

2013 General Assembly

Top Welfare and Health-Related Bills

Through the Filing Deadlines

This table shows selected bills filed in the 2013 General Assembly to date. It includes measures that would affect low-income people and communities and some that simply figure prominently in this year's legislative debates. It is organized by topics.

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Topic	Bill #	Sponsor	Summary
Access	HB 105	Jenkins	Allow bench trial in guardianship if all parties agree and judge finds no reason to require a jury trial
Employment	HB 3	Overly	Human trafficking: create victims fund, civil cause of action; require asset forfeiture by offenders; provide triple damages for related wage theft; more
Employment	HB 102	Nelson	UI: impose monetary penalty for recipients improperly obtaining benefits through misrepresentation at 15% of overpayment; more
Employment	SB 2	Thayer	State retirement: replace defined benefit plan with "hybrid cash balance plan;" specify retirement age, contributions, minimum interest; eliminate COLAs
Employment	SB 157	Westerfield	"Drug free workplace:" establish program; permit testing; shift workers comp burden of proof for positives; define positives as misconduct for UI
Family	HB 169	Marzian	Establish conditions for adjusting child support on the basis of a shared parenting order for physical custody; amend guidelines table
Government	HB 356	Wuchner	Delay effective date of administrative regulations with a major economic impact (over \$750,000) until effective date of legislation ratifying the reg; details

Health	HB 5	Stumbo	Medicaid Managed Care: grant DOI power to enforce prompt payment laws in disputes regarding MCOs; allow claims by patients or providers; more
Health	HB 23	S. Lee	Define “health benefit exchange” and “small employer” for the purposes of exchange group health plans; prohibit abortion coverage
Health	HB 43	Rollins	Create special needs trust resource office and provide related assistance for aging caregivers; details
Health	HB 73	Burch	Adult protection: require CHFS to establish National and State Background Check Program for prospective employees of long-term-care facilities
Health	HB 172	Wuchner	Make provisions for students with life-threatening allergies to have access to an epinephrine auto-injector in school; details
Health	HB 187	Ji. Lee	Expand Kentucky Physicians Care Program to serve underinsured individuals; include Kentucky Free Health Clinic Association as a provider
Health	HB 190	Westrom	Statewide Smoke Free: Prohibit smoking in indoor places of business, places of employment, listed public places; require signage; more
Health	HB 217	Stumbo	Pill mill fix: modify the diagnostic and treatment protocols for controlled substance prescribing; clarify educational requirements for pain management; more
Health	HB 314	Damron	Medicaid LTC: provide that life insurance policy over \$10K shall not be counted as asset if applicant enters into a life settlement; more re distribution
Health	HB 349	Benvenuti III	Re duty to take precautions against a patient’s violent behavior, expand definition of “patient” to include persons under care of mental health professionals
Health	HB 365	Greer	Redefine “employer-organized association” for the purpose of health benefit plans
Health	HB 367	Palumbo	Require CHFS to create and maintain an adult abuse registry; make registry available electronically; prohibitions; appeals
Health	HB 368	Damron	Allow insulin to be administered at school by trained school employees; allow a student with diabetes to self-administer medication; more
Health	HB 449	Greer	Medicaid managed care: state that copayment for a drug shall be \$1 for generic, \$2 for preferred, and \$3 for non-preferred brand-name drugs; details
Health	SB 3	Buford	Create religious exemption to the insurance code; require notice to participants that sharing expenses is not insurance; more

Health	SB 9	Denton	Establish a medical review panel system for use in civil litigation relating to long-term-care facilities
Health	SB 38	Denton	Require DMS to accept provider credentialing by a Medicaid MCO
Health	SB 39	Denton	Prohibit Kentucky from participating in Medicaid expansion under the ACA unless authorized by the General Assembly
Health	SB 40	Denton	Prohibit Kentucky from having a state-based health benefit exchange under the ACA unless authorized by the General Assembly
Health	SB 74	Gregory	Require HANDS agency to abide by new definitions, demonstrate that it is part of a system of care, report data to Public Health
Health	SB 101	Buford	Permit completion of a “medical order for scope of treatment” directing the use of life-prolonging treatment; definition; details
Health	SB 108	Denton	Require DMS or a Medicaid MCO to contract directly with IMPACT Plus providers and manage all aspects of the program; more
Health	SB 152	Carpenter	Insurance housekeeping: delete requirement that KY Access enrollee whose premium rates exceed claims for 3 years be issued a notice of insurability; more
Health	SB 172	Seum	Remove board of health’s ability to adopt regulations by transferring authority to local legislative body; bar health department rules regulating guns
Public Assistance	HB 394	Shell	Require CHFS to implement substance abuse screening program for applicants and recipients of public assistance with history of substance abuse
Public Assistance	SB 179	Westerfield	Limit purchases with public assistance benefits; require recipients to be notified of prohibited purchases; permit a protective payee for violators