

2016 General Assembly

Top Bills

Through March 3 Filing Deadline

This table shows selected bills filed in the 2016 General Assembly. It includes measures that could affect low-income people and the practice of poverty law, plus bills that figure prominently in this year's legislative debates. The list is organized by topics, as follows:

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Topic	Bill #	Sponsor	Summary
Access	HB 344	Denham	Establish confidential, mandatory medical malpractice mediation system to be completed prior to malpractice litigation
Access	HB 554	Decesare	"Health care liability action"; require claimant to prove by expert testimony the recognized standard of acceptable professional practice; more
Access	SB 6	Alvarado	Medical Review Panels: establish system for use in civil litigation relating to health care providers
Access	SB 202	Schroder	Franklin Circuit Court: modify standards for venue and jurisdiction; give concurrent jurisdiction to other Circuit Courts
Access	SB 214	Higdon	Notary public: remove fee limitations for certain acts
Access	SB 254	Neal	Require AOC to collect and report data on the race, ethnicity, and sex of members of juries
Budget	HB 303	Rand	The Executive Branch Budget

Budget	HB 306	Rand	The Judicial Branch Budget
Budget	SB 72	McDaniel	Clarify the process for interim appropriation increases relating to restricted funds and federal funds
Civil Rights	HB 14	Wuchner	Exempt persons, officials, and institutions with religious objections to same-sex marriages from any requirement to solemnize them
Civil Rights	HB 31	Hale	Move marriage licensing and recording duties from county clerks to state registrar of vital statistics; more re exemption from solemnizing same-sex marriage
Civil Rights	HB 155	Marzian	Prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in labor and employment practices, places of public accommodation; more
Civil Rights	HB 156	Marzian	Constitutional amendment: repeal Section 233A of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to marriage; submit to voters
Civil Rights	HB 211	Meredith	Create two equally valid marriage license forms, available to all applicants at their discretion, which list the parties as husband and wife or as spouses
Civil Rights	HB 571	Fischer	Constitutional amendment: define marriage as only a matrimony between 1 man and 1 women
Civil Rights	SB 5	West	Marriage license: remove requirement that license be signed by issuing county or deputy clerk; provide that the form allow for name and title of issuing official
Civil Rights	SB 176	McGarvey	Prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in labor and employment practices, places of public accommodation; more
Civil Rights	SB 180	Robinson	Prohibit public agency from infringing on or restricting exercise of protected rights by protected activity provider, including right of conscience
Civil Rights	SB 213	Neal	Constitutional amendment: allow persons convicted of a felony, other than felonies designated by the General Assembly, the right to vote
Civil Rights	SB 270	Westerfield	Require reporting of statistics re disproportionate minority contact with juvenile justice, social welfare, and education discipline systems
Civil Rights	SB 299	Stivers	Constitutional amendment: allow persons convicted of felonies the right to vote as provided by General Assembly (exception for violent or sex offense) more
Consumer	HB 119	Overly	Require credit reporting agency to place security freeze on record of incapacitated or underage person

			on request by representative; create cause of action
Consumer	HB 165	Collins	Increase threshold from \$1,000 to \$2,500 for sellers' and dealers' obligation to disclose accident damage to a motor vehicle
Consumer	HB 185	Yonts	Provide process for insurance companies to obtain salvage titles; allow for the disposal of voluntarily towed abandoned vehicles
Consumer	HB 252	Meredith	Allow insurance agent to be paid for arranging insurance premium financing if agent discloses source and amount of payment in writing; more
Consumer	HB 256	Meeks	Allow free expungement through AOC when victim of identity theft has been erroneously charged with a criminal offense; allow recovery of insurance costs
Consumer	HB 285	Stewart	Self-storage: replace lien process; consider property abandoned and allow sale after 45 day notice; allow occupant to cure by paying claims within 45 days
Consumer	HB 335	Greer	Title insurance: require licensing of agents; require good-faith estimate of premium; allow insurance agents to receive qualification for title insurance
Consumer	HB 352	Greer	Allow perfection of security interest in motor vehicle previously titled in name of the debtor if certificate of title is filed within 30 days instead of 20; more
Consumer	HB 371	Greer	Amend Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits Act to apply only to policies, annuity contracts, and retained asset accounts issued after January 2013
Consumer	HB 382	Rowland	Allow car seller to have car buyer sign notarized statement that necessary legal documents have been received; make transfer of title effective immediately
Consumer	HB 391	Kerr	Authorize Department of Public Advocacy to collect outstanding debts by requesting Revenue Cabinet to withhold individual tax returns
Consumer	HB 408	Harris	Clarify that Unclaimed Life Insurance Benefits Act applies to all insurance and annuities issued before, on or after Act's effective date; details
Consumer	HB 478	St. Onge	Clarify that rough trade-in value or clean trade-in value shall not be used to determine standard value of motor vehicle for property tax purposes
Consumer	HB 520	Bell	Son of Payday Loans (Flex Loans): Allow loans up to \$4K at 24% APR plus uncapped fees; require payments of 5% of principal; allow multiple loans
Consumer	HB 528	King	Require pawnbrokers to record daily transaction information on an online service accessible to law enforcement agencies
Consumer	HB 558	Kay	Define unlawful collection practices; create cause of action (greater of actual damages or \$200); provide for punitive damages, attorney's fees; 1 year SOL

