' means a public facility owned or managed by the department (Fish and Wildlife) or a facility owned or managed by an affiliated partner..." Would this outlaw ranges not affiliated with the department? Later a permit required for a range. Need clarification here.		S
Education	HB587	AN ACT relating to public charter schools.		C. Stevenson
Education	HB588	AN ACT relating to the Teachers' Retirement System and declaring an emergency.		C. Stevenson
Health	HB589	Dental insurers must make payments to providers when contractually obligated due to coverage plan with insured. Providers must reimburse payment made by insured within 45 days of being paid by insurance.		M. Pollock
Support	Low (Can wait)	Seems to be a good requirement.		S

Transportation	HB590	Exempts vehicle property valuation increases after January 1, 2021 from tax for the January 1, 2024 to January 1, 2025 assessment dates.	M. Dossett
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Inflation has caused this phenomenon of used car values increasing and the taxpayers should not have to pay it.	S
Business Regs	HB591	AN ACT relating to investment firms.	A. Camuel
Transportation	HB592	Clarifies that the compensation of a dealer by a manufacturer, component manufacturer or distributor shall not be less than the dealer acquisition of parts and service.	T. Smith
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Clarifies existing language so that car dealers (now only for big trucks) aren't compensated less than they have to pay to replace components under warranty.	S
Transportation	HB593	Shell Bill.	J. Blanton
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Transportation	HB594	Shell Bill.	J. Blanton
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Elections	HB595	Adds Independent expenditure committee to receive unlimited contributions for the purpose of supporting or opposing a candidate or slate. Treasurer of a committee doesn't have to be a KY voter if the chair is. Limits on a committee doesn't apply to a PAC.	DJ Johnson
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Lots of bad stuff in this bill. A member of the GA may utilize funds from a campaign to pay for fees incurred from legal services while defending a matter rising from their campaign, election or performance of their official duties. Able to raise ticket price for campaign events from \$200 to \$2000. Removes the requirement that a committee not authorized by a candidate shall not include the candidate's name and is required to file reports. Terrible bill.	S / L
Govt Regs	HB596	Estab reqs for a city to annex county land. Must provide written notice and make interlocal agreement on shared occupational or insurance tax. Annexation can be defeated by a petition of 51 percent of the voters and landowners of the area.	J. Dixon
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Very detailed bill to protect the rights of the county and the landowners. L: It's a good bill and clearly a lot of work went into it. I'd prefer that the petition requirement in Section 1(2) be left at 50% rather than 51% (or 50%+1). It seems like a minor difference, but often annexing land can affect only a handful of people (say 10 property owners of large farms; 5/10 vs 6/10). If half of the people actively don't want to be annexed (and want to maintain the status quo) and are able to get all of them in a matter of tens of days to sign a petition against it, that should be sufficient, no? Why do you have to have an outright majority in opposition just to NOT to be swallowed up by a city?	S
Govt Regs	HB597	Prohibits the sale or distribution of cultivated meat in KY.	C. Massaroni
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Cultivated meat is that which is produced from cultured animal cells. Protect our farmers. L: This needs a committee hearing to expose everyone to the science here.	S / L
Courts & Crimes	HB598	Makes Rape, Sodomy, and Sexual Abuse of a person 12 or under a capital offense, and increases other penalties with serious physical injury.	C. Massaroni
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	This violates the principle of proportionality, the punishment should fit the severity of the crime... whereas the Gov't can be as harsh as "an eye for an eye", it cannot be "a head for an eye". Keep in mind, all of these crimes are at least 5-10 years in prison and most are 10-20, or 20-50 years in prison. Is sexual assault on a person under 12 are horrendous crime? Absolutely. Is it equivalent to killing someone? No. A decade or more of hard time in prison as a child sex offender is a proportionate horrendous penalty. Amendment: Limit this only to bumping Sexual Abuse of a person 12 or under to a Class C felony.	L
Courts & Crimes	HB599	Creates two degrees of felony offense for possession of a destructive device or booby trap device.	E. Callaway
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	One for possession and a more serious offense for utilization.	S
Elections	HB600	AN ACT relating to elections.	R. Palumbo
Taxes & Spending	HB601	AN ACT relating to an eligible caregiver tax credit.	A. Camuel
Taxes & Spending	HB602	Authorizes payment to entities that have provided services to the state, audited but funds not appropriated to pay.	S. Riley
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	No problem with this. State needs to honor its commitment.	S

Govt Regs	HB603	Changes the fee for Personal ID cards.	S. Stalker
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Since illegal immigration is a hot topic for voter ID and Democrat is proposing it, and the Bill does not clearly state what the purpose is for it, I would OPPOSE this Bill.	D G
Courts & Crimes	HB604	Shell Bill.	D. Elliott
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Education	HB605	Allows KY Dep of Ed to enter into an agreement with building and construction trades to develop professional training credit for counselors and teachers.	T. Truett
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Good bill. I might suggest you change from grades 7-12 to 9-12. Let kids be kids rather than worrying about jobs before high school.	S
Transportation	HB606	Shell Bill.	K. Upchurch
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	HB607	Reqs utilities to furnish reliable and affordable utility service.	J. Gooch Jr.
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Could be a shell bill.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB608	Shell Bill.	W. Thomas
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB609	Shell Bill.	W. Thomas
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB610	Shell Bill.	W. Thomas
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Education	HB611	Reqs truant officer to file a complaint with the county attorney against a parent who has allowed a child in kindergarten to grade 5 to be absent without excuse for 15 days or more.	J. Bauman
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Probably good in most instances. KY (and JCPS in particular) has INSANELY high truancy rates.	S
Education	HB612	Prohibits use of the three cueing system of reading education in public schools. Prohibits postsecondary education training programs from instructing on the three cueing system.	J. Tipton
Support	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	Promotes the use of phonic system of instruction. L: I think the science is pretty clear that Phonics works.	S
Govt Regs	HB613	Shell Bill.	R. Bridges
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	HB614	Shell Bill.	R. Bridges
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	HB615	Shell Bill.	R. Bridges
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Courts & Crimes	HB616	Shell Bill.	D. Elliott
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Health	HB617	Estab the KY Youth Mobile Crisis Response Program within Cabinet for Health and Human Services to provide crises intervention for addiction, mental health mediation or suicide prevention.	K. Moser
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Another board created. "Providing culturally and linguistically appropriate equity driven services. " What does equity have to do with this? "Create a credentialing process and criteria for qualified crisis responders who are not otherwise licensed or credentialed as mental health professionals. " ???	S
Health	HB618	Set reqs for testing for STDs rather than just HIV. Person convicted of procuring another to commit prostitution is guilty of a Class A misdemeanor if they knew they had a STD.	D. Bentley

<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Knocks what was a Class D felony for procurement with HIV to a Class A misdemeanor, and establishes that standard for any sexually transmitted disease. L: Overall, this is a really good bill. Knowingly spreading any sexually transmitted disease should be criminal. I'm not sure that the penalty should be the same for any disease though. Amendment: Keep HIV (and MAYBE Herpes and HPV) as Felony convictions. Other STDs are easily curable, and inexpensively. HIV is not only deadly in most cases still, the treatment protocols are hundreds of thousands of dollars over the rest of a lifetime and puts everyone in your life (incl. children you might have) at risk. That SHOULD be a Felony.	S / L
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB619</u>	Allow the aggregate of terms to exceed the longest term for someone convicted of a felony who is convicted of another while on parole or while awaiting trial for another felony offense.	<u>N. Wilson</u>
<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Cannot add on while awaiting trial for another offense. L: This is a bit confusing, but it allows for a sentence to exceed the maximum if it is a consecutive sentence for events that occur when a person is out on bail or bond.	S
Transportation	<u>HB620</u>	Prohibits use of cellphone, or other electronic communication device, etc while driving and at a stop sign, etc.	<u>M. Pollock</u>
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (bad bill)	Seriously? At a red light? OVERREACH!	D G
Govt Regs	<u>HB621</u>	Add the North American Championship Rodeo and the National Farm Machinery Show's Championship Tractor Pull to the list of shows owned and operated by the State Fair Board.	<u>R. Heath</u>
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	No problem with this.	S
Elections	<u>HB622</u>	Reqs Governor to sign a proclamation for an election to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator. Repeal statute requiring governor to fill vacancy.	<u>S. Rudy</u>
<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	High (Pass this session) *Passed House	I would suggest you add a time frame in which the Governor will have to call for an election. Otherwise, he can drag the process out indefinitely. L: This is a high priority for obvious..... reasons. Many people, including myself, worry that the "select from this poll of 3 candidates" approach won't hold up in court, Beshear obviously doesn't think it will. This is a better approach anyway. What IS the time frame within which a special election has to happen/be scheduled?	S / L
	<u>HB623</u>	Shell Bill.	<u>R. Heath</u>
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	<u>HB624</u>	Shell Bill.	<u>R. Heath</u>
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB625</u>	Changes rape, or sodomy in the first degree to a Class A felony	<u>K. Banta</u>
<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	Medium (Committee review+)	As KRS 510.040 is written, rape or sodomy in the first degree are not Class A felonies unless the victim was under 12 years of age or seriously injured in the act. Without those conditions it is considered a Class B felony. This amendment makes rape or sodomy in the first degree, regardless of age or injury, a Class A felony. I support it. L: I personally think the current Class B with a Class A escalator in especially heinous situations is about right, but I can see the other side. This needs discussion in committee and public input.	D / L
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB626</u>	Estab penalties for disruption or impeding the legislative process of the GA.	<u>J. Blanton</u>
<u>Only If Amended</u>	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	The language of this is too broad and general. The people have a right to assemble and petition their grievances. Sometimes it will be uncomfortable. I could see this being used arbitrarily to silence criticism. Keep in mind, this is in the context of J6, where some people were unquestionably violent and deserve jailtime (keeping the legislature from working should indeed be a crime of some sort), but the majority of even those convicted for years were non-violent and not even actually disruptive of any proceeding (peacefully walking through the capitol that was arbitrarily closed to silence dissent, and which even a year earlier was perfectly acceptable). L: Political speech is prototypical 1st Amendment speech, but there is no doubt, people can't be allowed to keep the legislature from working. I understand the motivation here, but it IS overly broad ("disorderly or disruptive conduct", ascribing "intent" and establishing "knowingly" is always iffy). "Enters into or remains inside, conspires to enter into or remain inside, or facilitates another person entering into or remaining inside a chamber or GALLERY of the General Assembly, or ANOTHER ROOM INSIDE A LEGISLATIVE BUILDING that is set aside or designated for the use of the members of the General Assembly." This should have a non-confrontational committee hearing to hear feedback and refine the language here. Amendment: I think the sponsor's intent is good. Just limit it to being in the gallery or on the chamber floor after being ordered to leave, or engaging in activity that it intended to disrupt the ability of the legislature to function as determined by a court of law. If it needs to be expanded, expand it at that time. Going slow here is the best approach on something so 1st Amendment sensitive.	S / L
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB627</u>	Waive sovereign immunity of the Dep of Fish and Wildlife and give liability when the operation of commission managed land results in damage to adjacent landowner's property.	<u>S. Miles</u>
<u>Support</u>	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement.	S
Govt Regs	<u>HB628</u>	Reqs Public Service Commission to issue final orders within 6 months of the filing of an application to be a utility. A contracted professional shall make all findings open for public inspection.	<u>W. Williams</u>
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait)	Good requirement but not a high priority.	S

Business Regs	<u>HB629</u>	AN ACT relating to utility service disconnection reports by retail electric suppliers.	L. Willner
Education	<u>HB630</u>	Allows Western KY University to offer up to 5 Research Doctorate programs	M. Meredith
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	<p>Doctorate Degree programs, usually terminal degrees, are offered in the 6 comprehensive universities in the Commonwealth only at the NKU Chase Law School, or in medicine via remote programs at UK. This bill allows up to 5 Research Doctorates, approved by the CPE, to be offered at Western Kentucky University. I think the intent is to broaden the expertise in areas of concern to the state as a whole. I see no reason this isn't a good thing, provided funding isn't watered down on the R1 research university doctorate programs.</p> <p>L: This is part of a slew of similar bills hoping to bring a Med School to EKU, and a Vet School to Murray State, as well as perhaps allow any comprehensive university to start petitioning the CPE to start adding doctoral programs. This particular one has the most justification of any of them. Western is clearly the 3rd biggest university in the state and the area is booming in population growth. Setting them on a course to become an R2 research university makes some sense.</p>	<i>D / L</i>
	<u>HB631</u>	Shell Bill.	D. Graham
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Be on the lookout.	<i>D G</i>
Govt Regs	<u>HB632</u>	AN ACT relating to state government.	D. Graham
Govt Regs	<u>HB633</u>	AN ACT relating to birth certificates.	R. Palumbo
Govt Regs	<u>HB634</u>	A family member of a deceased person may have the deceased person's name changed if the name is the result of a marriage to a person arrested or charged with committing an offense which resulted in the death.	R. Palumbo
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Hopefully this will not be needed, but if it is I suggest striking out arrested or charged and replacing with convicted. Sometimes people are falsely accused.	<i>S</i>
Govt Regs	<u>HB635</u>	Req actuary for the state retirement system to clearly note and describe new methodology of analysis. Reqs commissioners of the Dep of Insurance and Dep of Corrections to include detailed fiscal impact statements.	D. Meade
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Reasonable requirements.	<i>S</i>
	<u>HB636</u>	Replaces "executive director" with "commissioner."	M. Meredith
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Possible shell bill.	<i>S</i>
	<u>HB637</u>	Shell Bill.	M. Meredith
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	<i>L</i>
	<u>HB638</u>	Shell Bill.	M. Meredith
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	<i>L</i>
	<u>HB639</u>	Shell Bill.	M. Meredith
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	<i>L</i>
	<u>HB640</u>	Shell Bill.	D. Osborne
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	<i>L</i>
Govt Regs	<u>HB641</u>	Shell Bill.	D. Osborne
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	<i>L</i>
Health	<u>HB642</u>	Require health benefit plans to cover coronary calcium image testing.	S. Witten
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Another tool for a physician to use for preventative measures.	<i>S</i>
	<u>HB643</u>	Ensure that home and community based waiver programs include attendant care and unskilled in-home care services and that adult day health and home health care providers include skilled nursing visits.	D. Frazier Gordon
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Reasonable requirements.	<i>S</i>
Education	<u>HB644</u>	Shell Bill.	B. McCool
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	<i>L</i>

Health	HB645	Makes changes to near death scope of treatment form.	R. Raymer
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Clarifies different levels of treatment patients can request and who can make decisions.	S
Business Regs	HB646	Shell Bill.	M. Lockett
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	The technical changes don't actually improve the law. Be on the lookout.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB647	Adjust date from July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2026 for public-private partnerships for capital projects greater than \$25 million	R. Heath
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	No problem with this.	S
Govt Regs	HB648	Shell Bill.	D. Meade
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Courts & Crimes	HB649	Establish the crime of sexual extortion as a felony. Require superintendents to notify students in grade 6 and above and their parents of the crime. Requires secondary and postsecondary schools to display pertaining to sexual extortion crime and victim helpline numbers.	S. Baker
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement.	S
Education	HB650	Permit Bible literacy courses to students in grades 7 and above. Permit it to count as a language arts course.	D. Hale
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Currently offered for grades 9 and above and credited as a social studies credit. Good bill, not sure it is a high priority though given that it is permitted in high school already.	S
Business Regs	HB651	Create a commercial dog breeder license, establish fees and penalties.	DJ Johnson
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Yet another license.	S
Education	HB652	Prohibits public schools and postsecondary institutions in the state from complying with any Title IX mandate from the U.S. Department of Education that equates gender identity with biological sex.	J. Calloway
Support	High (Pass this session)	Great bill. L: Almost everyone agrees with Title 9, very few think it is fair to apply it to boys in dresses.	S / L
Health	HB653	The cabinet for Health and Family Services shall provide non-emergency transportation for Medicaid eligible patients, including trips to pharmacy.	C. Aull
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Government overreach. Not sure how badly this will be abused.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB654	AN ACT relating to courts.	D. Elliott
	HB655	Shell Bill.	J. Gooch Jr.
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	HB656	Removes outdated reporting requirements for the Energy and Environmental Cabinet relating to the Water Pollution Control Act.	J. Gooch Jr.
Support	Low (Can wait)	No problem with this. Could be a shell bill though.	S
	HB657	Require owner of land comprising a subdivision, in a county without a planning and zoning commission, to record a plat of the subdivision with the county clerk.	R. Bridges
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Will protect the purchaser of a plat.	S
Govt Regs	HB658	Shell bill	D. Lewis
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Shell bill.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB659	Technical change.	J. Bray
Support	Low (Can wait)	No issue with this. Trivial impact.	L
Courts & Crimes	HB660	Shell bill.	J. Bray
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Shell bill.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB661	Exempts from pension spiking prohibitions incr in rates of pay that are authorized or funded for a class of employee by an employer, or mandated by a collective bargaining agreement.	J. Blanton

<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Good requirement. If your employer gives everyone in your class of employee a pay raise, or if your union negotiates raises, that should be reasonably factored into your retirement benefits. Amendment: This should not apply to people who are in an employee class of less than 4. As is, this could be a way to give a CEO/Superintendent or a small group of leaders a pass on pension spiking provisions, by defining them into their own pay class.	S / L
Education	<u>HB662</u>	Shell Bill.	S. Miles
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	<u>HB663</u>	Shell Bill.	S. Miles
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Taxes & Spending	<u>HB664</u>	Allows money in the KY Aviation Economic Development Fund to be used for programs supporting aviation education and workforce development.	K. Fleming
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (friendly)	Not what it was established to do. More expenditure of tax payer money.	S
	<u>HB665</u>	AN ACT relating to the Office of Safer Communities, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.	K. Herron
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB666</u>	Shell Bill.	D. Elliott
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Taxes & Spending	<u>HB667</u>	Creates a KY work opportunity tax credit contingent on the federal work opportunity tax credit.	J. Branscum
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (friendly)	I would be able to accept if it was just for the veterans, but there are too many other classes eligible.	S
Business Regs	<u>HB668</u>	Shell Bill.	J. Branscum
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	<u>HB669</u>	Shell Bill.	J. Branscum
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	<u>HB670</u>	Shell Bill.	J. Branscum
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	<u>HB671</u>	Shell Bill.	J. Branscum
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	<u>HB672</u>	For child care services: defines "contract substitute staff member" and establish licensure exemptions. Removes exemptions for instructional programs for school aged students. Develops standards and training related to quality based graduated early childhood rating system.	DJ Johnson
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait)	Nothing too bad in this.	S
Business Regs	<u>HB673</u>	Prohibits a planned community from preventing a homeowner from displaying any American or state flag on a pole on private property.	J. Bauman
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait)	Can't believe we need a statute for this. L: Agreed, I wouldn't rate it a high priority but it's common sense.	S
Govt Regs	<u>HB674</u>	Invalidate Daylight Savings Time, and have permanent standard time, in KY.	S. Doan
<u>Oppose</u>	Low (Can wait)	L: I have no idea why this is a priority, or popular. Why DON'T people want the hours of the day aligned with when the sun is actually up? People want kids standing out at bus stops in the dark? I'm not 100% sure that this doesn't violate federal law, but assuming it doesn't, it is going to put us at odds with neighboring states which all do observe DST for half of the year.	S / L
Education	<u>HB675</u>	Provides that training activities for licensed providers of early intervention services for children are offered by various licensure boards.	K. Timoney
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait)	Speech, occupational and physical therapy. Good recommendation.	S
Health	<u>HB676</u>	Shell Bill.	K. Moser
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (friendly)	Technical chance isn't actually an improvement. Be on the lookout.	L
Health	<u>HB677</u>	Include medical laboratories in the definition of provider.	K. Moser
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait)	No problem with this. Same as SB219.	S
Health	<u>HB678</u>	Shell Bill.	K. Moser
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L

Health	HB679	Shell Bill.	K. Moser
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Health	HB680	Shell Bill.	K. Moser
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB681	Establishes a \$2000 tax credit for a teacher's educator expenses.	C. Massaroni
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Help support our teachers.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB682	Implements the IAN Alert system, enabling law enforcement to use all existing alert mechanisms to locate missing children with intellectual disabilities or mental illness.	C. Massaroni
Support	Low (Can wait)	Purportedly all of the infrastructure is already in place here and it would just be utilizing existing alert systems, there would be only nominal costs. No issue with this. Similar to SB45, though that is for adults. Should see about combining these 2 bills through committee sub.	L
Education	HB683	Prohibits the instruction of social and emotional learning in public schools.	C. Massaroni
Support	High (Pass this session)	Just another type of indoctrination in the CRT/ DEI initiative vein. Social Emotional Learning is another way of phrasing: the state will teach children what is an acceptable and unacceptable thought, and way to treat everyone else (hint: not anything unsanctioned by the academie and the political establishment). This is the responsibility of parents.	S / L
Health	HB684	Shell Bill.	S. Lewis
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Education	HB685	Shell Bill.	S. Lewis
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	HB686	Require members of the KY Authority for Educational Television be confirmed by the Senate. Require the board to be geographically, sexually, politically and racially proportional to the state. No members can have been a member of the executive branch in the previous year.	DJ Johnson
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	I like the idea of making the board more diverse politically. Long overdue. Don't like the idea of Senate confirmation. There is too long a period when the Senate is not in session.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB687	Requires cities to enter into agreements with the county to subsidize the cost of lodging a prisoner arrested in the city.	R. Dotson
Support	Low (Can wait)	Merely clarification of existing language.	S
Elections	HB688	Elim the 2 notarized Signatures from party members in a candidate's district req to run in partisan races in the state. Retroactive to Nov, 2023.	J. Calloway
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Great bill, long overdue. This has long been a senseless requirement that is used to kick people off the ballot for paperwork errors. ANY candidate can find 2 people, even family members, like this in their district within a day; this just trips up people who are under a mistaken assumption that someone else is a member of a party, or who their notary didn't catch space being filled in the wrong place. Each candidate already files a sworn attestation that they meet all requirements to run for office with a given party. The current law also discriminates, in practice, against people not located near Frankfort, who can rush another signatory to the capitol on filing day when an error is discovered, whereas some places in the state getting to Frankfort can take 4 hours. Amendment: Needs to declare an emergency to assure with no doubt that it applies to the upcoming primary election. There are recent court challenges around the time this was filed that could be affected potentially.	L
	HB689	Shell Bill.	D. Elliott
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	HB690	Shell Bill.	A. Bowling
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	HB691	Shell Bill.	A. Bowling
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	I don't think the technical amendment does anything. What other committees are there except of the GA? Be on the lookout.	L
Health	HB692	Shell Bill.	K. Moser
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L