Consumer	SB 23	Alvarado	Require credit reporting agency to place security freeze on record of person under 16 or incapacitated on request by representative; create cause of action
Consumer	SB 32	Parrett	Create Kentucky Financial Literacy Program; require high school students to complete instruction in financial literacy prior to graduation
Consumer	SB 58	Harris	Automobile service contract insurance: define terms; require provider to have reimbursement insurance policy; more
Consumer	SB 74	Robinson	Allow motor vehicle security interest termination statements to be submitted by fax; hold county clerks harmless for fraudulent statements
Consumer	SB 101	Kerr	Payday loans: limit APR to 36%; apply UDAP remedies under Consumer Protection Act; allow cause of action for 2x interest paid if limit exceeded
Consumer	SB 120	Buford	Delete standards of conduct for bank officers; apply standards for officers of private corporations (liability only for willful, wanton or reckless misconduct)
Consumer	SB 122	Buford	Require grantee of deed from commissioner to file deed within 5 days; extend time lien is effective; reduce time continuation statement extends lien
Consumer	SB 124	Buford	Prohibit defendant or defendant's agent from bidding on property sold pursuant to court order for less than amount due at time of sale, plus fees and expenses
Consumer	SB 149	Westerfield	Uniform Commercial Real Estate Receivership Act: allow appointment during foreclosure or redemption period; limit ability to reject leases; apply to 1-4 units
Consumer	SB 163	Buford	Permit car recycling dealer or metal recycler to purchase motor vehicle 10 years or older without a title if vehicle was not stolen and has no liens
Consumer	SB 167	Wilson	Allow cities to transfer property to eliminate blight, limit advertising for transfers and tax due dates, and require owners to maintain cemeteries
Consumer	SB 208	West	Reduce the interest rate on a judgment from 12 percent to 6 percent
Consumer	SB 261	Carpenter	Allow insurance company or motor vehicle dealer to obtain salvage title within 30 days of paying claim and proper notice/request for title transfer to owner
Corrections	HB 40	Owens	Expungement: expand scope of motion to include felonies referred to a grand jury where no indictment ensues; allow for certain Class D felonies; more
Corrections	HB 203	Floyd	Abolish the death penalty and replace it with life imprisonment without parole for inmates presently sentenced to death; details
Corrections	HB 400	Wayne	Establish External Detainee Fatality Review Panel to

			review deaths of individuals detained in county or regional jails, DOC, DJJ or contract settings
Corrections	HB 511	Riner	Impose a 5 year moratorium on executions; require Criminal Justice Council to make recommendations based on ABA KY Death Penalty report
Corrections	HB 575	Sinnette	Sex offender registration: prohibit offender registrant 18 years of age or older from having the same residence as a minor; exception; more
Corrections	SB 41	Neal	Abolish the death penalty and replace it with life imprisonment without parole for inmates presently sentenced to death; details
Corrections	SB 77	Neal	Re-entry: allow a felony record to be expunged under specified circumstances; consider passage of time since offense in licensure decisions; more
Corrections	SB 201	Westerfield	Allow child who commits a Class D felony to be retained on probation for 18 months if in court-ordered substance abuse or mental health program
Corrections	SB 294	Westerfield	Expand expungement and sealing of juvenile records except for records related to violent offender or sex offender status
Criminal	HB 109	Jenkins	Create mechanism for charging a person with commission of offense against vulnerable victim in a continuous course of conduct
Criminal	HB 141	Denham	Create the new crimes of strangulation in the first degree as a Class C felony, and strangulation in the second degree as a Class D felony
Criminal	HB 162	Koenig	Include electronic communications within the definition of harassing communications
Criminal	HB 191	Meeks	Provide for collection of DNA samples at arrest or initial appearance from all persons charged with a felony offense; details
Criminal	HB 229	Overly	Grant the Attorney General concurrent jurisdiction in human trafficking investigations and prosecutions
Criminal	HB 250	Palumbo	Remove requirement for officer to issue citation in lieu of arrest for most misdemeanors committed in presence; address use of false license or ID
Criminal	HB 387	Bell	Provide uniform procedures for witness identification; regulate conduct of lineups; allow suppression of evidence if guidelines violated; more
Criminal	HB 392	Kerr	Allow courts to obtain tax records of individuals requesting a public defender; allow Revenue to withhold income tax returns for debts owed to DPA
Criminal	HB 484	Denham	Create crime of strangulation as Class A misdemeanor unless aggravating circumstances are present, in

			which case it is a Class D felony
Criminal	SB 55	Thomas	Add deaths during arrest to cases which are investigated by coroner; require an annual public report; details
Criminal	SB 60	Westerfield	Create a mechanism for charging person with commission of an offense against vulnerable victim in a continuous course of conduct
Criminal	SB 63	Harper Angel	Require law enforcement agencies to have approved policies on disposition of sexual assault evidence collection kits; set processing timelines
Criminal	SB 143	McGarvey	Grant the Attorney General concurrent jurisdiction in human trafficking investigations and prosecutions
Criminal	SB 150	Adams	Provide for collection of DNA samples at arrest or initial appearance from all persons charged with a felony offense; details
Criminal	SB 292	Neal	Require racial impact statements for each bill or amendment that creates a new crime or modifies the penalty for an existing crime; more
Education	HB 39	Stone	Provide tuition waiver to students at public post-2ndary school if their biological parents are deceased or have had their parental rights terminated; details
Education	HB 92	Clark	Allow a waiver or modification of the statewide assessment system for schools participating in a district of innovation plan under specific conditions
Education	HB 316	Smart	Bullying: require a school board's code of behavior to include procedures for investigating reports and a method to protect a person who reports
Education	HB 318	Riggs	Change the terms "district of innovation" and "school of innovation" to "public charter district of innovation" and "public charter school of innovation"
Education	HB 364	Hale	School restrooms: require students born male to use facilities designated for males and students born female to use facilities designated for females; more
Education	HB 395	Webber	Freeze tuition and fees for resident students at public post-2ndary institutions at 2015-2016 tuition level for 4 years
Education	HB 432	Tipton	Establish High School Equivalency Testing program based on National College and Career Standards for Adult Education; details
Education	HB 539	Miller	Require alternate assignment or accommodation if public school student has no home access to Internet to complete original assignment
Education	HB 553	Bechler	Prohibit statewide implementation of English and math Common Core Standards; specify process for creation of new standards; allow local variation

Education	HB 589	Montell	Charter schools: establish KY Public Charter School Commission; establish charter school pilot project and identify charter school authorizers; details
Education	HB 620	Wuchner	Allow Individualized Education Accounts for students with disability; specify allowable uses, including payment of tuition for nonpublic school
Education	HB 626	Stumbo	Work Ready Kentucky Scholarship Program: provide tuition assistance for participation in KCTCS programs for all qualifying resident students
Education	SB 1	Wilson	Education reform: implement process for reviewing academic standards and assessments; prohibit norm-referenced exams as a measure of academic growth
Education	SB 15	Robinson	Permit students to voluntarily express religious or political viewpoints in school assignments free from discrimination; details
Education	SB 29	Jones	Permit age-appropriate education programs on recognition of child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and neglect and how to report
Education	SB 35	Schickel	School principals and superintendents: require the principal or a designee to develop and implement a wellness policy; more
Education	SB 42	Thomas	Provide programs for an exceptional child until end of student instructional year in which the child reaches the age of 22
Education	SB 65	Thomas	Require appointment of school equity council member to superintendent screening committee, if council exists; allow board to add high school student
Education	SB 81	Westerfield	Require Department of Education to develop military-connected student identifier in student information system
Education	SB 107	Givens	Computer science programs in public schools: allow science and math advancement fund to provide grants to school districts for programs; more
Education	SB 142	Ridley	Bullying: require a school board's code of behavior to include procedures for investigating reports and a method to protect a person who reports
Education	SB 192	Carpenter	Require all public high school students to pass a civics test based on 100 USCIS citizenship test questions in order to receive a regular diploma
Education	SB 210	Schickel	Prohibit statewide implementation of English and math Common Core Standards; specify process for creation of new standards; allow local variation
Education	SB 253	Wilson	Charter schools: establish KY Public Charter School Commission; establish charter school pilot project and identify charter school authorizers; details
Education	SB 273	Wilson	Allow Individualized Education Accounts for