Courts & Crimes	HB693	Shell Bill.	D. Elliott
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB694	Give all public school full-time certified employees except superintendents (eg teachers) \$2K, and classified (eg janitors) \$1K, bonuses each of the next 2 years.	C. Fugate
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	I don't THINK leadership in either chamber has a taste for specific raises above the percentage SEEK increases already in the budget. I'm not inherently opposed to this general idea, we just need to address the fact that not all teachers cost the state the same amount, given the different structures for pensions. Why not target raises for teachers in a way that restructures early career teacher pay without affecting mid to late career pay which are on the budget bleeding old pension system?	L
Education	HB695	Estab the Adaptive Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Project implemented by the KY Dep of Ed.	K. Jackson
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Gives parents below 400 percent of poverty line computer/ tablet and internet service. Most parents who would sign up for this are already going to be working with their children. It's ran by the KY Department of Education which is already doing poorly. I don't trust the companies designing the curriculum. Waste of taxpayer funds.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB696	AN ACT relating to waiting periods for sales of firearms.	D. Grossberg
Health	HB697	Shell Bill.	R. Duvall
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Business Regs	HB698	Establishes the right to repair agricultural equipment.	C. Massaroni
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Establishes agreed to reasonable cost for sharing of proprietary data for the repair of equipment. This could also be extended to heavy equipment repairs.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB699	Allows tax credit for rehabilitation of a certified historic structure to be carried forward for seven years after the rehab is complete.	K. Upchurch
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Would maybe be OK with this if it didn't apply to a person's residence. Taxpayers should not be on the hook for remodeling someone's home.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB700	Insurers must provide coverage for pregnant women & maternity care. Victim of sexual assault insurance coverage provided by the state. Child care services and college tuition paid for child born of sexual assault. A parent of a child born by sexual assault does not have custody rights if the perpetrator. An adopter of a child born of sexual assault shall have non-recurring adoption expenses paid by the state.	J. Nemes
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Love Them Both Act. Doesn't clarify if the victim of a sexual assault will have their insurance paid for life. Doesn't clarify whether the tuition will be paid for any child born of sexual assault or just for Kentucky residents. Would this be offered for any student in any state? L: Great bill, that needs some clean up (see amendments), but if it gets it this is one of the most important bills of the session. Includes a lot of the insurance provisions of HB10, and HB380 (same questions apply here; see commentary). Also, Provides that the state will pick up the insurance costs for woman who is impregnated via sexually assaulted (I think only during the pregnancy). Provides that a child produced via sexual assault receive free college tuition (same as foster and adopted kids now). Provide child care assistance program for child up to age 1 for a child in this situation. I support the concept here, but a question that follows throughout: What if the criminal complaint is NOT verified (eg accused is acquitted); does making an unfounded accusation get a person free insurance, a child free tuition? Why isn't the sexual assaulter required to reimburse the state? Amendment: In Section 15, should the forcible adoption provision be applied under a "clear and convincing evidence" standard, like the excellent section 23? In Section 16, shouldn't the reimbursement of nonrecurring adoption expenses be accessible to ANY adoption? In Section 18, I'd be fine for the child care assistance program being applied through at least age 2 at least. I think this also probably should apply to foster and adoptive kids too. I don't think I agree with the concept in Section 22 of the child receiving compensation as a crime victim. The mother is, but the child is a blessing and being brought into the world regardless of who your parents are doesn't make you a victim, or lesser.	S / L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB701	Shell Bill.	T. Smith
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	HB702	Shell Bill.	D. Osborne
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L

Transportation	HB703	Allows the Department of Highways to establish contracts with real estate brokers and appraisers to provide lawful right of way services.	S. McPherson
Support	Low (Can wait)	Would probably be helpful as long as it has proper oversight.	S
Education	HB704	Shell Bill.	DJ Johnson
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	HB705	Shell Bill.	R. Raymer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	HB706	Restricts residual waste in a residual waste facility to be only allowed to be processed in the county in which it is produced.	R. Raymer
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good requirement. Don't need to be shipping this waste to other areas.	S
Health	HB707	Shell Bill.	R. Roberts
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB708	Establish a refundable tax credit for the enrollment fee of taking a firearm safety course.	R. Roberts
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	I actually really like the idea of a Tax credit to enroll in a firearm safety course. Unfortunately, this is going to create a searchable state gov't record of you likely having a firearm. If there were a way around that, I'd be in.	L
Health	HB709	AN ACT relating to mental health coverage in connection with pregnancy.	R. Roberts
	HB710	Technical change.	K. Fleming
Support	Low (Can wait)	I don't THINK this changes anything in the law. Double check when the actuarial analysis comes back.	L
Courts & Crimes	HB711	Adds addl exemptions (to life of mother) to legalize abortions in cases where doctor believes conception by rape, incest; ectopic pregnancy, spontaneous abortion; fatal fetal abnormality...	K. Fleming
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	A more tactfully written version of SB99. See commentary there. No way should any of these bills get discussion this session.	L
	HB712	Estab KY Ohio River Regional Recreation Authority. Provide that area development district boards have the power and duty to cooperate with the KORRA.	K. Fleming
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Another board created to try to create economic development in a corridor of the state. No guarantee that the development will come or that those areas will have any increased economic activity.	S
Health	HB713	AN ACT relating to coverage for the treatment of postpartum mood disorders.	R. Roberts
	HB714	Estab def and clarifies reqs for members of the KY River Authority.	R. Dotson
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not very significant changes. Low priority.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB715	Removes post-deployment provision relating to eligibility for the military assistance trust fund. Expand KY National Guard Adoption Assistance Program to include former members and allow the adoption of stepchildren to qualify.	S. Dietz
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Good provisions for assisting our Guard members.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB716	Allows local jurisdictions to issue firearms ordinances.	N. Kulkarni
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Not a chance. Again, local control is NOT a core conservative principle. It's not ok to infringe #2A anywhere in the US.	L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB717	AN ACT relating to peace officers.	N. Kulkarni
Courts & Crimes	HB718	AN ACT relating to pretrial release.	N. Kulkarni
Education	HB719	Allows physically demanding interscholastic athletics to satisfy the P.E. requirement for graduation.	S. Bratcher
Support	High (Pass this session)	This could free up class time to focus on math or science perhaps. Debatable whether this is high priority, but it's definitely a silly requirement that we can remove from students' plate before graduation.	S

Education	HB720	Establish the Adult Workforce Diploma Pilot Program. Provide payments to providers when students complete specific milestones.	S. Bratcher
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	\$1000 paid to providers each time a student receives a GED. This could incentivise the provider to award diplomas even though student wouldn't otherwise qualify. Not sure how many businesses would participate. Too much expenditure without knowing how much impact it would ultimately have.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB721	AN ACT relating to child dependency, neglect, and abuse reports.	T. Bojanowski
Education	HB722	Establishes the English learner enhanced support program to bring English learners to proficiency within three years. Established and overseen by the KY Department of Education.	S. Riley
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Unfortunately, this is a growing need in many districts.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB723	Define eligibility for federal funds to areas impacted by high unemployment or coal-related job loss from mine and power plant closure with a matching state grant. Local universities shall assist local communities in identifying and applying for federal grants.	R. Heath
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Stipulates that state grants will not be made without matching federal funding approval.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB724	Allows local government bodies to levy any tax not in conflict with the Constitution of KY.	J. Dixon
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	No new taxes. We are taxed enough already. L: My opposition is more that this opens up a complicated web of taxes that will be extremely difficult for citizens, but esp. businesses, to navigate... many of which will be imposed by unelected bureaucratic boards.	S / L
Courts & Crimes	HB725	Establishes a framework for law enforcement wiretaps. Clarifies what eavesdropping is.	J. Bauman
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Very detailed bill. I think it is necessary to have uniform parameters for law enforcement / the courts to work under.	S
Govt Regs	HB726	Overhauls banking regs and sets a commissioner over the Dep of Financial Institutions.	M. Meredith
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Long bill with tons of technical changes and new regulations on the banking industry. Amendment: In section 1, no way should we allow the Governor to appoint a newly created commissioner of the Department regulating one of the wealthiest and most powerful industries in this state without requiring a Senate confirmation of such a commissioner.	L
	HB727	Allows school districts to issue general obligation bonds and obtain bank loans. Reqs Dep of Ed approval and competitive bidding.	M. Meredith
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Clarifies some existing language.	S
Govt Regs	HB728	Shell Bill.	S. Maddox
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	HB729	Shell Bill.	S. Maddox
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB730	AN ACT relating to a property tax installment payment program.	L. Willner
Taxes & Spending	HB731	AN ACT relating to the individual tax rate.	L. Willner
Courts & Crimes	HB732	AN ACT relating to college student criminal history inquiries.	L. Willner
Business Regs	HB733	Shell Bill.	K. King
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Health	HB734	Omnibus bill dealing with family and pregnancy care.	K. Timoney
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	This will need a lot of time in committee to hash all of this out. Huge expenditures in this need to be scaled back or eliminated. This should have been broken down into separate bills.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB735	AN ACT relating to background checks on the sale or transfer of firearms.	K. Herron

	HB736	AN ACT relating to alcoholic beverages.	K. Herron
	HB737	AN ACT relating to alcoholic beverages.	R. Roarx
	HB738	AN ACT relating to hazardous duty retirement for code enforcement personnel of a consolidated local government.	R. Roarx
Courts & Crimes	HB739	Allows that an employer may petition for an order of protection after an incident of workplace violence.	A. Bowling
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Detailed bill with good requirements.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB740	Creates the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline fund. Add a specialized license plate and appropriate funds.	A. Bowling
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Important to have this resource for those suffering severe depression.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB741	Defines terms relating to block chain, allows individuals to use digital assets and self-hosted wallets. Exempts gain or loss transactions less than \$200 from income tax. Allow digital asset mining businesses to operate within local ordinances relating to noise pollution.	A. Bowling
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not sure that the people participating in this want government oversight and regulation of the industry.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB742	Shell bill.	A. Bowling
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Shell bill.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB743	Shell Bill.	J. Petrie
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout. The Department being referenced here is the Department of Revenue. If there weren't the potential of using these as shell bills, these 4 bills probably would just be one.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB744	Shell Bill.	J. Petrie
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB745	Shell Bill.	J. Petrie
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB746	Shell Bill.	J. Petrie
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Courts & Crimes	HB747	Amends the definition of "abused and neglected child" to encompass "educational neglect." Requires parent to surrender public financial benefits relating to the child when child is removed due to educational neglect.	J. Petrie
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good way to try and restore some discipline in the school.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB748	Delete outdated language for the calculation of average daily school attendance.	J. Petrie
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Strikes out the nonresident student exemption.	S
	HB749	Shell Bill.	J. Petrie
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout. Unnecessary technical change.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB750	Shell Bill. NOW, allows expenditures up to \$100K and project expenditures up to \$500K without filing certain paperwork.	J. Petrie
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	No real objection, just opposition to the use of shell bills to avoid scrutiny.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB751	Clarifies the fiscal biennium, rather than calendar.	J. Petrie
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good clarification.	L
Taxes & Spending	HB752	Clarifies the financial biennial.	J. Petrie
Support	Low (Can wait)	Clarification	S

Taxes & Spending	<u>HB753</u>	Clarifies the fiscal biennium, rather than calendar.	J. Petrie
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good clarification.	L
Taxes & Spending	<u>HB754</u>	Requires the Transportation Cabinet to provide budgeting assistance to the GA.	J. Petrie
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good requirement.	S
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB755</u>	AN ACT relating to hate crimes.	D. Grossberg
Education	<u>HB756</u>	Provides 20 days of maternity leave for school employees in addition to all other leave.	D. Grossberg
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	SAME AS SB205 I BELIEVE. This is on top of the 30 days of accumulated sick leave they may take currently. Too much. L: Obviously, mothers should have time off for having a baby. However, teachers already have a generous sick leave program that has been massively exploited with people having 500+ days of accumulated leave to spike their retirement. Not only is this on top of the potentially 30 accumulated sick days that can be used, there are also provisions allowing other employees to donate (banked) sick days to other employees.	S / L
Health	<u>HB757</u>	AN ACT relating to reproduction.	D. Grossberg
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	<u>HB758</u>	AN ACT relating to assault weapons.	D. Grossberg
Business Regs	<u>HB759</u>	AN ACT relating to affordable housing and making an appropriation therefor.	D. Grossberg
Health	<u>HB760</u>	Shell Bill.	D. Grossberg
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	<u>HB761</u>	Shell Bill.	M. Koch
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	<u>HB762</u>	Reqs the KY Horse Racing Commission to determine the allocation and use of unclaimed pari-mutuel winning tickets. Allocates 10 percent to gambling addiction services, 25 percent to in-need track employees and 65 percent to track facility improvements.	M. Koch
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Could be a better allotment percent used. L: Generally a good idea, I just assumed the track marked all of these as straight profit. More should go to addition services, less to track improvements, than is proposed here but otherwise this is a good idea.	S / L
	<u>HB763</u>	Shell Bill.	M. Koch
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	<u>HB764</u>	Removes hydrocodone from the list of prohibited controlled substances. Adds optometrist and physician's assistant to list of practitioners. A prescriber or dispenser must have an active account with the electronic monitoring system.	R. Duvall
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Cannot remove hydrocodone from the prohibited list. It caused the opioid epidemic in this state. OK with adding optometrist to list of practitioners but adding physician assistant is not necessary.	S
Business Regs	<u>HB765</u>	Removes references to moral turpitude and good moral character in relation to state licensing.	B. McCool
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Strikes out "crimes involving moral turpitude shall mean those crimes which have dishonesty as a fundamental and necessary element, including but not limited to crimes involving theft, embezzlement, false swearing, perjury, fraud, or misrepresentation." Woe to our state and nation when we abandon principles of decency in our society.	S
Business Regs	<u>HB766</u>	Require licensing authorities for health care occupations to collect workforce participation data during the licensure renewal process.	K. Moser
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Lots of red tape but who would benefit from this data?	S
Education	<u>HB767</u>	Reqs school districts to implement social media safety mechanisms in internet access policies. Reqs social media safety policies to be given to all students grades 6-12.	K. Moser
Support	High (Pass this session)	Parents have the right to opt their children out of the safety policy instruction.	S
Health	<u>HB768</u>	Reqs health benefit plans to provide coverage for the treatment of plagiocephaly (flattened skull of an infant) and cranial banding.	K. Moser
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement.	S
Education	<u>HB769</u>	Allows alternative teacher certification through a local cooperative training program. Must possess a bachelor's degree or better or be working towards a degree.	M. Dossett

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	This may be helpful in addressing the teacher shortage. I would suggest that you say that a candidate without a degree will be within a year or two of obtaining one.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB770	Provides that employer information requests by the Labor Cabinet include a particularized explanation for the request.	M. Dossett
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement. Don't need to unduly burden employers.	S
Business Regs	HB771	Permit the establishment of spendthrift trusts. Is not governed by any use or rule of law. Imposes a valid restraint on the transfer of interest of the beneficiary.	M. Lockett
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Very detailed bill. No problem with it.	S
Business Regs	HB772	AN ACT relating to contracts.	P. Stevenson
Taxes & Spending	HB773	Incr the environmental remediation fee from \$1.75 per ton to \$2.00. Allocates half to the county where the waste facility is located and half to the KY Heritage Land Conservation fund.	R. Raymer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Another tax increase. L: I'm more ambivalent/neutral about this. It is a tax increase, but the increase is going to environmental clean-up and the tax is on waste disposal by the ton. At least the tax fits the area of where it is being spent. Seems a reasonable amount as well.	S / L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB774	Shell Bill.	S. Witten
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Business Regs	HB775	Establishes licensure requirements and operational standards for child care centers.	J. Calloway
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement for protection of administrators of child care facilities while defining responsibilities.	S
Courts & Crimes	HB776	Establish record keeping and process requirements for reports of alleged child dependency, abuse or neglect.	J. Calloway
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Simple changes to clarify how to process a statement from someone reporting dependency, neglect or abuse.	S
Govt Regs	HB777	Expand definition of contract. Establishes policies regarding timely payment.	S. McPherson
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Outlines financial penalties for failure to pay on time.	S
Business Regs	HB778	Reqs the amount held back for improvement of real estate of \$500,000 or more be deposited in a separate escrow account, and not waived by contract.	R. Bridges
Support	Low (Can wait)	Reasonable but not a high priority.	S
Govt Regs	HB779	Update terminology for precinct boundaries from a physical map to a digital file.	R. Bridges
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed House	Good step to modernize election infrastructure.	S
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Incr the amount of data a professional licensure board has to collect and report for certain health care providers. Way too much information for them to collect and report. No requirement for anyone to do anything with the data.	D. Frazier Gordon S
Taxes & Spending	HB781	Shell Bill.	C. Fugate
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Support	HB782	Estab the Public Safety Telecommunicator Work Group. Dispatchers required to complete new training developed by the Group.	S. Lewis
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Not sure if having three people submit a new training program is wise. Otherwise no problem with this.	S
Education	HB783	Sets timeline for appointment of a search committee for superintendent of the KY School for the Deaf and for the appointment of the superintendent.	D. Elliott
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement. Like that members of the state Board of Education are not eligible.	S
Education	HB784	Provides for a city of 5,000 or greater to petition for an independent school district. Petition filed with greater than 25% of voters would result in a ballot initiative at next general election. If passed, KY BOE will mediate / assist with transition.	J. Tipton

Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Very detailed bill. Seems to cover most of the complexities of how to transition.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB785	AN ACT relating to inheritance tax.	R. Palumbo
Govt Regs	HB786	Fixes an omission of "the Cabinet of" Health and Family Services.	S. Heavrin
Support	Low (Can wait)	No problem with this.	L
Govt Regs	HB787	Shell Bill.	S. Heavrin
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Health	HB788	Shell Bill.	S. Heavrin
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Health	HB789	Shell Bill.	S. Heavrin
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Courts & Crimes	HB790	Shell Bill. This one doesn't even make sense.	S. Heavrin
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout. Fathers are men.	L
Health	HB791	Moves Stroke Response and Treatment report to GA to September 1st each year. Moves timeline for birth certificate reg from 10 days to 5. Reqs that individuals who file a report be a social worker with at least a year of investigative experience.	S. Heavrin
Support	Low (Can wait)	I like the requirement of a year's investigative experience. The rest is minor adjustments.	S
Business Regs	HB792	AN ACT relating to beauty services.	B. Chester-Burton
Business Regs	HB793	Allows cosmetology exam be conducted in English, Vietnamese, and Spanish.	B. Chester-Burton
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Nope, require some basic English competency in EVERY public facing business.	L
Elections	HB794	AN ACT relating to elections.	B. Chester-Burton
Govt Regs	HB795	AN ACT relating to city meetings.	B. Chester-Burton
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB796	AN ACT relating to firearms and making an appropriation therefor.	B. Chester-Burton
Business Regs	HB797	AN ACT relating to wages.	B. Chester-Burton
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	HB798	Adds knives with a blade longer than 3 inches to list of prohibited weapons on school campuses.	N. Wilson
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	I have no issue with the concept here, a kid shouldn't bring a dangerous knife to school, but... Better way to alter the law here is to define deadly weapon for this chapter in 527.010 as the same as KRS 500.080 in the criminal statute (and refine that statute if necessary), rather than piecemeal additions of this sort. I don't really think a 3 inch blade is that long, and 1-5 years in prison as a class D felony is VERY stiff. If we are handing out felonies, you really should need to bring it out with at least the threat to use it.	L
Health	HB799	Allow a student admitted to an inpatient facility to receive home and hospital instruction services effective on the day of admittance.	N. Wilson
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good requirement, but it could be difficult for the administration to provide in a prompt manner.	S
Education	HB800	Reqs Dep of Ed to post public school employee salaries annually on the website.	S. Rawlings
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Other public employees and universities are required to do so, why not K-12 teachers and admins? Amendment: Salaries should be posted both per year AND annualized (given that most public school employees only work ~9 months). Amendment: Isn't there a central database for all public employees (transparency.ky.gov)? Why not put this info there?	L
Taxes & Spending	HB801	Estab reqs for recognition of a Canadian money judgment in this state. Provide for uniformity of interpretation.	P. Flannery
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	This should be a federal issue dealt with by federal courts.	S

Taxes & Spending	<u>HB802</u>	Estab reqs for recognition of foreign state monetary judgment in this state. Provide for uniformity of interpretation.	P. Flannery
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	This is a federal issue. Should be dealt with by federal courts.	S
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB803</u>	Estab protection from harm for the public and government when an enacted statute is the subject of a temporary order or judgment.	P. Flannery
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Only the plaintiffs to the case affected by a stay until an appellate court has upheld.	S
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB804</u>	Estab application for a transfer for a change of venue in specific actions.	P. Flannery
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Very little changed by this. Better to just leave it as it is.	S
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB805</u>	Allows the general public to attend hearings involving a minor child except when the judge or a member of the proceeding asks otherwise. Lists conditions to be met to close hearings.	P. Flannery
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Prohibits personal identifying information about the minor from being released. Allows audio or video recording of proceedings.	S
Business Regs	<u>HB806</u>	Prohibits discrimination against health care facilities by drug manufacturers if the same drug is offered at the same price in another state.	P. Flannery
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement.	S
Govt Regs	<u>HB807</u>	Reqs entities that own and operate a municipal electric utility establish an oversight board. Prohibits co-mingling of funds between utility and other government functions. Reqs anyone serving on the board to wait one year after serving on a municipal legislative body.	P. Flannery
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	As pertains to comingling of funds, need to specify that the utility may be used to collect other municipal fees such as garbage collection to simplify billing for the city.	S
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB808</u>	Incr fee paid to guardian ad litem or court appointed counsel from \$500 to \$600.	P. Flannery
Support	Low (Can wait)	\$500 is enough. No strong opposition to this, but we are writing bills to boost fees a hundred dollars?	S
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB809</u>	Estab Hardin Circuit Court as the court of original jurisdiction of specified contests and recounts.	P. Flannery
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	It would be good to move some of the influence away from the Franklin Circuit Court.	S
Courts & Crimes	<u>HB810</u>	Shell Bill.	P. Flannery
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Health	<u>HB811</u>	Shell Bill.	D. Bentley
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	<u>HB812</u>	Shell Bill.	D. Bentley
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Health	<u>HB813</u>	Allocates funds from the Juul case settlement to the smoking cessation program.	D. Bentley
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Same as SB335. What was changed here? Did they forget to bold and underline it? In any event, this seems like the obvious destination for these funds.	L
Education	<u>HB814</u>	AN ACT relating to public postsecondary educational institutions.	G. Brown Jr.
Taxes & Spending	<u>HB815</u>	AN ACT relating to the partial distribution of pari-mutuel racing tax receipts to local governments and making an appropriation therefor.	A. Gentry
Govt Regs	<u>HB816</u>	AN ACT relating to responsible gambling.	A. Gentry
Education	<u>HB817</u>	AN ACT relating to elementary literacy and making an appropriation therefor.	P. Stevenson
Business Regs	<u>HB818</u>	Shell Bill.	C. Stevenson
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout. Technical changes are trivial.	L