			students with disability; specify allowable uses, including payment of tuition for nonpublic school
Education	SJR 114	Kerr	Require lunch periods of at least 30 minutes so that public school students in grades K-5 have adequate time, whenever feasible, to enjoy a complete meal
Employment	HB 1	Stumbo	Authorize KY Asset/Liability Commission to issue bonds to finance pension fund obligations of KY Teachers' Retirement System, up to \$3.3B; details
Employment	HB 18	Jenkins	Make it an unlawful practice for employers to fail to accommodate an employee affected by pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical condition; details
Employment	HB 49	Nelson	Welding safety: establish requirements for structural steel welding, including certification of welders and use of certified inspectors; definitions
Employment	HB 56	Dossett	Exempt from workers' comp coverage lawn services and maintenance, repair, remodeling, or similar work on a private home for less than 20 days
Employment	HB 150	Howard	UI: allow good cause to leave a job for move to follow a military spouse relocated more than 100 miles from job
Employment	HB 157	Owens	Prohibit employers from using job applicants' personal credit information in hiring decisions; provide civil penalty for violation; exceptions
Employment	HB 180	Brown	"Ban the box:" prohibit employers from considering or requiring disclosure of prior criminal history as part of initial job application
Employment	HB 278	Stumbo	Raise minimum wage to \$10.10 over three years; define "equivalent jobs" according to federal Equal Pay Act; prohibit wage discrimination; details
Employment	HB 465	Marzian	Require posting of signs with the National Human Trafficking Resource Center hotline number in every restroom of each rest area in Kentucky
Employment	HB 477	Overly	Misclassification in construction: set forth investigation process, remedies, required notices, agency information sharing; more
Employment	HB 513	Benvenuti	Include cancer, with certain exceptions, as a cause of death in the line of duty for firefighters eligibility for benefits
Employment	HB 564	Decesare	Specify that "misconduct" under UI does not include saying "Merry Christmas;" make businesses immune from civil liability for having Christmas displays
Employment	HB 587	Westrom	Create Workforce Innovation Board pursuant to federal Workforce Opportunity and Innovation Act; set forth definitions, board membership; more
Employment	HB 617	Marzian	Require employers to provide earned paid sick leave to employees after 90 days of employment; set forth

			when and how paid sick time can be used
Employment	HB 627	Kay	Require employers of 50 or more workers to provide six weeks of paid leave for maternity leave; allow an employee to waive the paid maternity leave; details
Employment	HCR 185	Nelson	Establish KY Workers' Compensation Task Force to study workers' comp system and develop consensus recommendations; provide for membership
Employment	HCR 97	Clark	Establish Kentucky Workforce Development Task Force to study workforce development and education and develop recommendations
Employment	SB 2	Bowen	Retirement systems: require Kentucky and Teachers' retirement systems to disclose fees and contracts on Web site; eliminate placement agents; more
Employment	SB 3	Stivers	"Right to Work:" prohibit mandatory membership in or financial support of a labor organization as a condition of employment
Employment	SB 9	Schroeder	Exclude construction of educational facilities from definition of "public works" and from meeting requirements of the prevailing wage law
Employment	SB 94	McDaniel	Allow local governments and special purpose governmental entities to opt out of prevailing wage requirements for public works projects
Employment	SB 135	Westerfield	Re-entry: modify the process of notifying a person seeking a license of a potential disqualification based on prior convictions; more
Employment	SB 138	McGarvey	Create a rebuttable presumption of death in line of duty and eligibility for a lump-sum death benefit for firefighters with certain types of cancer; details
Employment	SB 224	Smith	Allow mining companies to establish an in house method of satisfying mine foreman annual training requirements
Employment	SB 195	Robinson	Create a presumption of a death in the line of duty and eligibility for a lump sum death benefit for firefighters with certain types of cancer; details
Employment	SB 198	Schroder	Provide that employees of franchisees are not employees of the franchisor under wage and hour, safety, unemployment and civil rights law
Employment	SB 274	Givens	Licensing statutes: remove undefined phrase "moral turpitude" and replace with "sexual misconduct or a crime where dishonesty is a necessary element"
Employment	SB 297	Girdler	Eliminate inspections by state coal mine inspectors; EMERGENCY
Employment	SB 298	Stivers	Allow expungement of certain Class D felonies, charges on which the grand jury has not issued an indictment, and multiple misdemeanors; more

Employment	SB 301	Neal	Re-entry: allow a felony record to be expunged under specified circumstances; consider passage of time since offense in licensure decisions; more
Employment	SCR 75	Givens	Create Kentucky Workforce Oversight Task Force to study and develop recommendations on benefits, investments and funding of workforce education
Environment	HB 104	Gooch	Prohibit Energy Cabinet from publishing regs or imposing permit conditions to reduce carbon dioxide under federal rules without legislative approval
Environment	HB 152	Wayne	“Stream saver bill:” require coal mine permittees to dispose of overburden in specified areas; prohibit disposal in streams; more
Environment	HB 240	Floyd	Establish a pipeline spill response plan program within the Department for Environmental Protection; allow 45 day comment period on plans; details
Environment	SB 111	Webb	Prescribe requirements for transportation of municipal solid waste to prevent leaks; require study of hydrogen sulfide odors from landfills; details
Environment	SB119	Carpenter	Chemical munitions: require reclassification of residual wastes after treatment or destruction to ensure proper management and disposal; details
Family	HB 47	King	Require CHFS to notify school in which a child in its custody is enrolled of persons authorized to contact the child or remove the child from school grounds
Family	HB 59	Burch	Address protection: require Secretary of State or designee to operate program; clarify that a sworn statement may be used to prove abuse or neglect
Family	HB 96	Burch	Require that counsel appointed for child or adult for temporary removal hearing must have been trained in domestic violence issues
Family	HB 129	Crimm	Expand grounds for TPR to include attempted or actual infliction of death or serious physical injury to child, parent, stepparent, guardian; details
Family	HB 140	Meade	Adoption: establish putative father registry; redefine time when consent to adoption becomes final; require party requesting paternity test to pay for test; more
Family	HB 377	Jenkins	Increase marriage license fee by \$20; earmark funds for spouse abuse shelters, rape crisis shelters, and children's advocacy centers
Family	HB 385	Combs	Create presumption of joint custody in temporary custody orders; grant visitation to grandparents if in child's best interest; more
Family	HB 388	Greer	CPS unannounced visits: require where reported child abuse, neglect or human trafficking occurred when an investigation is required; details
Family	HB 389	Kerr	Grant visitation to grandparents if it is in the child's

			best interest based on listed factors; details
Family	HB 417	Kerr	Allow expungement of dismissed emergency protective orders
Family	HB 420	Miller	Allow a parent to establish a power of attorney for temporarily delegating parental authority to another person; details
Family	HB 475	Smart	Permit parent or legal guardian to request background check of child abuse and neglect registry records when employing a child care provider
Family	HB 509	Bechler	Provide that child removed from parents shall have access to permanent home as quickly as possible; require placement or TPR and adoption after 15 mos.
Family	HB 572	Fischer	Define and establish the legal parameters of the new civil institution of matrimony (preamble declares freedom from Supreme Court opinions); details
Family	SB 40	Adams	Request Supreme Court to establish pilot project to permit participating courts to make specified juvenile proceedings presumptively open to the public
Family	SB 99	Westerfield	Adoption: establish putative father registry; redefine time when consent to adoption becomes final; require party requesting paternity test to pay for test; more
Family	SB 153	Westerfield	Establish new amounts in the child support guidelines table and delete the old amounts
Family	SB 174	Adams	Adopt federal "reasonable and prudent parent" standard; require child care facility to designate on-site official trained to apply standard; more
Family	SB 215	J. Carroll	Allow adult adopted person to apply for and receive a copy of original unaltered birth certificate
Family	SB 216	McGarvey	Uniform Interstate Family Support Act: update re jurisdiction and establishment, enforcement, and modification of interstate family support orders
Family	SB 238	Westerfield	Remove requirement of ten days' notice when requesting a credit report for purposes of evaluating child support
Family	SB 282	McGarvey	Require 12-hour hold prior to release on bail for domestic or dating violence and sexual assault perpetrators if assessment indicates a risk to victim
Government	HB 325	Keene	Amend duties of county clerks; create regional public records and licensing administrators; create Task Force for Uniform Indexing System
Government	HB 370	Bell	Constitutional amendment: permit the General Assembly to disapprove administrative regulations of