Govt Regs	HB819	Reqs legislators be allowed to pre-file bills and that they be posted on the LRC website for the upcoming session.	C. Stevenson
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	The new system (of working drafts that aren't even posted on the website), purportedly intended to decrease the amount of bills filed, has been a failure in that mission. I count 1127 bills filed 2 days before the Senate filing deadline. The only result has been a reduction in public transparency. Bills are filed later in the session with less opportunity for the public to engage them and offer feedback as well as other legislators. Putting it in KRS statutes, rather than the house rules allows for fairness with the majority caucus suspending the rules whenever they want for any reason. Amendment: Add that all committee subs and amendments must be posted on the relevant bills webpage (perhaps ALSO in the committee meeting notes). Amendment: Req all committee subs and amendments be posted online at least 24 hours before and vote is held on them (perhaps with the exception of the final 3 weeks of the session).	L
Taxes & Spending	HB820	Reqs the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop and maintain a statewide database and searchable public website that contains information on state and local fines and fees assessed in criminal cases and civil enforcement action.	J. Decker
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Good intention with this but will create a huge financial burden to the court to record and report all this data. Might be better to just state that it is illegal to impose unreasonable fees or fines and instruct the Auditor to randomly investigate.	S
Govt Regs	HB821	Estab procedures for KY delegation to an Article V convention	J. Decker
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	An Article V convention would be a disaster for the country, destabilizing the constitutional foundation of our entire legal system and putting all our rights at risk. We should not do anything to promote such a project. L: I'm more neutral about the idea, however why do we need to put these things in place (most of which are very reasonable) until we are voting to actually approve of one of these conventions?	R
Govt Regs	HB822	AN ACT relating to planning and zoning.	R. Roarx
Govt Regs	HB823	AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Prescription Drug Affordability Board and making an appropriation therefor.	S. Stalker
Courts & Crimes	HB824	AN ACT relating to employer requirements for victims of domestic abuse.	S. Stalker
Education	HB825	Reqs the Auditor to conduct a full fiscal controls and operational performance audit of the KY Dep of Ed and provide a report to the Interim Joint Committee on Ed.	J. Tipton
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Good requirement. Would like to see you strike out the diversity, equity, and inclusion department from the Department of Education outright, I don't care how much it costs, it should be gone, but I guess that would have to be done in a different bill.	S
Education	HB826	Reqs schools to protect Jewish student who face credible threats and to defund and remove any student organization that "materially supports" a US designated foreign terrorist organization.	S. Sharp
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Very similar to SB 315, though it fails to define antisemitism, and has less extensive inclusions for schools, affiliated orgs, etc. There is the core of a really good bill here. The one thing this bill has that SB315 doesn't have is Section (2)(2)(b) which prohibits any state funding for schools / universities that don't protect their Jewish students from credible threats or which allow student orgs to "materially support" designated foreign terrorist organizations. Amendment: The core problem with this bill is, why is it singling out Jewish students? Why doesn't ANY student deserve protection from credible threats, and why doesn't any designated terrorist organization deserve opposition? Why are we codifying special religious or ethnic group protections into law? Amendment: I worry that "materially support" will be used to curtail 1st Amendment protected speech.	L
Elections	HB827	Shell Bill.	D. Meade
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Education	HB828	Certify teachers for 5 years who complete a prep program and pass the req'd assessment. Removes internship req. Creates a teacher induction and mentor program.	K. Timoney
Support	High (Pass this session)	Not real fond of the reporting requirements, but really like the mentoring program. Could really help new teachers.	S
Business Regs	HB829	Updates basic regs for the use of medicinal cannabis, not prescribing if contraindicated, etc.	J. Nemes
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	All of these regulations seem reasonable.	L
Govt Regs	HB830	Shell Bill.	D. Meade
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	HB831	Bans public schools from using funds to advocate for or against any ballot initiative, directly or indirectly.	S. Baker

Support	High (Pass this session)	There's a fine line between suppressing protected political speech and unconstitutionally compelling speech by using money to finance political speech that the "donors" don't agree with. SCOTUS has drawn that line since Janus, and I think this is on the right side of it. I have no interest in infringing 1st Amendment rights, but entities that receive public money (the largest of which are the schools) should not be, in effect, using taxpayer money to advocate against taxpayer interests. Nothing here prevents a public school employee engaging in political speech on their own time and dime. This strikes me as the most likely of the public lobbying bans (all of which are good) to pass this cycle. I do worry that the school district portion will get struck down because it isn't more broadly applied.	L
Courts & Crimes	HB832	Shell Bill.	D. Meade
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	HB833	Allow sheriffs to appoint up to two individuals at certain vehicle dealerships to complete inspections. Creates an electronic vehicle inspection form. Increases fees.	D. Meade
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed House	Fee increases are rather steep. \$5.00 to \$30 and \$10 to \$50.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB834	For state employees, allow that the mileage reimbursement rate shall be equivalent to the IRS standard for business.	K. Banta
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Reasonable.	S
Taxes & Spending	HB835	Incl pipes, pipelines, mains and conduit in the def of "real property."	K. Banta
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Not sure why this would be necessary.	S
Elections	HB836	AN ACT relating to elections.	J. Raymond
Education	HB837	Allow property owned or leased by a school district to be used to house employees.	K. Banta
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Terrible idea. If a district has excess property, they should sell it and not lease property they have no use for. What is next, provide restaurants and stores for the teachers to shop at?	S
Health	HB838	Specify that referral of complaints from the KY Abortion-Inducing Drug Certification Program complaint portal be made to the Office of the AG or any other state department.	N. Tate
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement.	S
Taxes & Spending	SB1	Sets up an endowed fund to support 5 multi-university research consortium funds in the state.	R. Stivers
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Reqs that the research consortium / group be multi-university and managed by the Council on Postsecondary Education. I very much like the idea and share the sponsor's vision for this driving innovation and growth in the state. I think the KentuckyCYBER program (hopefully using our influential legislators in Washington to loop in Fort Knox and Fort Campbell federally for cyber-defense research money, or an NSA satellite campus) to tie together UL and Murray makes a lot of sense for this application... also an agricultural research consortium with Kentucky and Kentucky State (eg their PawPaw research program, and UK's ag research farm and co-op extension offices) involved (probably Murray and Morehead too) also makes a lot of sense. I don't love the CPE running it given their liberal proclivities, though I get the organizational fit and that isn't a deal-breaker. (I'd feel a lot better if CPE and KYBOE both became partisan elected boards (eg SB8).) Amendment: (1) Should mandate that at least one of University of Louisville or the University of Kentucky be part of each consortium as elevating each of those universities to world-class status would pay enormous dividends down the road and they have the administrative resources to play lead on coordinating grant writing and distribution of labor. (2) A set portion of the endowed fund should be available for grant writing, but the bulk of the endowed fund should be structured so as to be available solely as matching grants (to incentivize seeking outside funds and to encourage outside investment by committing already allocated matching state funds). The state would match Federal or private money dollar for dollar (or perhaps 1 to 2 dollars) up to some point.	L
Education	SB2	Allows the employment of retired law enforcement or honorably discharged veterans to serves as school "guardians". Adds reqs, including plans, for trauma-informed teams at each school.	M. Wise

<p>Only If Amended</p>	<p>High (Pass this session) *Passed Senate</p>	<p>Parts of this bill are very good. Guardians include: honorably discharged veterans, retired Kentucky state troopers, retired special and sworn law enforcement officers, and former federal law enforcement officers. I believe Texas, among some other states, implemented something like this. As long as the retired law enforcement or honorably discharged persons are properly trained, have no history if inappropriate violence, and are otherwise fully screened for mental issues (most of which is specified here)... great. Below is slightly overstating the case, but closer to the reality of the situation: A better approach on the "trauma-informed" approaches and teams is found in SB93 which strikes through all of this nonsense and ends this mechanism by which left-wing activism infiltrates the schools via mental health providers. Should schools have a person capable of counseling abused and neglected children or those who have experienced traumatic situations like death of someone they know? Yes. Is that what trauma-informed approaches mean in practice? No, it is too often "counseling" kids about how evil it is that their parents aren't validating the child's typically insane & stupid life choices. Amendment: Replace every section here on trauma-informed approaches that overlaps with SB93 with SB93's striking-through approach.</p>	<p>L</p>
<p>Agriculture</p>	<p><u>SB3</u></p>	<p>Puts Dep. of Fish and Wildlife under the Dep. of Ag. Allows Ag Commish to appoint board members.</p>	<p>J. Howell</p>
<p>Oppose</p>	<p>Oppose (bad bill)</p>		
<p>Education</p>	<p><u>SB4</u></p>	<p>Limits the number of future sick days accrued by teachers to no more than 10 annually (300 total). Reqs the Teacher Retirement System to report on the balance of days annually.</p>	<p>J. Higdon</p>
<p>Support w/ amendment suggestions</p>	<p>Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate</p>	<p>Teachers can only accumulate 10 days per year, and 300 days total before retirement, in sick leave. Good minimum requirement but not a high priority because it isn't remotely aggressive enough. At it is, this doesn't accomplish a lot, but will probably pass because it doesn't hurt anyone's feelings (I'd chalk that up as "weak" legislating). The fiscal impact statement is VERY underwhelming. Our pension systems are going bankrupt and are only being saved by dumping a billion dollars per year into them to hopefully get them solvent in the distant future (still, they are only 22-24% solvent). Drastic change needs to happen, and mostly it needs to happen to the benefits for grandfathered in employees on the old system who began working prior to 2014. The problem this should be addressing is that there has been no cap on the number of sick days that teachers can accrue (rollover), and then in their last year of employment they can "spike" their pension by getting 30% pay for their accrued sick days added on to their salary (in some cases this is over 500 days). Thus, their pension payments increase going forward until they (and their spouse; or in some cases any beneficiary they want, including a grandchild!!) die, because this is based upon their final 5 years salary. Amendment: As constructed I think this uses "kid gloves" (ie too lenient) and sets up a perverse incentive structure (encouraging teachers to USE several more sick days). A better structure would be (a) a cap on sick days, or personal days that can be converted to sick days, in all districts at 12 per year; (b) You can only roll over 1/3 (rounding down) of your sick days (hence, a max of 4 per year; you could round down to the nearest 1/2 day for rollovers if you wanted to further discourage using sick days); (c) 120 days maximum, retroactive; all existing accrued days are scaled down to 1/3; the sick day bonus portion of pension pay should be scaled down to 1/3 for retirees too. I'd like to see the fiscal impact there. Private businesses VERY OFTEN don't allow sick days to accrue or use a similar scaling down approach.</p>	<p>L</p>
<p>Govt Regs</p>	<p><u>SB5</u></p>	<p>Removes req to have more than 5 acres to hunt or fish on your own land w/o license.</p>	<p>G. Williams</p>
<p>Support</p>	<p>High (Pass this session) *Signed by Gov</p>	<p>Fixes law change from SB241 last session. This should also declare an emergency. HB106 is a slightly better implementation of this idea, separating hunting and fishing and allowing land owner to allow any fishing on his private property without license.</p>	<p>L</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p><u>SB6</u></p>	<p>Bans any req that a collection of discriminatory CRT/DEI concepts be affirmed for employment, admission, or promotion in KY public higher ed.</p>	<p>M. Wilson</p>
<p>Support w/ amendment suggestions</p>	<p>High (Pass this session) *Passed Both</p>	<p>Overall, a strong bill (though see HB9 for a more comprehensive approach; dealing also with the CPE and Boards of Regents/Trustees). The list of CRT "divisive" concepts is very good. No major issue with the 1st half of the bill or the prohibitions on reqs to ascent to divisive concepts. This really needs to be merged with the Decker DEI bill (HB9) in the house, which is stronger in the back half on topics beyond hiring, firing, and statement, and more generally on enforcement (it bans DEI administrators, doesn't try to reinterpret what they do, section 1(4)). In an ideal word it would also be merged with HB224 to make sure constitutional liberties are clearly protected even as we bring sanity back to campus. Amendments: "diversity initiatives" is used in subsection (4) without defining it, but even more, doesn't ban the employment of people whose primary role is promotion of them. Personnel IS policy, JUST BAN THEM (as HB9 does). At the very least remove funding from the university in the exact amount of their salaries. I agree that promoting intellectual diversity is a prized means to an end of a university, but "diversity initiative" employees are not actually there to do that, regardless of how they spin it. DoI: BAN CRT and DEI, Teach our students real world needs, finances, etc. Schools are teaching kids division by race, the general public is not. It is way past time to stop funding schools if they keep teaching/pushing that agenda.</p>	<p>L</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p><u>SB7</u></p>	<p>Allows students in non-certified schools to receive KEES money.</p>	<p>M. Wilson</p>

Support	High (Pass this session) *Passed Senate	Expands the Kentucky educational excellence scholarship program to students who didn't graduate from a public school in Kentucky (eg homeschoolers and other non-certified private schools), and sets parameters for that. The idea is that since "GPA" isn't really a reliable way to evaluate these students, use performance on standardized tests (eg ACT) as an indicator of how good of a student they were/are/will be. Same as HB46. Also same as SB24 from last session, which passed the Senate. It's time to finally pass this.	R
Education	SB8	Reqs KY BOE positions to be filled by a partisan vote of the public rather than by appointment by the Governor.	M. Wilson
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Solid answer to the problem of the Governor filling this powerful board with ideologues. I'm not so certain that these low paying administrative board positions would be met with a ton of people that would want to run, however. Amendments: (1) Not 100% on excluding recent local school board members from running, but not strongly opposed. (2) Should at least bump compensation up on this most important board, responsible for regulations on over half of the state budget, up to the same as the legislature (\$203; with or without per diem) given the added hassle of having to campaign over a HUGE district. (3) Need to find a way to divide these districts up so they aren't so huge (maybe 13 seats=>3 Contiguous State Senate districts each). (4) If we are doing this, why don't we add the CPE board in this process as well? These are arguably the 2 most important boards in the state, and the CPE suffers from the same issues we are trying to fix on the KYBOE.	L
Elections	SB10	Moves the election of our state officers (Governor, AG, Secretary of State, Auditor and Commissioner of Agriculture) to even years following 2027 election.	C. McDaniel
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly) *Passed Senate	This would not only save the state and local government money, but would also provide relief from the constant cycle of elections. Three every four years is too much. L: I'm of the opposite opinion here, I think we should move to 4 out of 4 years. "Election fatigue" is BS - You show up 1 or 2 days per year for 15 minutes, maybe someone knocks on your door once, and you get a few mailers... that fatigues you? After 150 years, people are suddenly fatiguing? Changing this bc Repubs only control every substantial electoral office in the state except one is silly, win the race. We have county clerks for a reason and the main one is running elections. If it costs a bit of extra money, the government is supposed to spend some money on its fundamental constitutional functions (like voting)... and we just added 3 more days of in person early voting with minimal complaint about cost. If some elderly retirees make an extra \$300 for a few days doing their civic duty, so be it. Amendments: Various non-partisan races, eg Judicial, local non-partisan and school board... should be moved to 2025, and partisan state races (incl KYBOE?) should be moved to the Gov race year. This fixes the worry of people missing the non-partisan races when voting straight-ticket and establishes an every year voting habit with a lot of races on every ballot.	S / L
Courts & Crimes	SB11	If a county attorney files a public offense petition against a child alleging certain crimes, the court will notify the school superintendent and principal, who will notify the child's teachers.	J. Schickel
Only If Amended	Oppose (bad bill) *Passed Senate	This could stigmatize a child with their whole school before they have even been given due process. If they are a threat to the school, then the courts should handle that via denying bond, and restraining order. Amendment: This should only happen when the child is adjudicated guilty.	S
Taxes & Spending	SB12	Provide a refundable tax credit of \$1000 for every dep child under 6, for people earning under \$50K or couple under \$100K.	C. Armstrong
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	I generally support this idea. Amendment: However, the threshold for Individuals should be 1/2 the couples threshold (eg \$60K), and I assume the numbers are reversed in 4(c)... should be: reduced by one dollar (\$1) for every ten dollars (\$10) above the income thresholds.	L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB13	Red Flag Law, violating at least the spirit of at least 3 Bill of Rights Amendments (#2, #4, #5).	W. Westerfield
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Please stop bringing this awful legislation back. If a person makes a threat, that is a violation of the law and prosecute them. If they meet the medical definition of being a danger to themselves or others, involuntarily institutionalize them. Otherwise, due process and the right to bear arms are constitutional rights, not to be circumvented. STOP TRYING.	L
Business Regs	SB14	Adds two members to the KY Board of Cosmetology. Reqs Board to give tests in the applicant's first or second fluent language and to provide and compensate for an interpreter.	R. Thomas
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	Why do boards always get bigger, never smaller? No real problem with there being a nail tech. Amendment: I think that we should require citizens and immigrants to learn English (as indicated by the written test being in English), and not have to require others to make exceptions if they don't. [I believe this has been adopted in the SCS.] Amendment: Just remove the ability of the board to bring criminal action, leave the board composition alone (or specify that one of the existing 5 is a nail tech or esthetician).	S
Business Regs	SB15	Def numerous consumer rights, and reqs for large companies that collect and sell consumer data (incl legal penalties).	W. Westerfield
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Lots of similarity to HB15, need to make sure the best parts of these to bills make it into law. This bill is expansive, and needs much more study. The topic is highly important, addresses a major need, and clearly gets the law close to where it needs to be, however. SB15 from last session as well. Let this be WW's big win this session.	L

Business Regs	SB16	Prohibits the flying of a drone over concentrated animal feeding operations or bulk food processing operations and recording audio or video without the owner's permission	J. Schickel
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill) *Passed Senate	If these facilities are doing no wrong, they shouldn't need this protection. Exempts all but large operations. Not good at all.	S
Govt Regs	SB17	Rather than some death cert being init marked by a med pro as "unknown cause" within 5 days, then a supplemental report filed when tests confirm cause, have med pro wait for results to come back to file any report.	M. Deneen
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	It's probably a good bill, but I'm not sure this is the slam dunk bill that the Senate regarded it as. The current system reqs more paperwork (ie file an initial death certificate on a tight timeline, then file a supplemental report when all of the tests come back and something needs to be changed) than this would req for complex cases, but the current process give a definitive timeline for when the funeral director has to get an (initial) cause of death back from the medical professional and also when the (initial) paperwork would be filed with the state (between 10-15 days after death). This bill would have the medical professional holding on to the paperwork until any inquiry into cause of death is completed (which can sometimes take months in tough cases) before any sort of death certificate gets filed with the state. NOW, If the state registrar doesn't care about having any initial paperwork within a couple of weeks after death and there isn't any life insurance, probate court, estate planning, or social security admin death notification benefit to having that initial death notice within a couple of weeks THEN so be it, less paperwork is great if all else is equal. I do hope the House verifies that there aren't any of those downsides to this new process, as that wasn't adequately questioned in the senate hearing.	L
Govt Regs	SB18	Reqs school bus supplies and equipment be consistent with federal safety standards & boards shouldn't discriminate (on anything but price?). Finance Cabinet should track this.	M. Deneen
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	I have no real issue with this; if a product meets safety specs it should be available to purchase. This likely is meant to combat sweetheart deals and kickbacks from equipment suppliers/brands. I can see some limited advantage of sticking with well known brands and/or only a few suppliers, but not enough to overcome the advantages of true price competition and reducing likelihood of corruption via kickbacks.	L
Taxes & Spending	SB19	Offers a tax credit for motor vehicle taxes paid by active duty military in KY if they had previously paid a similar tax in another state.	M. Deneen
Support	Low (Can wait)	Reasonable. They shouldn't have to be taxed twice when changing posts.	S
Courts & Crimes	SB20	Incr penalties for violent offenders. Provides that anyone over 15 who commits a crime with a gun be tried as an adult.	M. Deneen
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	In favor of increased penalties. L: I'm less enthusiastic about this (though not necessarily opposed). We always need to be careful any time we are altering Criminal Code or dealing with juvenile justice. We can't fall prey to knee-jerk response to "do something!". Amendment: WW made some excellent points in committee that more factors than those 3(4)b (including gang involvement) should be considered and ARE considered elsewhere in the law.	S / L
Taxes & Spending	SB21	Only req disabled persons to file for the Homestead Exemption once, unless their disability status changes.	M. Deneen
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Currently have to reapply annually. Very reasonable. L: I agree that yearly is too often. I do worry that disability status changes enough that a once per decade req makes more sense here. It likely would help eliminate fraud.	S / L
Govt Regs	SB22	Incr pay for jury duty.	W. Westerfield
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Increases pay for jury duty from \$5.00 per day to \$125.00 per day. (It costs more than 5 dollars in gas to get to the Court House). Amendment: L: Maybe this should be \$100 (can always quibble) on all of these jury bills with \$50 or \$60 for half day, often jury duty is quite short. NOTE: The biggest problem in our jury system is that juries are used too infrequently... prosecutors overcharge to browbeat (even innocent) defendants into taking a plea and people too often don't get their day in court. HB176, HB104, SB22 are all similar.	Dan
Taxes & Spending	SB23	Freezes property value of the primary residence after the owner turns 65.	M. Nemes
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Freezes property value of the primary residence after the owner turns 65 or if someone over 65 buy a new primary residence, it will freeze it after the sale. Best implemented as a simple bill, not amendment: HB112. Amendment: Only for retirees with under \$100K yearly income to include social security. The rich keep getting richer and want out of taxes. Amendment: AFTER OWNER turns 65 and ONLY for PRIMARY residence ONLY with the following stipulations: NO property increase for yearly income less than \$75K per year; Property value increase 50% for yearly income 75K to \$100K per year; Property value increase 25% for yearly income over \$100K to 200K. Yearly income over \$200K shall have no decrease in propoerty tax. Why? The wealthy keep getting wealthier while those struggling to get by are on the brink of losing their homes. The greed must stop.	DG
Business Regs	SB24	Reduces number of Medicaid managed care organizations in the state from 6 to 3.	S. Meredith
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	This would make the insurance risk pools roughly twice the size that they currently are. This number could be 2 or 4 just as easily. The normal rule is that more companies results in more competition, but it isn't at all clear that more organizations here actually leads to true competition, lower cost, or better service... so fewer provides advantages in terms of insurance risk mitigation and hence price reduction and less risk of default.	L