			the executive branch between regular sessions
Government	SB 244	Schroder	Constitutional amendment: permit the General Assembly to disapprove administrative regulations of the executive branch between regular sessions
Health	HB 5	Owens	Require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to operate a state healthcare exchange that is substantially similar to kynect
Health	HB 6	Owens	Require the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to expand the Medicaid program; limit cost-sharing
Health	HB 42	Keene	Involuntary treatment: include substance use in definition of "mentally ill person" subject to treatment; ensure that 202A petition may be filed
Health	HB 94	Burch	Court-ordered outpatient mental health treatment: require court to appoint a case management team from community mental health center; more
Health	HB 100	Hoover	Require health plans that cover autism spectrum disorder treatment to provide a liaison to the insured
Health	HB 105	G. Watkins	Require that involuntarily hospitalized patients are ordered to receive community-based outpatient treatment for at least six months after discharge
Health	HB 115	Burch	Include eligible underinsured individuals in colon cancer screening program; develop schedule of income-based fees; more
Health	HB 118	Stumbo	Medicaid Managed Care: require 85% medical loss ratio; apply prompt payment laws to MCOs; provide for appeals through DOI; penalties and interest
Health	HB 148	Belcher	Permit licensed child-care centers and certified family child-care homes to meet the requirements to obtain epinephrine auto-injectors for emergency use
Health	HB 254	Jenkins	Require use of helmet by child under 12 riding or being passenger on a bicycle; establish penalty of \$25; earmark funds for trauma and brain injury care
Health	HB 257	Wuchner	Prohibit certain types of abortion; prohibit after 20 weeks of fetal development; classify placement of remains in landfill as offense of abuse of a corpse
Health	HB 282	Belcher	Prohibit health care providers from charging Medicare beneficiaries more than a reasonable charge for services as determined by HHHS
Health	HB 286	Flood	Abortion: allow private medical consultation required between pregnant woman and physician to occur through telehealth
Health	HB 299	D. Watkins	Raise to 21 the minimum age to buy or possess tobacco, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products

Health	HB 321	Kay	Require insurers in Kentucky to offer a percentage of health benefit plans with lower copayment and coinsurance on prescription drugs
Health	HB 322	D. Watkins	Prohibit the open display at retail of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, and vapor products
Health	HB 351	Westrom	Prohibit indoor smoking in businesses, places of employment, and other public places; bar discrimination against persons reporting violations
Health	HB 378	Jenkins	Permit court to order a person incapacitated by substance abuse to treatment; provide that treatment may be covered by a third-party payor; details
Health	HB 396	Marzian	Require two office visits before prescribing erectile dysfunction drug; require pledge to use prescription only with current spouse
Health	HB 410	Meeks	Establish Palliative Care and Quality of Life Council and education program; require health facilities to identify patients who could benefit; details
Health	HB 415	Moore	Authorize purchase of health benefit plans across state lines without regard to state-mandated health insurance benefits; allow purchasing pools
Health	HB 458	Greer	Prohibit insurers from requiring use of mail-order pharmacies; prohibit a difference in cost-sharing between retail and mail-order; details
Health	HB 578	Webber	Create KY Board of Midwifery; provide for licensure and requirements regarding practice of midwifery; details
Health	HB 519	Burch	Family caregivers: establish process to designate a lay caregiver to be contacted upon discharge from a hospital
Health	HB 629	Overly	Require all health plans, rather than large plans, to provide services for autism spectrum disorders; require Web page with info on how to file claims
Health	HCR 4	Meeks	Create Gun Safety and Violence Prevention Task Force to study public safety, public protection, and gun safety issues
Health	SB 4	Adams	Abortion: specify how the phrase “individual, private setting” shall be interpreted in informed consent situations
Health	SB 7	Wise	Provide that public funds shall not be paid to any entity or affiliate of an entity that provides abortion services; exceptions
Health	SB 20	Alvarado	Allow provider that has exhausted an internal appeals process of an MCO to have an administrative appeals hearing; establish mechanism for attorneys’ fees
Health	SB 34	Thomas	Establish that a mother breast-feeding a child or

			expressing milk shall report violations of her right to do so to health department; details
Health	SB 57	Embry	Permit eligible patients with terminal illness to use investigational drugs, biological products, or devices; prohibit sanctions of health care providers
Health	SB 61	Westerfield	Extend the coverage of the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act to a fetus that was the subject of an induced abortion
Health	SB 78	Alvarado	Include eligible underinsured individuals in colon cancer screening program; develop schedule of income-based fees; EMERGENCY
Health	SB 85	Buford	Create KY Board of Midwifery; provide for licensure and administrative regulations on practice of midwifery; set forth informed consent requirements
Health	SB 108	D. Carroll	Prohibit individual under 18 from using a tanning device at a tanning facility; provide an exemption for medical use of phototherapy devices
Health	SB 161	Jones	Encourage physicians, PAs and APRNs who provide well-child care to discuss warning signs of Type I diabetes with parents at birth and specified ages
Health	SB 165	D. Carroll	Allow advance directive that permits surrogates to receive health information and make care decisions only after physician finds lack of decisional capacity
Health	SB 185	Adams	Establish Advisory Council on Autism Spectrum Disorders and create the Office of Autism
Health	SB 268	Buford	Require insurers to offer a percentage of health benefit plans with lower copayment and coinsurance on prescription drugs
Health	SB 291	Adams	Require Medicaid and health plan coverage for FDA-approved tobacco cessation services with A or B rating from U.S. Preventive Services Task Force
Housing	HB 16	Simpson	Require recording of deeds and mortgages for properties in certain areas of Kenton County in Covington rather than Independence
Housing	HB 41	Jenkins	Allow residential tenants who hold a DVO or IPO to terminate a lease with at least 30 days' notice; allow landlord to recover from abuser; more
Housing	HB 79	Wayne	Create refundable income tax credit for the costs of mitigating noise from a commercial airport for homeowners in second tier noise area
Housing	HB 166	Jenkins	Establish a simplified method to petition for an order to restrain other persons from trespassing onto the petitioner's residence
Housing	HB 168	Floyd	Constitutional amendment: vest power of eminent domain exclusively with government; name Act the

			Kentucky Landowner's Bill of Rights
Housing	HB 213	Floyd	Eminent domain: exclude natural gas liquids from definition of oil or gas or oil and gas products; require that condemnation be for “public use”
Housing	HB 280	Meade	Require buyer to record deed of real estate sold by master commissioner within 5 days; allow master commissioner to obtain title to abandoned vehicles
Housing	HB 333	Jenkins	Create a 1500 foot setback from residential property lines for deposits in a special waste landfill; allow exceptions via agreement in writing
Housing	HB 337	Kay	Allow a first-time homebuyer an additional deduction for interest paid on indebtedness for a qualified residence; details
Housing	HB 345	Kay	Establish first-time homebuyer income tax credit for income up to \$50,000 and purchase price up to \$200,000; credit 1% of purchase price or up to \$800
Housing	HB 361	Nelson	Require attorneys in real property transfers to certify on deeds that title examinations have been done; deem failure to do so professional negligence
Housing	HB 372	Owens	Constitutional Amendment: Increase homestead exemption for totally disabled veterans to full assessed value if disability service-connected; more
Housing	HB 380	Glenn	Apply Uniform Residential Landlord and Tenant Act statewide; preempt local ordinances
Housing	HB 404	Kerr	Include late fees in amounts to be paid to the circuit clerk in an appeal of an eviction action
Housing	HB 411	Simpson	Require local government to advertise application for federal low income housing tax credit; hold public hearing if requested by interested party; details
Housing	HB 422	Meredith	Local code enforcement: establish a lien notification system to notify interested individuals of the placement of liens upon properties; more
Housing	HB 442	Sinnette	Allow attorneys to file affidavits with county clerks as evidence of release of lien on real property; provide lien holders a remedy if false affidavit is filed
Housing	HB 476	Belcher	Expand eligibility for homelessness prevention project to people with severe mental illness admitted to ER 10 times, youth aging out of foster care, more
Housing	HB 490	Miller	Require supersedeas bond in planning and zoning appeals; bond to include costs, legal fees, and actual, prospective and consequential damages
Housing	HB 542	Kay	KY affordable housing tax credit: apply to income and insurance taxes; cap at higher of 50% of federal credits awarded on qualified projects or \$5,250,000