Business Regs	<u>SB25</u>	Ban municipalities from req landlords to take federal housing assistance vouchers (and fed housing regs that come with them).	S. West
<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Similar to half of HB18. I understand that Lexington is proposing to put in an ordinance requiring that landlords take federal housing vouchers which sparked this bill. UPDATE: It appears that the issue here is that Federal Housing Assistance (at least the type called Section 8) comes with significant strings attached which many landlords don't want to follow: https://benefits.com/section-8/rules-regulations/ Amendment: it just seems that this law is more sweeping than necessary for achieving this purpose and could be better tailored to state that: landlords can turn down Federal Housing Assistance programs entirely for a property based upon the regulations that they impose (and hence turn down a tenant on that basis), but otherwise jurisdictions can ban discrimination based upon source of income if they choose.	<i>L</i>
Govt Regs	<u>SB26</u>	This creates a new section in KRS for a Medicaid oversight board	S. Meredith
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	This bill provides for members from the House and Senate to act as an advisory and oversight board for Medicaid issues. It is a very short bill and does not define what the board should or can do. It merely establishes the board. I assume legislation would follow to establish the scope of authority and involvement in Medicaid issues.	<i>M</i>
Business Regs	<u>SB27</u>	Prevent Health Care facilities from charging an excessive price for medicine.	S. Meredith
<u>Support</u>	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	A manufacturer shall not discriminate, or cause others to discriminate, against a 340B covered entity by refusing or withholding 340B pricing for a covered drug if the manufacturer offers the same drug at a 340B price in any other state. The attorney general will investigate if a person files a complaint. This is a good bill attempting to keep prices competitive.	<i>M</i>
Business Regs	<u>SB28</u>	Sets a post-grad (2-year) residency req to practice podiatry with a full license in KY. Gives board ability to suspend any license for any violation of a reg.	S. Meredith
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	(Committee Sub version) Note: As with most industries, the people currently practicing don't mind raising the barriers for new competition entering the field. That in itself is no reason to support this. Residency seems to be standard practice in most fields of medicine, however.	<i>L</i>
Business Regs	<u>SB29</u>	Permit an insured the right to choose a repair shop to replace auto glass and not be told by the insurance company what shop will do the repair.	B. Storm
<u>Support</u>	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	This amendment uses a lot of words to describe what would be in violation of this act. The main point of this amendment is to allow the person who is insured to choose a shop to replace the auto glass and any driver assistance features that are incorporated in the glass. Many of the newer cars have complicated driver assistance features incorporated in the auto glass and the original bill does not address the requirement for insurance companies to pay for the repair or replacement of the driver assistant features and this amendment does require the insurance companies to cover those costs.	<i>M</i>
Transportation	<u>SB31</u>	Details a litany of changes to insurance reporting when registering a vehicle and enhanced penalties for failure to comply.	J. Turner
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait)	Don't have much of a problem with this except that I don't feel that personal vehicles not used in commerce should have to be registered.	<i>S</i>
Courts & Crimes	<u>SB32</u>	Creates a limit for Marijuana concentration by blood test and creates an assumption that person is not under the influence if less than 4.	J. Turner
<u>Support</u>	Medium (Committee review+)	I suppose that is a legitimate number.	<i>S</i>
Transportation	<u>SB33</u>	Reqs that operators license, registration and proof of insurance be provided at a traffic stop and license plate to be illuminated. Penalties for noncompliance.	J. Turner
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait)	Travel (freedom of movement) is a right, not a privilege, therefore an operator license should not be required for an individual not in commerce.	<i>S</i>
Health	<u>SB34</u>	Expands social welfare programs, housing, SNAP, etc.	W. Westerfield
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (bad bill)	We should be rewarding people to get off the government system, not to reward them for staying on government assistance.	<i>D G</i>
Taxes & Spending	<u>SB35</u>	Creates a Trail Town grant fund. Provides grants up to \$30K to each town.	M. Deneen
<u>Oppose</u>	Oppose (friendly)	Unnecessary spending.	<i>S</i>
Health	<u>SB36</u>	AN ACT relating to syringe services programs.	R. Thomas
Govt Regs	<u>SB37</u>	Create new section of the Open Records Act, to req officers, employees, and official custodians of public agencies to complete specified open records training.	A. Southworth
<u>Support</u>	Medium (Committee review+)	Educates officers, employees and official custodians how to properly complete an Open Records Act, KRS 61.870 to 61.884.	<i>B</i>
Taxes & Spending	<u>SB38</u>	Reqs all public schools with females aged 4-12 to provide at least 1 type of free feminine hygiene product free to girls.	D. Harper Angel

Support	Low (Can wait)	Fine bill, probably limited cost. No changes, it states for females. L: No issue with this passing (low cost), however I might suggest that schools just be required to maintain a supply. Really this cost should fall on parents, but no issue with the school providing it to kids in need or in emergencies.	D G
Elections	SB39	Bars lobbyists from making campaign contributions through various current loopholes: permanent committees, caucus campaign committees.	A. Southworth
Support	High (Pass this session)	Good bill, Anti-corruption and reduces the ease of influence peddling in existing law. Amendment: Should include a prohibition on donations to a party's building fund. Amendment: DoI: Corporate / companies lobbyist who could affect our health, food and environment should be BANNED from any type of lobbying. Case in point, look at NH HB1700 (2024) our food, health and environment, quality of life is being destroyed by advanced technologies and radio frequencies. These type of lobbyists should not EVER be allowed.	L / D
Taxes & Spending	SB40	Allocates \$0.33 per meal to districts that participate in the fed gov't community eligibility provision to provide lunches to all kids in higher poverty districts.	C. Armstrong
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Same as HB189, see commentary there.	L
Business Regs	SB41	Unnecessary reg. that defines retail pet shop, breeder, etc. and prohibits sale of retail dogs & cats (rabbits omitted this year).	D. Harper Angel
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Unneeded biz reg; banning the sale of dogs and cats by pet stores (except allowing the marketing for shelter animals). Only good part is the idea of retail pet shops partnering with animal shelters to adopt shelter pets. Very close to SB56 last session; similar but not as targeted as SB157.	L
Taxes & Spending	SB42	Successively bumps up minimum wage.	R. Thomas
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Minimum wages should be determined by free markets, not by government. They are either so low that they don't impact the market, or they are too high such that they lead to unemployment.	D G
Courts & Crimes	SB43	AN ACT relating to motor vehicle theft.	D. Yates
Govt Regs	SB44	AN ACT relating to highway work zones and making an appropriation therefor.	D. Yates
Govt Regs	SB45	Implements the Ashanti Alert system, allows law enforcement to use all alert systems to locate a missing adult.	D. Yates
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	Purportedly all of the infrastructure is already in place here and it would just be utilizing existing alert systems, there would be only nominal costs. No issue with this. Should look into incorporating HB682 into this legislation as another alert mechanism.	L
Transportation	SB46	Allow windshield tint that allows as little as 70 percent light transmission.	G. Elkins
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	No problem with this but it can wait.	S
Govt Regs	SB47	Req a crew of at least two persons during the operation of a train; provide exceptions; amend KRS 277.990 two include penalties for crews of less than 2 persons.	G. Elkins
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	This could help with some of the derailment and safety issues that have been happening. Same as HB33.	B
Courts & Crimes	SB48	Allows for combining multiple (often retail) thefts within 1 year (rather than 90 days) into one offense with combination of total stolen.	D. Yates
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Good provision, allows time for cases to be combined and multiple petty thefts to aggregate into a higher penalty class. This could have a big impact on reining in organized retail theft.	L
Business Regs	SB49	Sanctioning bodies to submit a calendar of events to the Board for all events in which an admission ticket is required.	D. Yates
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Not really high on the list of priorities.	S
Business Regs	SB50	Allows Class B (small) distillers to self-distribute up to 5K gallons of spirits under specific regs.	S. West
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	No real problem with this (probably some quibbling could be done about cutoff thresholds). Not having to go through a distributor may help cut costs and increase profits for some smaller distilleries. (Apparently a similar provision was added for wineries and breweries, last year?)	L
Business Regs	SB51	AN ACT relating to music therapy and making an appropriation therefor.	G. Neal
Education	SB52	AN ACT relating to technology in education and declaring an emergency.	R. Thomas

Govt Regs	SB53	Change the term "ward" to "protected person." Allow respondent to retain private counsel. Incr pay for court appointed counsel, etc.	R. Thomas
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Incr hourly pay from \$60 to \$150 seems to be quite a jump.	S
Govt Regs	SB54	AN ACT relating to heirs property and making an appropriation therefor.	R. Thomas
Govt Regs	SB55	AN ACT relating to fishing in privately-owned lakes and ponds.	G. Boswell
Support			D G
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB56	Reqs owner of a gun to store it in a safe or render it inoperable.	G. Neal
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	A gun kept for personal protection cannot be kept in a safe or rendered inoperable.	S
Govt Regs	SB57	Allows KPPA to lease space to move their offices to Louisville metro (from where?).	J. Higdon
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Where do they meet now? Why isn't this going through the standard processes in the Finance Cabinet? Why is this necessary? Who benefits? Who owns the building? Why in Louisville?	D G
Taxes & Spending	SB58	Makes protest petitions easier to file, incl widening who can file, lowering number of req signatures, not req committee... for school tax protests.	G. Boswell
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Excellent bill. Makes protest petitions easier to file to protest school board property tax increases in a number of ways, including eliminating some onerous paperwork reqs, allowing any resident to file, lowering number of req signatures, not req committee...	S / D
Govt Regs	SB59	Imposes no fines or collects no penalties for killing, pursuit, or possession of Red-tailed and Cooper hawks.	G. Boswell
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Through a Federal Depredation Permit, the federal government already allows farmers who produce poultry and livestock to kill predatory birds if they have tried non lethal methods to no avail. I believe this bill is not a good bill and do not support it.	D
Govt Regs	SB60	Elim any req for a hunter education course to obtain a hunting or fishing license.	G. Boswell
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Reasonable. If you are getting a hunting license, presumably you already know the basics or are being mentored in doing it.	S
Elections	SB61	Reqs excused in-person absentee voting shall be conducted only 13 days prior to election. Elim no-excuse in person absentee voting.	J. Schickel
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	All for eliminating no excuse in-person absentee voting. Must strike out 13 days of excused in-person absentee voting. Need to get back to election DAY. L: No excuse in-person absentee voting is popular, but I would maintain is unconstitutional. The best way to handle this would be with a constitutional Amendment to hard-coded allowable voting parameters. I have no real issue with in-person EXCUSED absentee ballots as long as it is limited in time span (13 days is reasonable), it's much more secure than mail-in.	S / L
Business Regs	SB62	Amend def of a riverboat from one carrying 100 or more passengers to more than 40, to allow alcohol consumption on KY river.	G. Williams
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Not sure how big an impact this might have, but am okay with it. Apparently this should allow smaller tourboats to sell alcohol when using KY waterways, eg the KY River controlled by dams.	S
Govt Regs	SB63	Rename and make permanent the information technology oversight committee.	G. Williams
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Renames the Investments in Information Technology Improvement and Modernization Projects Oversight Board to the Information Technology Oversight Committee, and makes it permanent.	R
Elections	SB64	Def of "contribution" shall not be construed to include news stories, commentary or editorials by a person or group of persons.	A. Southworth
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Reasonable, but I hope that wouldn't become an issue.	S
Govt Regs	SB65	Remove 3 deficient regs related to medicaid coverage of dental, vision, and hearing being used to circumvent the legislature.	S. West
Support	High (Pass this session) *Passed Senate	Fine, this was just a backdoor attempt to go around the legislature and add coverage of these 3 things to medicaid. Amendment: I don't understand why the legislature doesn't pass something like HB40 last session that automatically makes any regulation substantially similar to any regulation ruled deficient automatically null and void.	L

Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB66	Elim the ability of postsecondary facilities and state & local gov't to limit concealed carry in gov't buildings.	A. Southworth
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Repeals KRS 237.115, Great bill. Hope it gets traction.	S
Taxes & Spending	SB67	Reqs that a guardian ad litem (lawyer) appointed for any minor child receives a reasonable fee.	C. Armstrong
Support	Low (Can wait)	Must protect the children. This is a reasonable expense to assure adequate representation.	S
Business Regs	SB68	Allows limited and NQ2 licensed businesses to provide wine corkage (BYOB, with fee for drinking on premises). (*Fine, but must assure no NQ2 licenses issued for corkage in dry counties.)	R. Webb
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 243 to authorize wine corkage in conjunction with a meal by a limited restaurant or NQ2 retail drink licensee. Establishes conditions to remove a bottle of opened wine from the premises. Amends KRS 242.260 to exempt corkage from dry and moist territory violations. Amends KRS 243.020, 243.034, and 243.084 to conform. Bill is fine, but there MAY still be a loophole wherein a business could get an NQ2 license in a dry county and allow corkage to circumvent dry county laws. RS23 SB44	J / L
Taxes & Spending	SB69	Elim req for tax recall petition to put property tax incr 4%+ overcompensating rate on ballot. Incr 4%+ would automatically go on ballot.	G. Boswell
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good requirement. The petition requirement here is needlessly onerous. The 4% cap is there for a reason, this should go on the ballot automatically.	R
Courts & Crimes	SB70	Allows a donor to sue a charitable organization (eg endowment fund) for injunctive relief when it fails to abide by a donor imposed restriction.	P. Wheeler
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Fine with this generally. You gave the money under certain terms, if they don't follow the terms of the agreement then they should have recourse. Apparently the AG office can enforce this, but if the AG office doesn't want to go after a powerful charity (or just doesn't have time) then there is a limited private right of action. Amendment: I'd suggest this only apply to donations of a certain size (say \$100K). You give that amount of money, you get legal standing that they have to use it as you specify, a smaller donation and the recipient may reprioritize this gift.	S / L
Health	SB71	Reqs a dependency treatment center to provide transportation to someone voluntarily leaving their program without arranged transportation.	P. Wheeler
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	Reqs transport be provided from treatment facility if participant voluntarily leaves. Also, requires them to notify the court and law enforcement if they violate a court order by leaving. Similar to HB408, but only dealing with transportation. Amendment: Should not require the facility to provide transportation for the individual, only allow resident to arrange for it.	S / R
Courts & Crimes	SB72	AN ACT relating to driving under the influence of intoxicating hemp products.	D. Yates
	SB73	AN ACT relating to marijuana.	D. Yates
Health	SB74	Adds a STATE child and maternal fatality review team to the local teams. Increases reporting reqs for the Health and Family Services Cabinet.	S. Funke Frommeyer
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly) *Passed Senate	Obviously we are interested in reducing child and maternal fatality, how are either of these measures likely to actually do that (esp. the state team, when we already have local ones). This adds more bureaucracy and reporting requirements, which medical facilities already have ad nauseum. If the bill were just the annual summary report of numbers of procedures and deaths then fine. Amendment: specify how these extra reporting reqs are going to get translated into outcome improvements.	S
Govt Regs	SB75	Vehicular flow between the State Capitol Building and the Capitol Annex on Capitol Avenue cannot be restricted by the Finance and Administration Cabinet.	J. Schickel
Support	High (Pass this session) *Passed Senate	This would apply except in the case where emergency responders, law enforcement, fire department personnel, emergency medical staff, or the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet needed to temporarily block traffic to conduct their activities. L: WHY can't this get heard in the house?! SB11 passed the senate easily last session.	D
Govt Regs	SB76	Local gov't shall not adopt or enforce any ordinance relating to landlord or tenant laws that are in conflict with any law of the Commonwealth.	S. West
Support	Low (Can wait)	Not sure if this is needed but no harm.	S
Elections	SB77	Reqs exact match of voter tallies with ballot cast tallies.	A. Southworth
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Great bill. Requires non-certification of any race where the discrepancy could sway the result. DoI: SUPPORT should be paper ballots with hand counting ONLY and could be done in one day, like it use to. The system we have now supported by Beshear and Adams should be VOID until the voters decide.	S
Elections	SB78	Reqs all voting machine components, firmware, software, etc be mfg'd in the U.S. by accredited DOD suppliers	A. Southworth

Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Provision 27. I don't know if any KY counties use machines containing foreign-made software/firmware/components, but this issue was cited as a major concern by cy-op experts who examined machines in several swing states after the 2020 presidential election. Whether it is economically & logistically feasible to implement this prior to the Nov elections, I don't know. But if our machines contain non-accredited components, I still consider it a high priority.	<i>J P</i>
Elections	<u>SB79</u>	Revises the procedure for requesting and performing an election recount.	A. Southworth
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Nice to spell out the procedure properly so we don't have a repeat of the 2022 fiasco. If a ballot candidate wants a recount of their election for any reason (even just to prove the process is reliable) and is willing to pay for it, they should be able to get it in a timely manner, period. The way to address questions about the election is through MORE transparency, not less.	<i>S</i>
Elections	<u>SB80</u>	Disallow student or employee ID or debit/credit cards to be used as proof of ID for voting purposes. High Fidelity, Gov't Issued Photo Voter ID only.	A. Southworth
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session) *Passed Senate	MUST have a photo voter ID. Credit and debit cards as a secondary identification is not a good idea, easy to counterfeit and we really need photo ID to make sure it is you. For employee and student (Photo) ID there is no way to confirm how thorough the employer or school was to determine if it is an actual authentic ID (that the person taking the picture is who they say they are, etc.). Falsifying these documents also would be a relatively easy thing to do. Amendment: Not too happy about the "personally known to election worker" loophole here either, nor SNAP/EBT Cards which are Gov't issued but don't even have a picture. (Social Security cards are iffy, no picture, but at least most people guard those closely.)	<i>D / L</i>
Education	<u>SB81</u>	Changes make up of KY Higher Education Assistance Authority and Student Loan Corporation.	M. Wise
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Signed by Gov	Same as HB221. No real issue with this, it seems to streamline admin of student loan collection programs.	<i>S</i>
Elections	<u>SB82</u>	Adds provisions necessary to allow for future non-electronic (addl to electronic) voting systems (eg notifying voters not to vote for more persons than allowed, on a paper ballot).	A. Southworth
Support	Low (Can wait)	Positive change. Gives localities the ability to choose non-electronic voting systems in the future without violating federal regulations.	<i>L</i>
Elections	<u>SB83</u>	Removes straight party voting option from the general election ballot.	A. Southworth
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Positive: Would help voters to not miss down ballot nonpartisan races and measures. Negative: No way Republicans should give up this advantage after Democrats used it for decades. Amendment: Alternatives, Shift non-partisan races to the "off-year" election so everything on that ballot is non-partisan. Require election workers to tell every voter when they check-in that there are non-partisan races that need to be filled out independently. Move the non-partisan races to the top of the ballot, before the straight-ticket box and partisan races.	<i>S</i>
Elections	<u>SB84</u>	Strengthens def of a "risk limiting audit" to a real audit and requires it at the close of election.	A. Southworth
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Like that if a full recount of the ballots is necessary, it will be billed to the machine vendor. L: There's a lot to like here, I just think the request is too large to be able to gain legislative support. A less burdensome audit here has a better chance of getting passed, like HB53.	<i>S</i>
Courts & Crimes	<u>SB85</u>	Allows a jury to enhance the sentence of a repeat felony offender.	A. Southworth
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Felony must be in same category. L: Interesting idea, would need to be integrated into HB5 to get through this session.	<i>S</i>
Courts & Crimes	<u>SB86</u>	Sets up a treatment program for violent offenders.	A. Southworth
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Can't strike out "attempted" from felony sexual offense or strike out "serious physical injury" or death. Serious injury can be life altering. Attempted sexual assault is as bad as sexual assault.	<i>S</i>
Courts & Crimes	<u>SB87</u>	Repeal KRS 532.055 as it relates to jury sentencing.	A. Southworth
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	Does this remove sentencing by jury in felony cases (presumably leaving that up to the judge)? If so, I can't back that... Amendment: Perhaps the defendant should be able to choose between sentencing by judge or jury.	<i>L</i>
Courts & Crimes	<u>SB88</u>	Allows home incarceration option for certain criminals.	A. Southworth
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Don't think that we should release violent criminals or those convicted of sex crimes. Others I'm OK with.	<i>S</i>
Health	<u>SB89</u>	Reqs Medicaid to pay for midwife services without a cost sharing req.	S. Funke Frommeyer
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Good option for women to have. Similar to HB173.	<i>S</i>

Education	<u>SB90</u>	AN ACT relating to bus safety.	<u>D. Yates</u>
Transportation	<u>SB91</u>	Estab permanent full-time drivers license center in each state senatorial district.	<u>J. Higdon</u>
<u>Support</u>	High (Pass this session) *Passed Senate	Long overdue. Same as HB60. Some would perhaps like to see it returned to every county. L: I think 1 per senate district is probably closer to the right number.	S / L
Education	<u>SB92</u>	AN ACT relating to the transportation of students and declaring an emergency.	<u>D. Yates</u>
Education	<u>SB93</u>	Removes DEI and trauma informed counseling approach from our K-12 public school system.	<u>S. Meredith</u>
<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	High (Pass this session)	Great bill. Hope we can get this passed. L: This is really a few bills cobbled together, all of which I like. What this addresses that the other DEI bills this session don't is the removal from K-12 (the other bills so far have been higher ed) of this "trauma-informed" mental health counseling that got added as a requirement a few years ago. Honestly, that would be best as a stand-alone bill (perhaps combined with efforts to include pastoral counselors as school mental health providers) since other bills are more comprehensive on the DEI portion of the bill. This is a big, important, and controversial enough change on its own. DoI: "Some" counselors have tried to PUSH a child into thinking they would need a sex change. Big PHARMA and some doctors are making a fortune at the children's expense. NO CHILD under the age of 21 should be making that decision or encouraged down that road.	S / L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	<u>SB94</u>	AN ACT relating to veterans.	<u>D. Yates</u>
Health	<u>SB95</u>	Reqs K-12 public schools make reasonable accommodations for lactating students.	<u>C. Armstrong</u>
<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	Medium (Committee review+)	No real issue with this for lactating mothers. L: As crazy as it seems, this really needs to specify lactating female students with a newborn or infant child. Given all of the hormone experimentation, it isn't impossible that a lactating male student could exploit this for whatever bizarre reason. Arguably this should apply to public post-secondary institutions as well.	R
Courts & Crimes	<u>SB96</u>	Expungement for minor crimes (eg. traffic violations misdemeanors) after 5 years	<u>C. Armstrong</u>
<u>Support</u>	Medium (Committee review+)	As long as it is for minor crimes only.	D G
Taxes & Spending	<u>SB97</u>	Elim state sales tax on diapers.	<u>C. Armstrong</u>
<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	Low (Can wait)	Note: I assume the intent here is to help young families with cost, but as written this would include adult diapers as well. R: In fact, it defines a diaper as absorbent clothing, which is so imprecise it could mean virtually any clothing.	L
Education	<u>SB98</u>	Allow for a high school student to be on the Board of Education as a voting member.	<u>R. Thomas</u>
<u>Only If Amended</u>	Low (Can wait)	I am not opposed to a high school student being on the board but I am opposed to that person being a voting member (note: I don't think this does that, other than being allowed to vote on the chairperson). I believe the one teacher on the board should be the voting member. As it is now, they are not a voting member. I can appreciate the insight of a student but a teacher would have more experience.	D
Health	<u>SB99</u>	Adds addl exemptions (to life of mother) to legalize abortions in cases where doctor believes conception by rape, incest; ectopic pregnancy, spontaneous abortion; fatal fetal abnormality...	<u>D. Yates</u>

Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	<p>Almost none of this bill's changes should be supported as they are rationally inconsistent with the existing law's presumption that unborn human lives are worthy of state protection, but not above the life of the mother.</p> <p>First, medical treatment for ectopic pregnancy (life of mother) and removing a dead fetus/child by spontaneous abortion (miscarriage) is already legal as far as I can determine.</p> <p>Second, consensual incest shouldn't even be an exemption (even if mistakenly done to avoid a potential birth defect, that should fall under a fatal fetal defect exemption), and non-consensual incest is rape (makes no sense as a distinct exception). It is literally only included in these discussions to take rhetorical advantage of the revulsion toward incest.</p> <p>Third, the rape exemption requires a logic that the life of an unborn child (fetus) is valuable and worthy of protection if he/she was conceived by consensual sex but not if conceived via rape, which is a monstrous position and violates the fundamental principle of equal protection under the law.</p> <p>Fourth, 10.7 would, in practice, legalize all abortion "medication".</p> <p>Fifth, calling this Hadley's Law is a grotesque politicization (esp. since as far as has been made publicly available she never sought, nor received, an abortion).</p> <p>Amendment: Fatal fetal abnormality is the only exemption that passes a basic rationality test (and, though I'm largely opposed, would perhaps be worthy of debate at some point among pro-life legislators), but this Sec. 4.5b,c implementation is poorly written (perhaps intentionally) "If the fetus the pregnant woman is carrying... is incompatible with sustained life outside of the womb" could be applied to every fetus prior to current medical viability. That may, in fact, be the intent as the subparagraph (c) makes "viability" the dividing line and makes it clear that the doctor is the sole legal arbiter of whether rape or incest claims are true (in violation of due process).</p>	L
Elections	<u>SB100</u>	HORRIBLE & DANGEROUS BILL. Eliminates contribution limits to non-Federal political campaigns.	<u>D. Thayer</u>
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	<p>Anyone being allow to contribute any amount to any race in the state would make courting multi-millionaire donors the bulk of any state level race, and render the most well-connected to money candidates nearly unbeatable. This is EXACTLY what has happened in Indiana. The 10 or states that function like this have some of the most corrupt election finance in the country: Mississippi, Alabama, North Dakota (billionaire now Gov), Virginia (same).</p> <p>Amendment: So, how would one ACTUALLY improve campaign finance in this state: CUT the campaign contribution limits to \$1K or even \$500 per race per individual or political PAC. Eliminate Caucus Campaign Committees (or at least give them the same limit as a PAC). Put the same annual contribution limit on party Building Funds. Bump up the cash limit to \$200 if you want, but prohibit the SOS from publicly disclosing the information of anyone who gives equal or less than that limit total on an election (right now, SOS discloses it if the candidate files it, even though they have no obligation to). Don't allow candidates to loan their campaign more than some small multiple of the individual contribution limit.\</p>	L
Business Regs	<u>SB101</u>	Prohibits any local ordinance or reg preventing agritourism so long as health, safety and zoning are obeyed.	<u>R. Webb</u>
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good bill. I fail to see the downside here (or rather the upside of localities restricting agritourism). This is a good prohibition on onerous local biz regs.	L
Govt Regs	<u>SB102</u>	Incr the maximum pay for board members meeting in a fire protection district to \$150.	<u>J. Schickel</u>
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Rate increase too high, going from \$25 to \$150.	S
Health	<u>SB103</u>	Estab licensure reqs for free standing birthing centers.	<u>S. Funke Frommeyer</u>
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Exempts facilities with no more than four beds from CON requirements. Same as HB199.	S
	<u>SB104</u>	AN ACT relating to insurance disclosures to dog bite and dog attack victims.	<u>D. Yates</u>
Taxes & Spending	<u>SB105</u>	Exempts Bullion (gold, silver, platinum...) and currency from state sales tax.	<u>J. Schickel</u>
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	<p>These things are themselves used as media of exchange and hence an additional sales tax makes little to no sense. Almost the same as HB101 and SB121.</p> <p>I do worry that the definition of "Currency" (in all of these bills) is the opposite of the intuitive understanding of the word "...is sold based on its value as a collectible item rather than the value as a medium of exchange;" implies that the currency portion is only for collectible coins (not medium of exchange coins). I don't necessarily have an issue with exempting these as well, but they are effectively works of art or historical artifacts and hence their exemption isn't as much of a slam dunk case.</p>	L
Govt Regs	<u>SB106</u>	Req Animal Control Officer to report suspicion of child abuse or neglect (presumably because it is common where animals are being abused).	<u>L. Tichenor</u>
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	<p>Animal Control Officer who knows or who has reasonable cause to believe that a child is dependent, neglected, or abused shall immediately cause an oral or written report to be made to a local law enforcement agency or to the Department of Kentucky State Police, the cabinet or its designated representative, the Commonwealth's attorney, or the county attorney by telephone or otherwise.</p> <p>This may save a child from abuse or neglect. Same as HB253.</p>	B

Transportation	<u>SB107</u>	Update outdated fee structures for trucks and tow companies. Moves some vehicle fees for electric and hybrid vehicles to road fund.	<u>J. Higdon</u>
<u>Support</u>	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Great bill. Hope we can get this passed.	M
Elections	<u>SB108</u>	Enhances privacy for voters and returns the responsibility for updating voter rolls to the counties.	<u>A. Southworth</u>
<u>Support</u>	High (Pass this session)	At least some of these provisions should become law this session. Require that no election worker can attempt to influence a voter regarding registering or voting. States that the county clerk is responsible for removing a voter's information when necessary (a process that purportedly has recently only been the purview of the SOS office). Require that the county board of elections purge voter registration roles as necessary and provide the updated list to the State Board of Elections once per month. (I would suggest that both the SOS and county BOE's share this responsibility.) The outside groups provision is good, not allowing non-profits which are political in all but name to access and data mine KY voter data at scale. Amendment: If the outside groups provision doesn't get us out of ERIC (which would be a good move) it should be, but some other network for making sure that voters aren't registered in multiple state (approved by the general assembly) should replace it and the SOS should NOT be able to distribute our voter lists to other states without specific GA permission.	M / L
Education	<u>SB109</u>	AN ACT relating to Kentucky educational excellence scholarships and declaring an emergency.	<u>C. Armstrong</u>
Govt Regs	<u>SB110</u>	Allows the mother to file for child support anytime after conception.	<u>W. Westerfield</u>
<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Good requirement. L: See commentary on HB243 (which is a drastically more comprehensive bill). Amendment: I'm supportive of the idea, however this does carry with it issues related to difficulty establishing paternity, and presumption of maternal custody which may carry over post-natal. These issues need to be addressed here.	S / L
Health	<u>SB111</u>	Reqs Medicaid and state health plans to cover speech therapy for stuttering.	<u>W. Westerfield</u>
<u>Only If Amended</u>	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	Coverage of stuttering is common sense. L: This slips in the addition of dental and vision coverage to KCHIP program in section 4(6). That has nothing to do with the main purpose of the bill and should be removed for the bill to move forward. If you want to add that coverage, just make it a separate bill (I know it is in HB10 among other bills this session).	S / L
Govt Regs	<u>SB112</u>	AN ACT relating to traffic control signal monitoring systems and making an appropriation therefor.	<u>R. Thomas</u>
Business Regs	<u>SB113</u>	Allows licensed marriage and family therapist licensed outside KY to be granted a license.	<u>M. Wise</u>
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait)	No problem with this.	S
Courts & Crimes	<u>SB114</u>	Reqs schools to post restricting carrying a gun into a school. Removes requirement that failure to post shall not relieve any person of liability.	<u>A. Southworth</u>
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait)	Prefer stipulations of HB288 allowing carry on school grounds.	S
Govt Regs	<u>SB115</u>	This limits which Federal Law enforcement officers that have any authority in KY	<u>A. Southworth</u>
<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	Medium (Committee review+)	This bill allows only Department of Treasury officers that live in KY to have any peace officer authority in KY. It removes all authority for all other Federal Law enforcement officers including FBI, Secret Service, DEA, ICE etc., etc. L: I don't necessarily disagree with the sentiment here, given how much these agencies have gone rouge. However, this is a major change to the law and needs extensive vetting in committee. Amendment: I would suggest a more workable solution would be to require any officers in the state on official business register their presence and intention with the state (both KSP and AG's office).	M / L
Business Regs	<u>SB116</u>	WITHDRAWN	<u>S. West</u>
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Govt Regs	<u>SB117</u>	AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 25 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime.	<u>G. Neal</u>
Courts & Crimes	<u>SB118</u>	Trespassing signs need to have purple paint when posted.	<u>S. Meredith</u>
<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	This bill would be ok if the required color would be a color that does not have red or green in it. 8% of the male population are color blind and the dominant color blindness is red/green. I am red/green color blind and can not identify purple. As a suggestion isn't yellow considered a color for caution?	M
Courts & Crimes	<u>SB119</u>	Regs process of seizing an animal by animal control and makes the owner of the abused animal pay for the cost of caring for it while it is in custody.	<u>J. Adams</u>

Support	Medium (Committee review+)	The most relevant part of this bill is that if an official agency seizes an animal for abuse or cruelty or neglect then the owner can be required to pay for the cost to house, care and feed the animal including medical care if needed. If the owner is convicted of a felony relating to the seizure of the animal then the owner can be barred for 5 years from having another animal and can be required to have counseling and other professional help at the owner's expense. L: I'm a little iffy on the 5 year ownership ban.	M
Govt Regs	SB120	Bans the appropriation of public funds (state, or local) for lobbying purposes or employing a lobbyist.	G. Williams
Support	High (Pass this session)	Excellent idea, that needs to make it into the law one way or another this session. I should not be subsidizing someone against my will, via my tax dollars, to come lobby against my interests. The principle here seems similar to the Janus (2018) decision. Same as HB309.	L
Taxes & Spending	SB121	Exempts Bullion (gold, silver, platinum...) and currency from state sales tax.	R. Girdler
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Same as HB101, almost the same as SB 105.	L
Business Regs	SB122	This bill defines that small businesses or individuals as a landlord can have a forcible detainer filed against a tenant.	R. Girdler
Support	Low (Can wait)	This bill defines that small businesses or individuals as a landlord can have a forcible detainer filed against a tenant.	M
	SB123	AN ACT relating to alcoholic beverages.	D. Yates
Business Regs	SB124	AN ACT relating to minimum staffing requirements for long-term care facilities.	R. Thomas
Transportation	SB125	Allows various types of cities to have off road trails.	P. Wheeler
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	This bill adds the following to existing law: Any city, county, charter county government, urban-county government, consolidated local government, or unified local government that operates a public OHV trail system. This will allow for additional recreational activities in the state.	M
Courts & Crimes	SB126	Limits the Gov's ability to grant pardons or commute sentences for 30 days prior to elections and for a period after elections.	C. McDaniel
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session) *Passed Senate	Great idea. This limits the governor's ability to grant pardons or commute sentences for 30 days prior to elections and for a period after elections. Amendment: Should be from 30 days before election through Inauguration Day, except for commutation of sentences in Death Penalty reprieve situations. If you want to pardon someone as Governor, you have to do it before the election so the voters know your priorities. Also, should require that all pardons be done individually and by name, not by class of criminals.	M
Taxes & Spending	SB127	Estab KY Aerospace, Aviation, and Defense Investment Fund Advisory Committee. Sets up a joint public / private partnership for scholarships for aviation critical positions.	B. Storm
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Good requirement that no public money spent without a private match. Same as HB345.	S
Business Regs	SB128	With restrictions, allows 12-17 year olds to work for a nonprofit.	D. Givens
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	I would be concerned about people abusing this.	S
Taxes & Spending	SB129	Changes "calendar year 2023 and 2024" to "a calendar year beginning on or after January 1st, 2023.	D. Givens
Support	Low (Can wait)	No problem with this clarification. Makes it for all years moving forward.	S
Govt Regs	SB130	Prohibits state agency from discriminating based on one's access to electronic means to obtain benefits or gain access to public buildings.	A. Southworth
Support	High (Pass this session) *Passed Senate	Requires cash payment to be accepted. L: Agreed, I'm a big fan of this subtly important legislation. The best bulwark against CBDCs, data mining, de-banking, and surveillance capitalism is for physical money to retain its importance and use. This bill also requires that non-digital IDs be accepted.	S / L
Elections	SB131	Prohibits "synthetic" electioneering. Campaign ads that splice comments by a candidate to give an out of context appearance without clear disclaimer.	A. Mays Bledsoe

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Provides a remedy in court against the entity that produces the material and social media site where it is published (eg Facebook). I like the concept of this, but think it opens the door to a lot of court cases every election. Not sure the courts can distinguish properly where the line can be drawn. L: The legislation is interesting enough, highly topical, and ground-breaking enough that it deserves committee discussion. Some similarity to the Deep Fake legislation in HB45. Amendment: The biggest concern is how this can be impartially enforced and done on a timeline that allows for the damage to not be done in the 1st place.	S / L
Courts & Crimes	SB132	Wanton endangerment including the discharge of a firearm becomes a Class C felony. Must serve 85 percent of sentence.	A. Mays Bledsoe
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good recommendation.	S
Govt Regs	SB133	Curtails some of the emergency powers of the Governor during a disaster. Prohibits the director of the Division of Emergency Management from making orders, only recommendations. Removes "potential, threatened or impending occurrences" from enumerated emergencies.	A. Southworth
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Removes the power of the Governor to seize property during an emergency. I don't think this happens much, but it's good to rein it in ahead of time.	S
	SB134	AN ACT relating to civil rights.	G. Neal
Health	SB135	Reqs exemptions from vaccines from colleges, long term care facilities, health facilities and employers.	A. Southworth
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Establishes a cause of action for violations.	S
Health	SB136	Provides that all healthcare facilities except nursing facility beds and long term care beds shall be granted a nonsubstantive review of CON application by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.	G. Williams
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	This is a start but would rather see the elimination of CON altogether. L: So, this is requiring the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to (re-)review almost all CON applications?	S / L
Health	SB137	If a CON is orphaned an application for a new entity shall be granted a nonsubstantive review. The orphaning entity is not permitted to have opposition.	G. Williams
Support	High (Pass this session)	Reasonable requirements. L: Seems very reasonable. This is far less ambitious and thus more likely to pass than SB136.	S
Education	SB138	Allow a proprietary school to seek a single accreditation for all schools it operates in the state. Allow adjunct instructors to be employed full-time.	G. Williams
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Less red tape is good. L: I agree with the reduce regulations sentiment here, but I fear that certification of all schools under a "brand name" could create unintended consequences... does buying a deficient school and putting it under your licensed brand make it now certified? We need teachers, being able to hire adjuncts full-time should help. They should have a full-time pay bump and benefits though (shouldn't be a way to skirt benefits).	S / L
Business Regs	SB139	Estab a registration exemption for most private fund financial advisors. No need to register if both no location in state and 5 or fewer clients in this state, or if servicing private funds (like venture capital).	C. McDaniel
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Almost the same as SB109 which passed and was vetoed in 2023. No major objections here, though... Amendment: Needs clarification on whether a financial advisor that fulfills all terms requiring registration is released from that requirement by adding one client which is a private fund?	L
Business Regs	SB140	Removes the waiver application deadline for unemployment overpayment from 30 days to one year.	P. Wheeler
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	30 days is a pretty narrow window, no issue with it being extended, though 1 year seems like a lot. Amendment: Find the happy medium.	L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB141	Allows a \$1000 tax credit for volunteer firefighters.	P. Wheeler
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	May help recruitment of volunteers but not certain how much of an impact this may have.	S
Business Regs	SB142	Paid parental leave for full-time employees of the state for birth, surrogacy, foster care placement, or kinship care placement.	A. Mays Bledsoe
Oppose	Oppose (friendly) *Passed Senate	Employees can utilize personal days or FMLA for this. L: Not totally opposed to SOME accomodation here, but let's face it... a part, even most, of natural birth parental leave (at least for females) is the physical recovery, which is not applicable to these situations. An additional portion of the leave is the added care needed for a newborn baby vs older children, this also might not be applicable to most of these situations. In short, oppose, or at minimum these leave days should be drastically less than for a woman delivering a newborn baby.	S

Elections	SB143	Codifies in KY Constitution that only US Citizens may vote in KY elections.	J. Howell
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Concurrence	Obviously the change is positive (only US citizens should be voting), though this is already implemented in KY statutes in various ways already (which lessens the urgency, it's mostly political posturing). I'm sure it would be popular on a ballot though (even with "Idiots and insane persons" in the text). SAME AS HB341. Amendment: I'm not sure how you alter this section of the constitution without modernizing the "Idiots and insane persons" provision (the partisan jokes write themselves). If it either strikes that provision or at least updates the language ("those judged by a court to be mentally incompetent"), I'm on board. It probably passes regardless.	L
Courts & Crimes	SB144	Reduces all death sentences to life in prison without probation or parole.	S. Meredith
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	This bill has 9 sections, the first being the operative one, adding a new section to KRS 530 which basically eliminates capital punishment and, for those where the sentence is not carried out, the death sentence disappears and it becomes life without parole or probation. The other 8 sections refer to details regarding the change from a death sentence to life without parole or probation. It also mentions youth and being allowed parole for capital crime. There are sections that refer to execution itself, ie treatment of the body. But all the changes and repeals reflect the change from a death sentence to life without parole or probation. SAME AS HB38. R: I strongly oppose this bill. If we respect human life, we need to have the availability of the death penalty for a person who intentionally, with malice, murders another person. Removing the death penalty cheapens the value of human life. The first 5 books of the Bible all require the death penalty. L: The death penalty isn't working in this state, there have only been 3 people put to death since 1976. I'm in favor of actually putting it to use by limiting/expediting appeals, or ending it if we aren't going to actually use it. J P: Strongly oppose. We need the death penalty on the books, if for no other reason than the mere possibility that it could cause a psychotic serial killer to do his work elsewhere.	D
Health	SB145	Health care facility may submit a current or prospective employee to a check of the child abuse or neglect or the adult abuse registries.	J. Adams
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session) *Passed Senate	I would recommend replacing "may" with "shall" at least for prospective employees. I would also recommend replacing "or" with "and" as far as requiring them to check both registries.	S
Business Regs	SB146	AN ACT relating to barbers and cosmetologists.	D. Harper Angel
Business Regs	SB147	Estab min state reqs for adult-oriented businesses; eg min distance from places where families gather.	L. Tichenor
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session) *Passed Senate	One of the more important bills this session. KY is WAY behind here, TN has had similar laws for about 30 years. Requires that an adult-oriented business (various definitions) should be at least 1 city block from family-oriented locations (parks, daycares, churches, etc.). Also requires that they not allow people in who may be under 18, or be viewable from the outside. All of this is common sense and it's amazing that it hasn't been state law (only some local city ordinances exist). SAME AS HB402. Amendment: only thing I see missing here is a req that these businesses officially be licensed by the state and perhaps regulated by a board. Perhaps that will be added in future sessions.	L
	SB148	Def terms for non-recourse consumer legal funding. Estab licensure reqs. Reqs contracts, prohibits certain actions.	P. Wheeler
Support	Low (Can wait)	Don't normally like license requirements but in this case I think it is necessary to protect the consumer.	S
Health	SB149	For state employee health plans, estab cost sharing reqs for prescription drugs. Reqs rebates to be passed through.	S. Meredith
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement that rebates will be passed down to the insured.	S
Education	SB150	Establish new GPA qualifications and amounts for KEES program.	D. Thayer
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Raises GPA qualification from 2.5 to 3.0. Funding raised for a 3.0 from \$250 to \$264. For a 4.0 from \$500 to \$514. It's good to have high expectations for our students.	S
Courts & Crimes	SB151	Allows a child to submit a list of relatives or fictive kin to be placed with if removed from a home. Relative or fictive kin is able to apply to be a child specific foster home.	J. Adams
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	No problem with this except that I'm not sure every child would choose the best relative to be placed with. L: I THINK this allows for state assistance that goes to foster families to go to a relative (often grandparents) or close family friend that takes in a child. This needs a fiscal impact statement because this happens A LOT, given criminal convictions, deaths of a single parent, and drug addiction cases. I'm not against this in principle (in fact, it's probably a great idea), but it would have a much bigger impact on the law than these subtle changes indicate. Amendment: if a child is now permitted to suggest a list of people they should stay with (esp. non-relatives), they need to be vetted at a higher level of scrutiny than when a custodian or guardian suggests people.	S / L
Courts & Crimes	SB152	AN ACT relating to the abolition of the death penalty.	D. Yates
Courts & Crimes	SB153	Allow people 70+ years old to request to be permanently exempted from jury duty, and make the exemption on the qualification form more prominent.	J. Turner

Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Good requirement. No objection. 70 year olds can already opt out. This just allows them to do it once and it applies going forward.	L
Health	SB154	Reqs the Board for Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy to be create policies and procedures to allow a patient to record a procedure done to him.	W. Westerfield
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	KRS 311B-010 states this is "in order to protect and safeguard the health and safety of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky," I do believe that recording procedures, such as cat scans, mri, x-ray etc, by the patient makes sense. Medical procedures other than those (eg surgeries) could possibly expose a person to infection or other medical malady, and may be impeded by recording. Amendment: I would amend to include this caveat: provided the person, or persons, recording are qualified and observe all hygiene and safety protocols. L: I'm sure the resistance to this is the possibility that it opens up the doctors or staff to malpractice lawsuits, even when the procedure works out fine (but especially if it doesn't; Monday morning quarterbacking that could result in millions in lawsuits and increasing health care costs). That's a legitimate concern. I'm probably opposed, but it is an interesting discussion to start.	D / L
Business Regs	SB155	Alters security reqs for funds transfers; reqs use of electronic docs as authoritative. (*Bill is very difficult to process, needs much scrutiny.)	W. Westerfield
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	The Uniform Commercial Code is dense and hard to process, to the point that it is actually a problem. This version of the bill is 171 pages. It is close to SB64 from last session, but this one (I believe) attempts to omit the apparent gateway to CBDCs (central bank digital currencies) that hung it up last year with an exclusion at the end... However, several problematic parts still remain. To be clear, I have no issue with Bitcoin, or Ethereum, processing being legally streamlined... I have a big problem with CBDC's. https://tomrenz.substack.com/p/the-tyrants-are-passing-state-laws Amendment #1: The definition of "Money" in section (1)(2)(y) explicitly excludes Bitcoin and Ethereum, but would include any future CBDC via subparagraph 3. This needs to have the definition reversed: 3. The term includes an electronic record that is a medium of exchange recorded and transferable in a system that existed and operated for the medium of exchange before July 1, 2024. Such an electronic record, or digital currency, may be recognized as money in the Commonwealth of Kentucky only if it can be verified as impossible to track without a warrant, by a minimum of three independent experts. a. Independent Expert means, for purposes of this section, an individual with the requisite expertise to evaluate the proposed money to meet the requirements of this section. Courts should construe this clause strongly in favor of ensuring high levels of expertise and independence. Amendment #2: Add the following provision... All banking and financial institutions in the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be required to recognize at least one physical currency as "money". This physical currency must be treated as the primary form of money in the state and valued to ensure it is the preferred form of trade within the state. No bank or financial institution shall penalize anyone for the use of physical money in Kentucky, nor shall they provide any incentives for the use of any digital currency. Physical and digital money must be taxed at equal rates.	Dan / L
Business Regs	SB156	Exempts poultry producers killing less than 20K birds per year from premits, or reqs of the Cabinet of Health & Family Services.	A. Southworth
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	I'm generally sympathetic to deregulation, but 20K birds seems like a lot and no regulations at all?! Amendment: Certainly some hygiene protocols should be in place, and 20K seems like a lot. I can see the logic here for a family killing their own food, or even a legitimately tiny farm where these regulations make it prohibitive (maybe on the order of a thousand or two per year max).	L
Business Regs	SB157	Prohibits a pet shop from selling dogs or cats unless the animal was obtained from a shelter or a qualified breeder.	J. Howell
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	More government regulation and oversight of private enterprise. This strips the ability of municipalities to regulate the sale of dogs & cats at retail pet stores Note similarities and differences with SB41. This one allows the sale of dogs and cats from qualified breeders, that one doesn't. Both are unnecessary regulations, though this one is somewhat better being targeted to cut out "puppy mills" feeding into retail pet stores.	S / L
Courts & Crimes	SB158	Relating to settlements with a minor, establishes provisions for opening a restricted account or an annuity.	R. Girdler
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	No problem with this.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB159	Provides for reimbursement of expenses for firefighters' blood tests for PFAS ("forever chemicals") contamination.	C. Armstrong

Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly)	<p>Same as HB116.</p> <p>I don't know that this is a bad bil, but it may be a bit out in front of the science. Apparently these sorts of chemicals (nearly 15K kinds are known) are present in some firefighting foams (I assume the reason firefighters are included here), as well as carpeting, packaging, etc. They are found in levels above the EPA recommended level in MANY public tap water locations (incl the Louisville area). Currently, how these chemicals relate to the certainty of detrimental effects on humans is inconclusive, according to the EPA.</p> <p>Encouraging testing for something that isn't known for sure to be dangerous, and which are found in the environment and tap water, has litigation and frivolous lawsuits written all over it.</p> <p>Amendment: Put a start date of 2026 on this and I'd probably be on board. The state should consider banning these chemicals at the point, if the science continues to come back as very dangerous.</p>	L
Govt Regs	SB160	Reqs those who submit a birth certificate in applying for a vehicle license to have that certificate verified through EEVE, "Electronic Verification of Vital Events" maintained by the Nat'l Assoc. for Public Health Statistics and Info. Systems, to corroborate authenticity.	A. Southworth
Support	Low (Can wait)Any valid effort to confirm vital record correctness makes good sense, especially when fraudulent documents are used to obtain other things like social security cards and voter id. I support this.	D
Govt Regs	SB161	Only permit cellular antenna towers to be constructed beyond 1680' from homes or where 10+ people regularly gather.	A. Southworth
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	<p>Simple enough, we don't know the long-term effect to the continuously increasing EM radiation in our lives. Radiation is replete in our atmosphere, but there is no need to construct towers right on top of people as distance from one to the next, straight line, is almost moot. Why chance it until we absolutely know more? SIMILAR AND NEEDS TO BE MERGED WITH HB338.</p> <p>Amendment: 1680? Just make it 2000' and include any new generation of wireless technology standard, 5G being the present standard. For example, if there is 6G or 7G, etc., this would be included as well.</p> <p>Dol: This Bill is long OVER DUE for all of our health and environmental safety.. It DOES NOT need to be merged with HB338, it is a bad Bill because that Bill wants a # of ppl it is effecting before locating towers away, United Nations 4 pg written statement (2019) to the Human Rights Council titled 5G/cell towers is Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading. It is way past time to start locating these towers away from the public now.</p>	D / D
Transportation	SB162	Allows all law enforcement agencies to retain and access a copy of vehicle accident reports.	R. Mills
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	No issue with this, hard to believe this wasn't the law already.	L
Govt Regs	SB163	Allows gov't agencies to decide whether a person is cremated or buried if no relative can be found.	G. Elkins
Only If Amended	Oppose (friendly) *Passed Senate	<p>The decision to decide burial or cremation should be made by the family, not the government. A set dollar amount should be decided as to what the gov't agency will pay for.</p> <p>L: I'm not as opposed to this bill. The state still has to try to locate a family member, only when they can't do that does this provision that the local gov't agency which has to pay for burial or cremation makes the decision.</p> <p>Amendment: I DO think there should be a provision that the gov't must also attempt to find the deceased's will and see if method of burial / cremation is specified and that be respected.</p>	D G / L
Business Regs	SB164	Allows schools to arrange transfer (articulation) agreements from trade school and technical training institutions to regular proprietary scholastic institutions.	S. Funke Frommeyer
Support	High (Pass this session) *Passed Senate	This is a great idea. This allows trade schools and technical school students to get academic credit in the course of their trade or technical training without loss of time or credit. It would allow trade schools and technical schools to concentrate on skill training. We need plumbers, electricians, pipe fitters, and all trade skilled people badly. I am firmly for this.	D
Govt Regs	SB165	KY Retirement System Board of Trustees do not have to disclose their social security numbers when applying to become a trustee, nor does an existing trustee who may be under subpoena, and those signing petitions regarding potential taxes being levied among several more examples.	A. Southworth
Support	Low (Can wait)	The information that is required of individuals who is selected to become a trustee in the Kentucky Retirement Sytem board does not have to disclose his or her Social Security Number in the application process. Since some of these selections are subject to public information laws it seem a good thing not to expose a social security number when it isn't relevant to the selection process. There are other examples in this statue where the social security number is not necessary as well.	D
Education	SB166	Prohibits China affiliated nonprofits from contracting with KY schools (K-12 and Post-sec) to provide educational services.	L. Tichenor

Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	The fact is, China is our #1 geopolitical threat. Malcolm X, of all people, said "Only a fool would let his enemy teach his children." If their government is funding these programs, it is a virtual certainty that they are intended for the benefit of the Chinese gov't, whether or not they also benefit the US gov't (and often, and increasingly, those interests conflict). Now, I don't want to cast aspersions upon the Chinese people as a whole, or even suggest that Confucius institutes on our college campuses or chinese language academies that provide Mandarin and Cantonese language instructors to our schools are nefarious entities, or that the individual instructors are anything but well-meaning. They very well may all have positive intent for their students. A healthy skepticism and "better safe than sorry" approach at an institutional level is best here, however. At the very minimum these need to be CLOSELY monitored. Amendment: I'm VERY skeptical of the language banning this for non-public schools that receive state funds. I don't know if that is constitutional given Rudasill (1979) and Section 5 of the KY Constitution... I really don't want to open that door (at most, and I don't like this precedent either, discount the state funding of private school proportionate to the per pupil cost of these teachers).	L
Education	SB167	Reqs cursive writing to be included as a course of study in all elementary schools beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.	L. Tichenor
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	I'm not sure that cursive actually is a necessary skill (I'm not against teaching it, just putting it as a requirement for graduation, mandatory in elementary, etc. seems like an overstep); it doesn't seem a high priority anyway. I'd need to see evidence for this. My guess is that if schools that teach cursive do better (likely) it's due to this being a proxy for having demanding reqs, as schools where most kids are struggling see it as a lower priority and scrap it. This might not be a great illustration of this sentiment (or maybe it is), but: we can't be caught up promoting traditional ed just for traditionalism's sake, any more than we should pursue progressive ed for progressivism's sake. Amendment: Just make it a recommended practice for schools or MAYBE part of the standards, definitely not a grad requirement.	L
Education	SB168	Rem minority member req for school councils (SBDMs), changes election protocols, and incr parent membership from two to three.	L. Tichenor
Support	High (Pass this session)	All of these are positive changes. Encoding racial quotas in our gov't structure is an abomination and antithetical to Republicanism and a colorblind gov't. Increasing Parent representation on site-based councils is also a big improvement. Note: this should have been done in SB1 a couple of years back rather than moving responsibilities away from SBDMs (Personnel IS policy).	D G / L
Education	SB169	Etab the conditions and protocol for a recall of a member of the local board of elections.	L. Tichenor
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Reasons for recall: "Neglect of duty"; wrongful act in performance; Acceptance of a bribe of money or other valuable consideration to induce failure to perform duties prescribed by law; Willful or careless failure to exercise due diligence in the performance of an official duty, or intentional failure to perform a duty imposed by statute or the Constitution of Ky. There should be no bribery or intimidation to perform their jobs when it comes to our children's physical and mental well being. L: I feel like this is a big enough change to the law that it needs a serious committee vetting first, but there is lots of common sense reform here that probably can be applied to other offices as well.	D G
Education	SB170	Makes the number of school board members based on 3-year average enrollment population each 10 years.	L. Tichenor
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	I generally like the idea. The fact that the JCPS only has 7 school board members for a budget of \$2B+ and overseeing hundreds of schools and other districts (eg Anchorage, in the same county) has a board of 5 with a tiny fraction of each is somewhat crazy. Amendment: The formula probably needs modification (slower ramp with a lower peak; not sure we need 15 board members for anything below a whole state).	L
Education	SB171	Allow a superintendent to be removed for cause by a majority plus 1 instead of four-fifths board vote.	L. Tichenor
Support	Low (Can wait)	Seeing how the educational system is going from bad to worse, this Bill is long overdue. L: Working through the math here, the vast majority of boards have 5 members so majority plus one would be 4/5s, correct? If so, this is a subtle improvement to the law (more flexibility for different board sizes). Amendment: I'm not sure that I love the KY BOE being able to overrule 4/5 (or maj +1) of a board (though yes, it's better than the Commissioner himself being able to do that).	D G / L
Elections	SB172	Reqs employees have 'reasonable' time off work to vote.	A. Southworth
Support	High (Pass this session)	This requires an employer to allow an employee time to vote. This defines what an employee and employer is. It sets forth penalties for violations. If a corporation is guilty then it will lose its charter in addition to being fined up to \$1,000.00 per incident. Amendment: The term 'reasonable' is used and it should define a specific amount of time instead (perhaps, at minimum 2 hours). Amendment: Also while modifying this bill, references to gender specific functions could be updated. The word 'he' is used and 'person' or 'he or she' would work as well. L: I'm not sure if it needs to be req'd by law, as all businesses that I know of have this policy, but I suppose it doesn't hurt. I do like this better than making election day a full holiday.	M
Health	SB173	AN ACT relating to Medicaid home and community-based waiver residential services.	R. Thomas

Business Regs	SB174	If a communication service provider damages a gas pipe without an attempt to locate, the operator shall report to the Public Service Commission the distance from the pipe to the communications terminal.	J. Carpenter
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	Not sure what communicating this to the Commission will solve.	S
Taxes & Spending	SB175	AN ACT relating to designating a special needs trust to receive state-administered retirement benefits.	R. Webb
Business Regs	SB176	Creates civil penalties for contractors who misclassify employees as independent contractors when bidding on public work projects.	P. Wheeler
Support	High (Pass this session)	Very precise, well written, detailed bill. Recommend passage. L: Employers have started hiring people as "independent contractors" rather than employees to get around providing them a slew of benefits. Baring a more comprehensive reform, it seems reasonable to require that businesses NOT do that when they get lucrative state contracts.	S / L
Health	SB177	A super speeder (25+ mph over limit) assessed an extra \$200.00 fee to be given to these funds: Bentley rural hospital, trauma care system, and emergency medical grant. Emergency medical grant fund established by this bill.	S. Meredith
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Second half is same as HB484. Amendment: Strike out the establishment of the emergency medical services grant fund. Creates new spending from GA without guarantee that it will alleviate targeted problem.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB178	AN ACT relating to firearms.	K. Berg
Courts & Crimes	SB179	Prohibits a person from requiring, coercing or compelling another to undergo the implantation of an identification chip.	A. Southworth
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Definitely should be a provision in law, get ahead of this coming tech. I would like to see this pushed further to prohibit coercing a person from getting implanted with a chip designed to enhance human functions, as Musk is working on now. Future employers may try to require this as a condition of employment.	S
Courts & Crimes	SB180	Restricts the use of facial recognition technology and biometric identifiers and the storage of this data. Prohibits its use as evidence.	A. Southworth
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	I think this one needs to be fleshed out in committee. I love the spirit of it. It seems to me that most of these biometric identifiers can be obtained from a simple photograph or a person touching most any object. I would also think that DNA would be in here. The core issue is that AI technology and centralized databases have allowed mundane information to be tracked down to a person so easily, cheaply, and quickly. Are we saying that law enforcement can't request a photo, videotape, or fingerprints that a suspect left in plain sight, or they just can't run facial recognition or fingerprint identification on them? Same for private businesses? Anyway, there are some very interesting ideas here that I haven't fully worked through but a detailed committee hearing would help expose holes and tighten this bill up a bit I believe.	L
Courts & Crimes	SB181	Creates new crime of coersing someone into sex, or using sexual material or history to coerce or blackmail someone.	J. Adams
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Clearly these things should be illegal, so I generally support the bill, I'm just not sure that this isn't already illegal. Blackmail and extortion are already crimes... Amendment: If we are trying to truly clean up the legal code, it feels like 2 distinct illegal acts are being combined into one here: (a) Coercing someone (through any means) into doing something they don't want to do sexually (ie adding sexual favors to the list of things that can be extorted), and (b) Using sexual information, material, or history to obtain something that the other person doesn't want to give up or do (ie adding sexual information as something that can be used TO extort).	L
Business Regs	SB182	Reqs any employer that mandates immunization for employment accept medical and religious exemptions. Permits cause of action if employers violate this and someone gets injured by a vaccine.	S. West
Support	High (Pass this session)	I'm going to be enthusiastic if ANY covid mandate ban or exemption finally gets through the general assembly. This is a pretty good one because (a) it attacks one of the most egregious violations of rights, forced vaccination (btw, I am generally pro-vax, but anti-FORCED vax), but also (b) this applies to private employers as well. Here's hoping something like this finally gets through. I believe 17 states have some sort of COVID mandate ban; but not KY?!	L
Health	SB183	AN ACT relating to heat injury prevention.	C. Armstrong
Business Regs	SB184	AN ACT relating to employment.	C. Armstrong
Business Regs	SB185	AN ACT relating to prevailing wage.	C. Armstrong
Business Regs	SB186	AN ACT relating to customer notices from broadband service providers.	K. Berg

Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB187	Reqs a 7-day waiting period for "modified" firearms.	D. Carroll
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	A person's right to keep and bear arms SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED. L: WHAT would possess a Republican to file a bill like this? A modified weapon basically includes most anything using the AR15 platform... and this, "A semiautomatic version of an automatic rifle, shotgun, or firearm," could mean virtually anything.	S / L
Health	SB188	Estab regs on Pharmacy Benefit managers.	M. Wise
Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	My main concern is the cost impact. Could needlessly increase costs for insurers, which in turn means consumers. Mail order pharmaceuticals could benefit those on maintenance prescriptions or who don't live near a pharmacy. I will wait until the fiscal impact statement arrives for a final verdict, this could potentially be a HIGH PRIORITY bill. Note: some of these provisions are in HB190. I also am concerned that this is really a bail-out / protectionist bill for an outmoded independent pharmacist model hiding under the cover of insurer regulations. I have nothing against local, independent pharmacists BTW, in rural areas in particular they do serve an important need. However, the market is the market, and if consumers prefer a different model, then fighting against that isn't productive long-term. Nevertheless, this won't be an outright OPPOSE because we DO need fundamental fairness in the PBM market (which in my understanding does not exist; hence, that biases the market in a different way) and this bill attempts to bring that. Amendment: I don't love the provisions against mail-order pharmacies, in particular. Those do tend to reduce cost to the consumer. I do think it is reasonable to demand that the prescriptions from a mail-order pharmacy arrive on the timeline demanded by the prescription if they are going to be demanded by the PBM, however.	L
Education	SB189	Allows Murray State to start a doctoral program in veterinary medicine.	J. Howell
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Same as HB400. See the extensive commentary on HB400 detailing how this makes zero financial sense. Here are the non-financial reasons it makes no sense: This largely passed the House on false premises and a lack of hard evidence: (1) It was claimed that modifications of this sort to this area of the KRS was common, it is not. The Postsecondary education system in the state of Kentucky is designed with 2 Research Doctoral Universities (University of Kentucky and University of Louisville) and 6 Comprehensive Universities (and KCTCS) which do not conduct doctoral research. This distribution of roles is largely designed so as to raise UK and UL to world-class status and boost their profile for federal grants. The ONLY exception to this model is the Chase Law School at Northern Kentucky University which already existed at the time of adoption of this statute. This would be exception #2 to this model. (2) The principal expert witness, Dr. Parr?, cited Clemson University as one of 6 new vet schools in the past 50 years that had been created using the "distributed model". Clemson will not be opening until the Fall of 2026 (which will open up contract slots at both UGA and Miss St. to expand the Auburn partnership to 50+ slots at bargain basement cost to the state) and they estimate their start-up costs for 80 student classes at \$239M with \$19M recurring. Note: Murray's estimate, which would still be a bad investment, for their 70-75 student classes is at an implausibly low by comparison \$89M(!) with \$15M recurring. (3) The "distributive ed model" does not produce high quality vets at nearly the rate that clinical / traditional vet schools do (they are cheaper but you get what you pay for). There was little to no testimony about the board success rate of "distributed model" graduates. Nobody mentioned in testimony that less than 100 QUALIFIED students (136 total) in the state of KY even applied to Vet school, and much like med school you don't really want the bottom 1/2 to 1/3 of applicants wielding a scalpel. Who are the target 70+ students per class here? Pretending that this won't require the admission of students who should not even be in vet school and/or eventually the dissolution of the top tier Auburn partnership is willful blindness. (4) Multiple Republicans that voted HB400 out of committee expressed in their vote explanations that this DID NOT start a veterinary school, it was just a vote "to continue the conversation". We can have the conversation right now, without changing the law to restructure the University classifications in the state. This is clearly a classic bait and switch where clearing a possible vet school leads to THIS "conversation": drumming up some amount of private donations (say \$10M), then the politically connected execs and associates of Murray State start lobbying Appropriators, then Murray invests in architectural drawings and contracts out some feasibility studies, maybe even some polling, then they build a building or two and start the "momentum" and "sunk cost" fallacies (look at all of the support this has, and we have already invested so much, and raised so much money... "we just need the state money to finish it," otherwise it's a waste). Best to bury this bad idea before it spreads.	L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB190	Creates a Voluntary KY Do Not Sell List related to firearms. Provides a method for someone to voluntarily surrender their firearms to the KY State Police.	D. Carroll
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Very similar to HB460. No way this is going to have the result you think it may. L: I don't mind the voluntary surrender protocol as long as the person establishes that they are the legitimate owner of the firearms (not sure why they wouldn't just sell them at a gun shop though).	S
Education	SB191	Adds nontraditional aged students to the goal of closing achievement gap. Incr % of university funding based on student success outcomes. Weight credentials based on the economic needs of the state.	D. Givens

<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	Generally positive about the bill. Amendment: Not sure you need to add nontraditional aged students to the list. When measuring outcomes, strikes out bachelor's degrees earned per 100 undergraduate students. This needs to stay in as a measurement when comparing different size universities.	S
Taxes & Spending	<u>SB192</u>	Same as HB499.	D. Givens
<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	Low (Can wait)	Same as HB499. Don't like the ability to seek an exception to allow career and technical courses for students in grades 5-8. They are too young to be concerned with locking in a career path. Need to get back to focusing on the three Rs.	S
Govt Regs	<u>SB193</u>	Reduces the number of people on the Animal Control Advisory Board.	J. Adams
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	All for reducing the size of boards, if not eliminating them.	S
Health	<u>SB194</u>	Authorizes insurers to provide electronic communication to persons covered under an employer-sponsored health plan.	J. Adams
<u>Support</u>	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Insured has the right to opt out. Insurer can't penalize Insured for opting out.	S
Courts & Crimes	<u>SB195</u>	Constitutional amendment to restore voting rights of certain persons convicted of felonies three years after completion of imprisonment, probation or parole.	B. Storm
<u>Support</u>	Low (Can wait)	Supportive of this. Like the exclusion of violent offenders, sexual offenders election crimes, bribery and treason. This year other proposed amendments have a higher priority.	S
Taxes & Spending	<u>SB196</u>	Hazardous employees hired after July 1, 2013 are considered Tier 3, this would allow hazardous employees to go into the Tiers 2 after 10 years of service.	C. McDaniel
<u>Support w/ amendment suggestions</u>	Medium (Committee review+)	A REHIRE (whether from a hazardous or non hazardous position to a hazardous position, SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED to revert back to the Tier 2 system. However, if the 10 year HAZARDOUS employee is NOT A REHIRE, they should be allowed to go to the Tier 2 system. Why? The rehiree is receiving a salary AND a pension from the Tier 1 system. The pension system is deeply in debt and taxpayers, who most will never receive 1 pension let alone two. MOST rehires probably have a VERY CUSHY life - 2nd home, 3/4 cars, VACA homes, buying rental property, etc. Meanwhile most taxpayers are struggling to pay their bills and pay for childcare while they work. Who is considered in a HAZARDOUS position? Go back to who was originally deemed HAZARDOUS (there could possibly be some departments added who should NOT be deemed as hazardous). When the pension system originally started, KRS61.637 - an employee by a participating agency prior to August 1, 1998, shall have his or her retirement payments suspended for the duration of reemployment. Somewhere along the way greed (or desperation for employees) consumed those who decided to take advantage of taxpayer funded dollars by allowing rehires to receive a pension as a rehiree. Most of those rehired were managers, there were many employees who were working in their department who could have easily taken that manager's job. Some retirees were rehired illegally (rehired back into the same position, the statute stated it was not allowed to happen and it did happen). David Melton on FB has ideas on how to save the pension system and get it out of debt. It looks doable. if government does not like a certain individual will they be able to have influence over certain ppl's 401K account (for example) and make sure a person's investments are deemed "worthless or not performing as well as expected" and that retiree loses a LOT in their 401K account (for example). Amendment: The pension system rules against a second pension on reemployment need to revert back to prior to August 1, 1998, NO pension benefit for duration of reemployment. This has become an excessive burden on the taxpayers. At one time, retroactive benefits were given "to some". Since they ILLEGALLY allowed that to happen, they should RETROACTIVELY remove getting a pension as a rehire and let them pay back the funds stolen plus interest the KRS has lost. NOTE: The RETROACTIVE benefit, last time I looked, was removed from the statute. Amendment: If the road department is not added, they should be added as hazardous, (if they were not originally included). Working on the road, not in a management role, IS a very hazardous job.	D G
Govt Regs	<u>SB197</u>	A wildlife rehabilitation permit holder may house and maintain nonreleasable wildlife for displaying and exhibiting for wildlife conservation and rehabilitation purposes.	M. Deneen
<u>Support</u>	Medium (Committee review+)	Animal must have rabies vaccination and been deemed unreleasable by a veterinarian.	S
Govt Regs	<u>SB198</u>	Creates Nuclear Energy Development Authority. Purpose is to study best practices in nuclear energy production and produce a site suitability study to identify the best potential locations for KY nuclear facility sites.	D. Carroll
<u>Support</u>	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Don't normally like the creation of new boards but this is an issue that needs to be focused on. With the war against so called fossil fuels, we need to look at reliable alternatives to harden our power grid.	S
Transportation	<u>SB199</u>	Streamlines the process for a non-resident of KY, and veterans, to obtain a CDL. Prohibits an individual from having more than one license. Apply year-round reg system for vehicles 10K lbs or less. Elim moped license.	J. Higdon

Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Lots of technical corrections in this bill. Need a committee review to hash out all these changes but no real problems with any of it.	S
Education	<u>SB200</u>	AN ACT relating to school calendars.	<u>D. Thayer</u>
Education	<u>SB201</u>	Allow Council on Postsecondary Ed to estab criteria for KY comprehensive universities to establish up to 5 Doctoral programs.	<u>D. Givens</u>
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	The good part of this is that it sets in place a more comprehensive approach and process for adding doctoral programs than just making specific additions (eg HB400/SB189; HB407). The bad: The current system, by which all doctoral programs (except the pre-existing JD program at KNU) are concentrated at the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville, has a specific purpose: to raise the national prominence of these 2 (flagship) unis allowing them to compete for highly competitive Federal grants. The comprehensive universities are responsible for proving a good undergrad ed at reasonable cost, primarily to in-state students. Nobody fighting for these vet school, or med school, bills has actually addressed why the current statute is designed as it is, which is perfectly logical, when proposing that the statute be modified. Also, I don't love at all that the Council is the one given power over setting these terms. Better to have them recommend criteria and the GA vote those criteria into law. If I trusted their vision for higher ed policy I would have voted for them (which I can't currently do). I voted for my legislators. These are managers on a board appointed by the Gov, not policy makers, so quit ceding the GA's power to them.	L
	<u>SB202</u>	AN ACT relating to conditions of supervision.	<u>G. Neal</u>
	*Passed Senate		
Education	<u>SB203</u>	Estab 4 different funds (purportedly targeting \$300M over 2 years; the existing \$50M from the house is already too much) for subsidizing child care options.	<u>D. Carroll</u>
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	\$300M in state subsidies for the child care industry? Rebranding of child care as Early Childhood Education, as if our current childhood education system (sucking up half of the budget for dismal student outcomes) has been a rousing success? This is what you get when "Republicans" don't understand or respect the fundamental principles of either fiscal OR social conservatism. For instance: Principle: Gov't handouts (and regulations) distort market forces. Principle: The people who most directly benefit from any program should ideally pay for it (in this case, the businesses who want workers cheap are getting the benefit of not providing this as a work incentive; instead taxpayers are taking a family member out of direct child care, farming that out to a child boarder). Principle: Central planning leads to dictatorship.- FA Hayek Gov't should stay out of social engineering; the gov't/legislature DOES NOT know best how to run people's lives or society generally, nor even best how to allocate most resources (competitive "free market" forces operating through the decisions and actions of millions of localized citizens does that vastly better). We have all of these bad socialistic ideas in one bill, coming from a purportedly "conservative" Senate, apparently because an influential lobbyist group decided it's best to have all taxpayers give a handout to these child care businesses, and give corporate businesses a handout via not having to provide child care costs for workers as an incentive to employment or as a compensation bonus. Who is lobbying for LESS gov't spending in Frankfort if the liberal "policy arms" of traditional business interest lobbyists are now full-on crony capitalist? The only parts of the bill that aren't thoroughly misguided are the KCTCS ECE associate's degree program upgrades to include business management, which is just OK... and I have no issue with state paying for child care worker background checks. Amendment: Just loosen regulations like the number of children per attendant and ending zoning prohibitions on in-home child care businesses... Making child care more profitable via market forces should always be the first option. The least misguided of these funds is the Child Care Assistance Program, I can live with that one if need be (scrap the rest of these).	L
Govt Regs	<u>SB204</u>	Makes the Treeing Walker Coonhound the official state dog breed.	<u>R. Webb</u>
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Surely we have better things to do. This should have just been a resolution. Are there no other breeds of dogs created in KY?	L
Education	<u>SB205</u>	Provides 20 days of maternity leave for school employees in addition to all other leave.	<u>L. Tichenor</u>
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	This is on top of the 30 days of accumulated sick leave they may take currently. Too much. L: Obviously, mothers should have time off for having a baby. However, teachers already have a generous sick leave program that has been massively exploited with people having 500+ days of accumulated leave to spike their retirement. Not only is this on top of the potentially 30 accumulated sick days that can be used, there are also provisions allowing other employees to donate (banked) sick days to other employees.	S / L
Courts & Crimes	<u>SB206</u>	Adds add'l criteria a court may consider in determining the best interest of a child. Prohibits court from considering the socioeconomic status of the parent or caretaker.	<u>A. Southworth</u>

Support w/ amendment suggestions	High (Pass this session)	Very thorough list of the criteria the court is required to consider. L: I'm not sure that SES should be taken off the list of considerations... I'd just prefer that these be tiered and it placed on 2nd tier. Money does matter, it just shouldn't be determinative.	S / L
Courts & Crimes	SB207	Reqs Commonwealth to bear the burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence in a temporary removal hearing. Removes admissibility of hearsay as evidence.	A. Southworth
Support	High (Pass this session)	An order for a temporary removal is permissive and not mandatory (ie you may remove the child, not must remove the child). Clear and convincing burden of proof should be required in all court cases; and hearsay should never be allowed. These are standard features of due process that get waved when children are involved.	S
Courts & Crimes	SB208	Separate the definition of "abused child" and "neglected child." Amend definition of "physical injury" to include the requirement that it is likely to cause death, disfigurement or impairment of an organ. Require Cabinet interviews be recorded and retained for 5 years. Remove "neglect" as a basis for termination of parental rights.	A. Southworth
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirements for pushing back against the aggressive tactics of the cabinet.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB209	AN ACT relating to the forensic processing of firearms.	K. Berg
Education	SB210	Allows enrollment of a public school student on a part-time basis. Prohibits a district's nonresident pupil policy from discriminating against any pupil. Prohibits charging tuition to any child.	S. West
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	NOTE: Many of these criticisms were incorporated into the Comm Sub. Should specify that a student may be allowed to attend part-time if they are meeting their core curriculum requirements there or also elsewhere. Do not like requiring that 10 percent of maximum class size to be reserved for enrollment of nonresident pupils. Resident pupils should have first priority and then nonresidents can be allowed if there is room. L: I agree with these criticisms. I'm not sure the use case here, who is wanting to attend part-time and that seems like an awfully high reserved for non-resident percentage. Most schools are near 100% resident currently. Committee hearing would be useful to hear about this one. It's an interesting bill, with a lot of complicated issues: Balancing tuition charges with SEEK funding with local property tax rates... and where the money. This would benefit from more discussion over the interim.	S / L
Health	SB211	Reqs nurses and PAs whose primary focus is on patients 50+ complete continuing education on treating Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.	S. Meredith
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	This should be left for the physician / medical center they work for to dictate but not be mandated by the government.	S
Education	SB212	Prohibits school district from entering agreements with providers of digital instruction that collect, share, or use data not directly related to the function of the service. Limits screen time per day for students.	A. Southworth
Support	High (Pass this session)	Very good prohibition to keep these companies from mining data of the children. May be difficult for schools to track screen time for students throughout the day as they go from class to class but a great suggestion. This SHOULD get out in front of the Chromebook / Google social indoctrination.	S
Education	SB213	Reqs school districts to report civics test for graduation results to the KDE and KDE to publicly post those results.	A. Southworth
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Great idea. Amendment: This bill should be more specific about what exactly they need to post publicly. It needs to be posted in aggregate and by County, School District, and School... and have crosstabs by sex, race/ethnicity, and free & reduced lunch (or not).	L
Taxes & Spending	SB214	AN ACT relating to tax incentives for support provided to victims of domestic violence.	D. Yates
Transportation	SB215	Prohibits state from adopting or enforcing emission standards on new vehicles or requiring the sale of electric vehicles.	J. Carpenter
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Great bill considering the stance of the current federal administration and the EPA. L: Clearly there should be a balance here. I'm fine with not requiring electric vehicles, it should always remain a choice. Emission standards do change though, I'm afraid this could imperil Federal transportation dollars at some point. Still, overall I support this.	S / L
Elections	SB216	Begin processing absentee ballots at 8:00 am on election day. Prohibits sharing of results until 6:00 pm.	A. Southworth
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Great way to ensure that no one will know how many ballots are needed to be inserted to swing an election.	S
Govt Regs	SB217	Prohibits atmospheric polluting and geoengineering by private entities, the federal gov't or int'l bodies.	A. Southworth
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Same as HB506. See commentary there.	D G / L
Courts & Crimes	SB218	Automatic expungement for specific eligible misdemeanor and felony convictions.	B. Storm

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Very limited in the scope of expungements. Would like to see more added to the list. Same as HB569.	S
Health	SB219	Incl medical labs in the def of provider.	S. Meredith
Support	Low (Can wait)	OK with this, but not a high priority. Same as HB677.	S
Govt Regs	SB220	Incr size of combined electric and water board to seven, brings it into proportional relationship between those living inside and outside city limits. Apply anti-nepotism rules. Reqs audit in even numbered years. Prohibits political or institutional ads.	G. Williams
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Nothing bad in this. Need a committee hearing to hash it out.	S
Health	SB221	Shell Bill.	S. Meredith
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Health	SB222	Technical change "which" instead of "whom" to reference organizations.	S. Meredith
Support	Low (Can wait)	No objection.	L
Health	SB223	Shell Bill.	S. Meredith
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Health	SB224	Technical change "which" instead of "whom" to reference organizations.	S. Meredith
Support	Low (Can wait)	No objection.	L
Transportation	SB225	Shell Bill.	J. Higdon
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB226	Shell Bill.	R. Girdler
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB227	Shell Bill.	R. Girdler
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB228	Shell Bill.	R. Girdler
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	SB229	Gives KY League of Cities ability to designate a member of each of Blockchain Working Group and KY Infrastructure authority. Doubles unaudited expenditures by superintendent and permissible board salaries.	M. Wilson
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	I guess it's fine for the KY League of Cities to get these designees. Amendment: No reason for strong opposition here, other than it is doubling the expense of this board and the amount these superintendents can spend. Are these increases really necessary and are they consistent with other boards, or is this going to create a chain reaction?	L
Business Regs	SB230	Prohibit hiring or firing decisions from private companies and disciplinary punishment in public schools on the basis of historically racially associated hairstyles.	W. Westerfield
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Same as HB232... and SB63 last session. Amend KRS 344.010 to provide definitions of "protective hairstyle" and "race" that include traits historically associated with race... prohibit private businesses from firing, or not hiring, people based upon their hairstyle; amend KRS 158.148 to provide that school disciplinary codes shall prohibit discrimination on the basis of race (including not restricting hairstyles apparently). Unnecessary. A hairstyle is not a "trait". In any situation we are talking about here (people aren't being fired for well-kempt hairstyles, including braids, afros or even well-kept dreads), it is a fashion or (counter-)cultural statement. Private businesses have the right to restrict your statements, as do the public schools within a narrower window. They both also have rational reasons for requiring well-kempt hair.	L
Courts & Crimes	SB231	Bars the use of slave/unpaid labor by prisoners in prison.	W. Westerfield
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	We don't need this amendment to the KY Constitution. The only think this would affect given the US Constitution, Amendment 13 is labor in prison. All of our prisons pay some small wage for prisoner labor anyway. Same as HB295.	R
Education	SB232	Local boards must submit construction plans to chief state school officer, but Dep of Ed is prohibited from req prior approval. Provides for the approval and appeal process for a district's purchase or disposal of real property. Allow boards to make mortgages, loans or encumbrances without Dep of Ed approval. Strikes out the need for a school librarian.	W. Westerfield

Only If Amended	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	Schools absolutely need a librarian to keep up to date with changing technology. Boards must submit an approved district facility plan for approval but can move forward on construction without approval. Should have to wait for approval that it matches the approved plan.	S
Govt Regs	SB233	Limits solar farms to less than one percent of a county's acreage. Land can't be acquired through eminent domain.	S. West
Support	High (Pass this session)	Excellent start. We need to make sure our utilities are not focused on this sporadically reliable energy source that in the future will have to be dealt with as a hazardous waste.	S
Business Regs	SB234	Sets up regulation requirements for short-term rental properties.	S. West
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Attempt to add more regulations on airbnbs.	S
Courts & Crimes	SB235	Establishes requirements for reports of alleged child dependency, abuse or neglect.	A. Southworth
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Require the reporter to remain anonymous, report recorded and if the report is about a facility, the reporter's relation to the facility.	S
Education	SB236	Establishes licensure requirements and operational standards for child care centers.	A. Southworth
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Allows violations to be corrected while Inspector is present. Inspector shall minimize disruption while present. Disruption exempt from citation. Expungement of records if an appeal is won.	S
Business Regs	SB237	AN ACT relating to mobile barber licensure.	R. Thomas
	SB238	AN ACT relating to children.	K. Berg
Health	SB239	Prevent reprisal for a medical professional refusing to provide a service because of a violation of their conscience.	D. Douglas
Support	High (Pass this session)	Very good bill. I believe Illinois has had something like this for 30 years.	L
Education	SB240	Clarifies that foster parents who work out of the home can receive financial assistance the same as if they worked outside the home.	C. Armstrong
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	No issue with this, I'm not sure that this isn't already the law anyway.	L
Transportation	SB241	Shell Bill.	J. Higdon
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Health	SB242	Shell Bill.	D. Carroll
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	This bill got filed with a bill and got a committee hearing (committee sub not posted online ahead of committee meeting) in Senate Health Services where Carroll is Chair.	L -
Courts & Crimes	SB243	Person is guilty of cruelty to animals in the first degree if they cause an animal to engage in a fight, organize operation of an animal fight, is present or allows a minor to attend. Requires forfeiture of animal to control officer. Falconry authorized.	G. Elkins
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Allowing an animal to fight or organizing a Class D felony. Attending or allowing a minor to attend a Class A misdemeanor.	S
Elections	SB244	Order of appearance on the ballot for statewide candidates shall be assigned randomly for each congressional district.	R. Mills
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	The old system seems quite convoluted. Random assignment seems reasonable, no real issue with this. It doesn't seem to specify how counties that are in multiple congressional districts are handled... Will there be different orderings within the same county, or even at the same voting location? Does that open up the possibility of electronic miscounts if the multiple ballot orders aren't programmed correctly?	L
Govt Regs	SB245	Prohibits a public agency from employing or contacting with a lobbyist. Prohibits a public servant from using influence in a matter under the purview of the GA.	A. Southworth
Support	High (Pass this session)	Much needed. Our tax money should not be spent lobbying against the interests of the taxpayers.	S
Education	SB246	If material is determined to be too graphic to be read or shown at a school board meeting then it must be removed from schools.	L. Tichenor
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Same as HB191. Simple bill, clever concept. Amendment: Perhaps include also that if something can't be shown on broadcast TV by the FCC, then it also doesn't belong in a K-12 school.	L
Health	SB247	Estab diagnosis criteria for sepsis for the purpose of coding for Medicare and Medicaid.	L. Tichenor
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good, seems mostly a technical improvement. Same as HB477.	S

Transportation	SB248	Shell Bill.	J. Higdon
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Courts & Crimes	SB249	Reqs anyone convicted of a "criminal offense toward a minor" to use a their full legal name on any social media account; otherwise, class A MisD or Class D Felony..	L. Tichenor
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Interesting idea. This general section of the law refers to convicted (felony) sex offenders on the registry. My central concern is the limitation on liberty and what sorts of criminal offenses should limit those. The general rule is that Felony convictions lead to limitations on liberty (eg #2A). Also, there is always a question of how long denial of those liberties should last. Perhaps an argument could be made that a misdemeanor charge related to grooming, stalking, indecent exposure, or violating a protective order toward a minor makes one more of a risk for online bad behavior... This would be an interesting committee discussion.	L
Education	SB250	Shell Bill.	S. West
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Education	SB251	Shell Bill.	S. West
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Education	SB252	Shell Bill.	S. West
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Education	SB253	Shell Bill.	S. West
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Education	SB254	Shell Bill.	S. West
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	SB255	This bill establishes the parameters for a social worker to service a client via commonly used equipment for telehealth work and includes privacy protections.	J. Adams
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	This bill allows for a social worker to provide a service to a client via secure communications technology equipment. The social worker is required to disclose to the client the potential risks to privacy and confidentiality of information due to the use of technology. This bill requires that all HIPAA rules will be followed. The bill establishes procedures for the social worker to follow regarding the use of telehealth processes such as establishing an alternate means of contact in the event of telehealth technical interruption. The social worker is not to engage in fee-splitting with other telehealth providers or entities. The social worker is required to make a reasonable attempt to verify and document the physical location of the client at the time of service. The social worker is also required to provide to the client an alternate means of communicating to the social worker.	M
Education	SB256	AN ACT relating to school meals at low-income schools.	C. Armstrong
	SB257	AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to restoration of rights.	G. Neal
Education	SB258	AN ACT relating to student journalist freedom.	G. Neal
Govt Regs	SB259	AN ACT relating to the board of the West End Opportunity Partnership.	D. Harper Angel
	*Passed Senate		
Govt Regs	SB260	Shell Bill.	R. Mills
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Health	SB261	No employer who ceases participation in state health insurance plan shall be eligible to participate in the future. Reqs minimal participation duration for all benefits administered by the Personnel Cabinet. Reqs coverage to pay over 60 percent of in network costs. Adds vision coverage.	M. Nemes
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	Do not like the removal of the ability of a covered individual to have coverage in another county if their home county doesn't offer select services.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB262	AN ACT relating to gun safety for children.	G. Neal
Education	SB263	AN ACT relating to education.	G. Neal
Govt Regs	SB264	AN ACT relating to state holidays and declaring an emergency.	G. Neal

Education	SB265	Elim req to pass the GRE before receiving a provisional 1 year (renewable up to 4 years) teaching certificate via "Option 7".	M. Deneen
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	No problem with this. Speeds up the certification process allowing a person to be teaching while waiting to pass some certification exams.	L
Business Regs	SB266	Protect people from engaging in commerce by an online 'bot' or artificial intelligence software.	B. Smith
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	It shall be unlawful for any person to use a bot to communicate or interact with another person in Kentucky online, with the intent to mislead the other person about its artificial identity for the purpose of knowingly deceiving the person about the content of the communication in order to incentivize a purchase or sale of goods or services in a commercial transaction. If a transaction is completed and the 'bot' has told the consumer that they are communicating with a 'bot' then the transaction will not be considered a violation of this bill. A violation of this bill will allow the Attorney General to pursue action under the Consumer Protection Act. This bill shall not be construed to impose a duty on a service provider (ISP-internet service provider) or a web hosting facility. L: VERY interesting bill that I think it pretty cutting edge. It probably needs a thorough committee review to iron out any kinks and get people up to speed on the issue.	M / L
Health	SB267	Allows a person in KY to refuse to take meds that have only been approved for emergency use.	A. Southworth
Support	High (Pass this session)	A person can refuse to have administered to them any drug, device or biologic that has only been approved by the secretary of the US Food and Drug Admin. for emergency use. It also requires that the person be advised of the medical consequences for refusing and also be advised if there are alternatives available and the risks and benefits of the alternatives. It is a one page bill. This reminds me of the covid shot situation in which businesses would require an employee to take the covid shot to remain employed.	M
Health	SB268	Shell Bill.	D. Carroll
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Education	SB269	Require postsecondary institutions offering bachelor's degrees include at least 3 credit hours related to the study of the U.S. government.	J. Schickel
Support	Low (Can wait)	This should be done in high school so that all high school graduates have that knowledge.	S
Health	SB270	Defines health care provider. Defines qualifications for exemption of prior authorization.	J. Howell
Support	Low (Can wait)	A lot of changes/clarification in this bill. Need a good committee review.	S
Courts & Crimes	SB271	Shell Bill.	D. Carroll
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Other	SB272	Shell Bill.	R. Mills
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout. Technical changes are minor enough to make this a possible shell bill.	L
Govt Regs	SB273	Prevents the executive branch from hiring any lobbyist.	L. Tichenor
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Very Short and simple bill. Any of the lobbyist control bills (eg SB120, SB379), including this one, would be an improvement. Amendment: Main issue with this is simply that it isn't ambitious enough.	L
	SB274	Allows members of the Teachers' Retirement System to recover up to 10 unpaid days missed due to observe religious holiday.	L. Tichenor
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Same bill as SB279. They had sick days they could have used. Only have to work 185 days and already allowed 5 unpaid days.	S
Education	SB275	Withdrawn	L. Tichenor
		Withdrawn.	S
Courts & Crimes	SB276	Allows for a civil action against a website that provides pornographic content without age verification.	L. Tichenor
Support	High (Pass this session)	Must verify person is 18 or older. Must not keep verification data.	S
Other	SB277	Technical correction.	R. Mills
Support	Low (Can wait)	Updating the name of an Interim Joint committee. No issue.	L
Elections	SB278	Shell Bill.	R. Mills
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	SB279	Allows members of the Teachers' Retirement System to recover up to 10 unpaid days missed to observe religious holidays.	S. West
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Same bill as SB274. See review for it.	S

Health	SB280	Allows Pikeville U to receive the same reimbursement rate (which rate?) as the other teaching hospitals in the state.	P. Wheeler
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Seems reasonable, Pikeville does have a med school, but there are a lot of different reimbursement rates, which is this referring to? I thought the Federal Gov't is the one that reimburses hospitals for Medicare/Medicaid, what does state law have to do with it? Why does this not require a fiscal impact statement? Amendment: be specific about which reimbursement rates are being matched?	L
Health	SB281	Allows UK and UL to only receive a heightened reimbursement rates (from Federal CMS) within their home counties.	P. Wheeler
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Wouldn't this result in UK, and hence taxpayers and patients in the state, getting less reimbursement from the federal gov't and hence worse healthcare? How does THAT help the state?	L
Courts & Crimes	SB282	Require that the appointment of a public advocate be approved by the Senate.	P. Wheeler
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Senate is not in session year-round so would create too many delays.	S
Courts & Crimes	SB283	Provides that the Department of Corrections contract with the county to provide services to house state prisoners. Prohibits overpricing of housing charges.	J. Higdon
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	Good requirements but not a high priority.	S
Govt Regs	SB284	Bans hostile foreign gov'ts, and their affiliated biz and citizens from buying any more KY farmland.	M. Wise
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	Another iteration of a ban on foreign ownership of farm land (eg HB500 in RS23). I'm not entirely opposed, but the core questions are: Why is it a good idea to limit the acquisition of land by simple citizens (not gov'ts themselves) of even hostile foreign gov't? What is particular about farmland, why would it be OK to purchase a house or business but not farmland? China's purchases have made a lot of news recently, esp. near military installations. If the issue is national security, perhaps distance from a military base restriction might be more targeted to the purpose. Concerns: Assuming there is a good reason for this... It doesn't seem that this applies to already existing ownership interests (Sec. 2(3)), why if there is a real risk here? Amendment: I worry that this is targeting citizens of other countries, when the real issue is with that country's gov't itself (or maybe closely aligned biz), and this might hurt overall investment. Just restrict this to the gov't and affiliated businesses. A simple citizen of another country (even a dual citizen would seem to fall under this) should be able to invest like anyone else in America.	L
	SB285	Shell Bill.	M. Wise
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	SB286	Shell Bill.	M. Wise
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Taxes & Spending	SB287	Specify that the Governor shall submit a separate recommendation for the Transportation Cabinet.	C. McDaniel
Support	Low (Can wait)	Could be a shell bill.	S
Taxes & Spending	SB288	Technical correction.	C. McDaniel
Support	Low (Can wait)	LRC shall assist the Judicial in preparation of not just their Budget request but also supporting documents.	L
Taxes & Spending	SB289	Technical correction.	C. McDaniel
Support	Low (Can wait)	Minor change referencing paragraphs under subsections in bills.	L
Govt Regs	SB290	Various changes related to the classified service within the Personnel Cabinet.	C. McDaniel
Support	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	No issue with this.	L
Courts & Crimes	SB291	AN ACT relating to discriminatory practices against a person.	G. Neal
Elections	SB292	AN ACT relating to elections.	G. Neal
Courts & Crimes	SB293	AN ACT relating to hate crimes.	G. Neal
Transportation	SB294	Removes possible suspension of an operators license for a delinquent taxpayer. Create a medical review board for considering physical and mental competency to drive. Establish who may report to the board.	A. Southworth
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good recommendations but not a high priority.	S
Health	SB295	Prohibits the req of a COVID vax for student enrollment, employment, or medical treatment.	L. Tichenor

Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Is the bill prohibiting getting the COVID vax for: (1) student enrollment, student employment, or student medical treatment, or (2) employment, medical treatment, or student enrollment? I'm fine with either as these COVID mandats have been a complete debacle, but there's some ambiguity in the English language there.	L
Business Regs	SB296	Referring to workers compensation: Provide that failure to submit a statement within 45 days may render a statement ineligible. Allow " medical professionals " to provide testimony through medical reports. Include unemployment benefits in wage calculation. Require parties to attempt a settlement. Add the University of Pikeville to schools that the commissioner shall contract with to evaluate workers.	P. Wheeler
Support	Low (Can wait)	Biggest change is to allow list of "medical professionals" to replace physician in being able to evaluate and testify.	S
Health	SB297	Exempts PACE service providers from licensure requirements and CON.	B. Storm
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+) *Passed Senate	Good anytime we can remove CON and licensure requirements. CON exemption removed in committee. Needs to be put back in.	S
Transportation	SB298	Establish that a transportation network company (ride hailing service) is not liable for harm to persons and property unless there is direct negligence. A TNC or a TNC driver is not a common carrier.	R. Girdler
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	Need to include a stipulations that the company is required to ensure its drivers have proper insurance coverage.	S
Govt Regs	SB299	Shell Bill.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Elections	SB300	Eliminates Vote Centers, leaving all elections to be precinct based with the allowance of a small precinct to use a nearby precinct.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	I much prefer precinct level voting to vote centers, as it tends to encourage rural voting in particular. I do think that allowing vote centers as an option for clerks (which is an elected position) allows flexibility and local control. We really need to fund our elections better to stop incentivizing the transition to Vote Centers; THAT'S the core issue here.	L
Health	SB301	Removes from any criminal liability any assisted reproduction provider following stand of care.	C. Armstrong
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Basically, this officially protects IVF providers. The legislation is unnecessary as no Kentucky law assigns such criminal liability, to my knowledge none are planned, and if such a law WERE to be planned it would just strike out this new statute. In my read on sentiment, there is little to no appetite for legislation on this topic one way or the other, inside or outside of the GA, right now. Why try to split the Republican Caucus for legislation that accomplishes nothing?	L
Govt Regs	SB302	Shell Bill.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Agriculture	SB303	Shell bill.	J. Howell
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Shell bill.	S
Govt Regs	SB304	AN ACT relating to codes of ethics for local governments.	D. Yates
Health	SB305	Exempts various types of medical facilities from Certificate of Need restrictions.	G. Williams
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Removed exemptions apply to: psychiatric hospitals; physical rehabilitation hospitals; chemical dependency programs or centers; hospices; home health agencies; kidney disease treatment centers; freestanding hemodialysis units; alcohol abuse, drug abuse, rehabilitative, and mental health services; Behavioral health services; Chronic renal dialysis. Fine with all of these exemptions. I'm not sure what the resistance to certificate of need is anyway (the only things I have heard is worrying about rural hospitals closing, when the biggest opposition to CON is in urban/suburban NKY), so maybe the opposition isn't to these things.	L
Business Regs	SB306	Requires any person, business or agency to accept cash as payment in face-to-face transactions.	A. Southworth
Support	High (Pass this session)	This has been needed for awhile. L: This is a crucial safeguard against tracking of all purchases by gov't or corporate entities, and esp. important with the emergence of CBDCs. The statement on US currency that this is for all debt, public or private actually has no functional meaning in federal law (though it should).	S / L
Courts & Crimes	SB307	Establishes procedures for investigating alleged violations of federal and state law by certified waiver providers.	A. Southworth
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Requires providers to accept a moratorium while investigating, removed when corrected or successfully appealed.	S
Taxes & Spending	SB308	Raises the amount of tax revenues raised by school districts to be equalled by state funding from 15 percent to 17.5 percent.	S. West

Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Already increasing state funding in the budget. More is not necessary.	S
Business Regs	SB309	Increases the threshold for creation of escrow accounts for real estate improvement contracts from \$500K to two million.	G. Elkins
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	\$500K is a reasonable amount.	S
Agriculture	SB310	Shell Bill.	J. Howell
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	SB311	Shell bill.	J. Howell
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Shell bill.	S
Business Regs	SB312	AN ACT relating to telecommunicators.	R. Webb
Taxes & Spending	SB313	Estab the sustainable aviation fuel tax credit and the feedstock production tax credit each for 10 years.	S. Funke Frommeyer
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	\$2.50 per gallon credit. This is a corporate give away for some "green" energy concept.	S
Other	SB314	Prohibits any rule, regulation, tax, fee or mandate by the World Health Organization, United Nations, World Economic Forum or any other international organization from having jurisdiction in Kentucky.	L. Tichenor
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Very simple and to the point. Great bill. L: I'm not necessarily opposed to this bill, but the Federal gov't is responsible for all international treaties and those treaties have sovereignty. I just think there are some legal issues here that need to be sorted out in committee/interim.	S / L
Education	SB315	Reqs schools to protect Jewish student who face credible threats and to defund and remove any student organization that "materially supports" a US designated foreign terrorist organization.	L. Tichenor
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Very similar to HB826. This one is superior in small ways in most respects. There is the core of a really good bill here. The one thing this bill lacks that HB826 doesn't is Section (2)(2)(b) in HB826, which prohibits any state funding for schools / universities that don't protect their Jewish students from credible threats or which allow student orgs to "materially support" designated foreign terrorist organizations. Amendment: The core problem with this bill is, why is it singling out Jewish students? Why doesn't ANY student deserve protection from credible threats, and doesn't any designated terrorist organization deserve opposition? Why are we codifying special religious or ethnic group protections into law? JUST TAKE EVERY REFERENCE TO ANTI_SEMITISM OUT OF THE BILL, make it about ALL credible threats of violence against students and opposition to ALL foreign terrorist organizations. Amendment: I worry that "materially support" will be used to curtail 1st Amendment protected speech.	L
Taxes & Spending	SB316	Estab the Keep KY Free of Litter Fund financed by incr fines for littering. Set up a cash reward for the 20 peace officers with the highest littering convictions.	G. Boswell
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	With littering fines already at \$500 in places, not sure this would work... but ok with the fines. Amendment: I'm not sure that giving policing volume rewards is a great way to go; it sets up a potentially perverse incentive. Prosecute the people you see, esp. murders, robberies and assaults, don't go hunting littering crimes. Instead, just use the fund that this sets up to fund supplies (like dumpster service, trash bags, etc.) for volunteer litter removal activities and groups. People are willing to help clean up, but renting a dumpster is not cheap, help people who want to do good execute it.	L
Govt Regs	SB317	Estab property rights for individual's name, voice and likeness.	W. Westerfield
Support	High (Pass this session) *Passed Senate	Much needed with the advent of new AI intelligence.	S
	SB318	Shell Bill.	W. Westerfield
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Courts & Crimes	SB319	AN ACT relating to victims of crime.	D. Harper Angel
		*Passed Senate	
Health	SB320	Shell Bill.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Courts & Crimes	SB321	Shell Bill.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	SB322	Shell Bill.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout. Unnecessary technical change.	L
Elections	SB323	Constitutional amendment to only allow U.S. citizens to vote.	A. Southworth

Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Very important with the influx of illegal aliens in the last several years. L: good bill but there is a bill sponsored by M Meredith and J Howell in the Senate that seem to have gotten the fast-track here.	S
Health	SB324	Prohibits a health service provider from requiring an employee to enter a covenant not to compete.	A. Southworth
Support	High (Pass this session)	An employee after leaving a provider should be able to go to any other provider for employment. This happens in healthcare, I've only heard of it in high tech and with executives?	S
Govt Regs	SB325	Shell Bill.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	ALERT! 2 leadership members as cosponsors!! Be on the lookout.	L
Health	SB326	Shell Bill.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	SB327	Shell Bill.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	SB328	Shell Bill.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Transportation	SB329	Shell Bill.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	SB330	Shell Bill.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
	SB331	Shell Bill.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Taxes & Spending	SB332	Shell Bill.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout. To what other department are we referring?	L
Govt Regs	SB333	Shell Bill.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB334	Shell Bill.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout. Technical change is unnecessary.	L
Taxes & Spending	SB335	Allocates funds from the Juul case settlement to the smoking cessation program.	J. Howell
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Same as HB813. What was changed here? Did they forget to bold and underline it? In any event, this seems like the obvious destination for these funds.	L
Govt Regs	SB336	Estab legal def of what a male is and what a female is.	L. Tichenor
Support	High (Pass this session)	SAME AS HB390. Establish that a male, man or boy is one that can normally produce sperm. It also establishes that a girl, female or woman is one who would normally produce ova. It states that there are two sexes, male and female. It also provides that under certain circumstances that it shall not be construed to prohibit separation of the sexes in the interest of maintaining safety, privacy, and fairness as specified in this section of the bill. In maintaining safety, privacy, and fairness, the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions and instrumentalities may provide single-sex environments for males and females where the sexes are not similarly situated, particularly with respect to biology. As illustrative, non-exhaustive examples, public entities in the Commonwealth may distinguish between the sexes with respect to prisons and other detention centers, athletics, living facilities, locker rooms, bathrooms, domestic violence shelters, and rape crisis centers without violating antidiscrimination mandates. I copied in some text from the actual bill as I couldn't have said it any better.	M
Health	SB337	Estab Office of Medicinal Cannabis, adjust conditions a Cannabis card can be prescribed for, various related provisions.	S. West

Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Very long bill, but mostly uncontroversial is you think medicinal cannabis should be legal. We should be clear, cannabis is still a Schedule 1 drug by the Federal Gov't (FDA) classification, meaning: The drug or other substance has no currently accepted medical treatment use in the U.S. The drug or other substance has a high potential for abuse. It has a lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision. By allowing medicinal cannabis we are stating that we think the FDA is simply WRONG about cannabis. Conditions added here which should be relatively uncontroversial, if we accept that Cannabis actually helps them: amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, sickle cell disease, cachexia or wasting syndrome, neuropathies, muscular dystrophy, Huntington's disease, HIV, AIDS, glaucoma, and terminal illnesses. They are easy to prove that you have them. Amendment: I'm OK with medicinal cannabis if the GA wants it, but it should be for only clear disease or symptom remediation. These condition are much harder or even impossible to definitively diagnosis and including them opens this up for a free for all: Arthritis, fibromyalgia, irritable bowel disease. We also need to eliminate, "muscle spasms".	L
Education	SB338	Limits electronic communications between school staff and students to a single "traceable communication system".	L. Tichenor
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Low (Can wait)	What is an example of such a "Traceable communication system"? Maybe I'm drawing a blank, but I have no idea of what this is envisioning.	L
Education	SB339	Shell Bill.	D. Thayer
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Govt Regs	SB340	Makes some minor technical updates, incl committee names.	P. Wheeler
Support	Low (Can wait)	Possible shell bill, but updates some committee names.	L
Govt Regs	SB341	Shell Bill.	P. Wheeler
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Courts & Crimes	SB342	Shell Bill.	P. Wheeler
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	L
Courts & Crimes	SB343	Reqs the Dep of Juvenile Justice to establish a local restorative justice committee in each county.	B. Storm
Support	Low (Can wait)	This is intended to discover why juvenile crimes happen and how to prevent. Not sure how much impact a committee can have.	S
Health	SB344	Develop a registry of vaping products sold by retailers and distributors. Establish fees and penalties for enforcement.	B. Storm
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	This reeks of a Soviet style suppression of a legal product under the boot of an enforcement system targeting retailers. The only part I can support is pushing back against marketing to minors.	S
Business Regs	SB345	Estab internet data protection for minors.	B. Storm
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	I would like to see this be expanded to include adults.	S
Business Regs	SB346	Reqs the Sec of State to develop the KY One-stop Business Portal to facilitate interactions between business and government.	S. Funke Frommeyer
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	If this were set up properly, it could be a benefit to businesses to find out what codes, statutes and regulations affect their business.	S
Health	SB347	Reqs an assessment of a homeless defendant for a behavioral health disorder, preference for participation in the behavioral health conditional dismissal program if eligible. Removes the req that the initial vocational screening be done in person. Remove a misdemeanor as a qualifying offense.	W. Westerfield
Support	Low (Can wait)	Nothing too bad but not a high priority.	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB348	Reqs retired police officers to complete the firearms qualification once every 5 years to concealed carry.	B. Smith
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	They should have the right to carry for self defense no matter their marksmanship ability.	S
Govt Regs	SB349	Creates an energy commission and dictates energy policy for the state.	R. Mills

Only If Amended	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	Why do we need an energy commission? Why should the legislature be dictating which plants should be kept open, etc? Shouldn't this be left to the energy companies themselves to determine what makes the most sense for their customers? L: I agree that we don't need any other commissions. This commission is proposed to provide a similar function to the already existing Public Service Commission; just broaden the responsibility of the PSC (if the idea ISN'T to determine the result). In any event, these commissions are just set up with cherry-picked members to give justification for a decisions that have really already been made (just codify the predetermined decision in the law). I AM sympathetic to retaining coal as part of the energy mix for the state (I thought SB4, I think, from RS23 already required coal-fire plants to not be shut down if we can't provide reliable power without it), and having an all-of-the-above approach. The real issue here is that the Federal gov't is making coal unaffordable. How can we (and can it even be done?) realistically fight the federal gov't?	R / L
Taxes & Spending	SB350	Increases compensation of legislators.	D. Thayer
Only If Amended	Low (Can wait)	These salaries and compensations look extremely generous for a part-time legislature. L: Agreed, these are full-time salaries, for sure. Now, the majority leadership in each chamber probably are in Frankfort or otherwise seriously working 1/2 of the days, I get that. Scale these down 15-20% and maybe we are talking.	R / L
Taxes & Spending	SB351	Amends the KY Constitution to eliminate tax on the homestead of a disabled veteran and surviving spouse.	A. Southworth
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	This would apply no matter how large the homestead or how wealthy the person. This does not seem to be an appropriate way to compensate veterans. We also do not need a constitutional amendment on the ballot that a lot of people will vote "No" on, when we need them to vote "Yes" on the school choice amendment.	R
Courts & Crimes	SB352	Removes a judge's ability to proceed against a person for indictment by libel or slander relating to judicial conduct in court.	A. Southworth
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	They are our servants, not above criticism.	S
Govt Regs	SB353	Allows constables alternative training to be certified to exercise police officer powers. Constable to bear cost of training and have yearly in-service training.	A. Southworth
Support	Low (Can wait)	Good requirement. We elect them. May as well give them power to enforce our laws.	S
Courts & Crimes	SB354	Reqs open hearings in all juvenile cases. Remove immunity of persons reporting child dependency, neglect and abuse and participation in a judicial hearing...	A. Southworth
Support	High (Pass this session)	Also removes req of malice for falsely reporting & sovereign immunity of the state. Very good recommendations. People's lives can be ruined with false accusations.	S
Govt Regs	SB355	AN ACT proposing an amendment to Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to terms of members of the General Assembly.	D. Yates
	SB356	Direct the state portion of the property tax on commercial watercraft to the riverport financial assistance trust fund.	J. Howell
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good allocation of resources to where they will benefit port infrastructure and the payer of the tax.	S
Govt Regs	SB357	Reqs boat owners to have an insurance policy that includes wreckage removal.	G. Williams
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	This establishes a derelict vessel removal assistance fund to remove abandoned, derelict boats. It also requires boat owners to have an insurance policy that includes wreckage removal.	R
Education	SB358	Allows GA to fund education outside of the common (public) schools.	G. Williams
Support	High (Pass this session)	This language is somewhat close to HB208 Amendment 1 (without specific means testing language), and much better than the current language of HB2. (See detailed commentary on those bills.) I assume this is the compromise bill that leadership has decided to run with. I could quibble, I think means testing language is borderline necessary to pass on the ballot, but I could live with this and just hope Trump turnout and info campaigns push it toward pass.	L
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB359	AN ACT relating to peace officer training.	K. Berg
Education	SB360	Direct secondary SBDM councils to adopt policies relating to advanced courses. Require the development of accelerated courses. Establish a pilot monetary program for students and teachers.	S. West
Only If Amended	Medium (Committee review+)	Don't have a problem with giving producing teachers a monetary reward but not for the students. They will get rewarded with postsecondary scholarships.	S
	SB361	Reimburse a utility pole owner who replaces pole in order to connect to broadband.	G. Williams

Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Follows the plan to connect the whole state.	S
Health	SB362	AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to the possession of cannabis.	D. Yates
Taxes & Spending	SB363	AN ACT relating to tax rebates for certain state-owned facilities.	D. Yates
Business Regs	SB364	Reqs retail electric suppliers have a plan to provide adequate reliable electricity at the lowest possible cost. States that suppliers have a privilege, rather than a right, to provide service.	P. Wheeler
Support	High (Pass this session)	Really good requirements. Particularly like that if a supplier is notified that they have a problem supplying their customers and fail to correct, another supplier is allowed to provide service there.	S
	SB365	AN ACT relating to loss of consortium.	D. Yates
Business Regs	SB366	Reqs the State Police to provide training for forensic lab technicians. Contracted to stay with the Department for five years or repay the cost of the training.	J. Turner
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement.	S
Health	SB367	Estab KY all-payer claims database. Reqs state regulated health payers to report to it. Estab penalties for noncompliance up to \$1000 per day. State and federal agencies not subject to penalties. Creates a huge advisory board.	D. Douglas
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill)	Another huge expenditure of tax money for a program that does not promise to have the result you may hope for. Data will accumulate, one person will say it means this, while another will say something completely different. L:	S / L
Business Regs	SB368	Reqs short term residential rentals to register with the Dep for Housing, Buildings and Construction, submit themselves to inspection.	G. Williams
Oppose	Oppose (bad bill) *Passed Senate	It is not necessary for the government to oversee and control every aspect of society.	S
Govt Regs	SB369	Estab the Division of Program Policy and Support within the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation. Estab the Department for Disability Determination Services in the Education and Labor Cabinet.	M. Nemes
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	Not sure how much impact this will have. Not a high priority.	S
	SB370	Shell bill	J. Carpenter
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	S
	SB371	Shell bill	J. Carpenter
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	Be on the lookout.	S
Transportation	SB372	Allows for the disposal of involuntarily towed vehicles by a towing and storage company.	J. Carpenter
Oppose	Oppose (friendly)	This is already allowed by KRS 376.275. Could perhaps be a shell bill.	S
Health	SB373	Limits the liability of facilities and providers that provide procedures relating to in vitro fertilization.	W. Westerfield
Support w/ amendment suggestions	Medium (Committee review+)	Good requirement. L: This needs an interim session to clarify, no need to rush into this. I am fine with the lack of criminal liability here, but lack of civil liability when this could eliminate the ability of people to have children? That seems like a stretch (even noting that it doesn't apply to willful negligence etc.).	S
Firearms, Military & 1st Resp	SB374	AN ACT relating to employees of the Department of Kentucky State Police.	D. Yates
	SB375	AN ACT relating to property.	D. Yates
Govt Regs	SB376	Rename and restructure units within the Office of the Attorney General.	G. Elkins
Support	Low (Can wait) *Passed Senate	I would assume this has been approved by our current Attorney General. If so, no problem with this, but not sure it needs emergency status.	S
Education	SB377	Specify that a Board of Ed cannot appoint the superintendent as secretary of the board.	A. Southworth
Support	Medium (Committee review+)	Need to have a separation there.	S