Housing	HB 615	Greer	Include limited liability partnerships and limited liability limited partnerships as entities forbidden from improperly influencing a real estate appraisal
Housing	SB 97	Alvarado	Delete registration requirement for mortgage loan processors who are directed and supervised by mortgage loan originator; reduce continuing ed; more
Housing	SB 222	Buford	Include limited liability partnerships and limited liability limited partnerships as entities forbidden from improperly influencing a real estate appraisal
Housing	SB 225	Smith	Expand eligibility for homelessness prevention project to people with severe mental illness admitted to ER 10 times, youth aging out of foster care, more
Housing	SB 229	McGarvey	Land banks: expand authority; update notice provisions; require motion from land bank to obtain vacant property upon sale with no satisfactory bid
Housing	SB 230	McGarvey	Expand availability of spot condemnation to all local governments; establish tax delinquency diversion program for blighted property
Immigration	HB 169	Clark	Certificate for driving: allow for drivers 18 years or older who have lived in Kentucky for 3 years and who cannot prove citizenship; details
Immigration	HB 186	Yonts	Allow Kentucky to contract with another country for reciprocity in issuance of driver's licenses; allow non-citizen to obtain driver's license
Immigration	HB 523	St. Onge	Require local governments and agencies to permit sharing of citizenship and immigration information as required by law; prohibit local ordinances to contrary
Immigration	SB 159	Thomas	Certificate for driving: allow for drivers 18 years or older who have lived in Kentucky for 3 years and who cannot prove citizenship; details
Immigration	SB 245	Harris	Driver's license and ID housekeeping: set out processes for citizens and permanent residents; for immigrants, require verification through SAVE; more
Public Assistance	HB 62	Shell	Require substance abuse screening program for applicants and recipients of public assistance with felony or misdemeanor history of substance abuse
Public Assistance	HB 63	Shell	Establish a graduated earnings disregard program to incentivize public assistance recipients to seek employment
Public Assistance	HB 74	Glenn	Create trust to establish accounts for benefit of disabled persons as a companion to federal ABLE Account legislation; disregard for public benefits
Public Assistance	HB 197	Meade	Define "fair market value" for Medicaid eligibility as estimate of value of an asset if sold at prevailing price at the time it was actually transferred; more
Public Assistance	HB 348	Bunch	Prohibit recipient or provider of public assistance

			benefits who has had eligibility revoked due to fraud from receiving or providing benefits; details
Public Assistance	SB 70	Jones	Create trust to establish accounts for benefit of disabled persons as a companion to federal ABLE Account legislation; disregard for public benefits
Public Assistance	SB 179	Schroder	Disregard ABLE account balance, contributions and distributions in determining eligibility for a means-tested public assistance program; more
Taxes	HB 23	Steele	Exempt unmined coal reserves from state and local property taxes if owner or lessee does not have a mining permit and does not plan to mine in tax year
Taxes	HB 86	Wayne	Tax reform: implement an earned income tax credit; implement throwback rule for income not taxed elsewhere; disallow tax haven transactions; more
Taxes	HB 93	Clark	Amend definition of "tobacco products" to include "electronic cigarettes" in tobacco taxation
Taxes	HB 195	Short	Establish a standard value of zero for unmined coal reserves not mined during the 10-year period preceding assessment date; exceptions
Taxes	HB 232	DeCesare	Constitutional Amendment: allow General Assembly to authorize cities to provide specific property tax exemptions for economic development
Taxes	HB 342	Wayne	Tax Reform: create refundable EIC; raise tobacco tax; tax e-cigarettes; tax some services; cap itemized deductions; phase out pension exclusion; more
Taxes	HB 379	Clark	Create nonrefundable tax credit of \$1000 for up to 4 years per apprentice for small businesses who have apprenticeship programs
Taxes	SB 157	McGarvey	Establish a refundable earned income tax credit at 10% of allowed federal earned income tax credit
Taxes	HB 576	Palumbo	Property tax: clarify the requirements that must be met for property to be classified as agricultural or horticultural property
Transportation	HB 201	Belcher	Exempt transfers between siblings of motor vehicles previously registered in Kentucky from motor vehicle usage tax
Transportation	HB 218	Lee	Allow parent or legal guardian of a minor child or adult person with disabilities to apply for disabled parking plates
Transportation	HB 230	DeCesare	Extend eligibility for overweight permits for transportation of steel products or materials to aluminum products or materials
Transportation	HB 242	Coursey	Require indication of expiration date of disabled parking placard by month and year hole-punch;

			increase fines; earmark 75% to personal care program
Utilities	HB 98	Nelson	Place a cap on the amount that an electric utility can bill for a basic service charge
Utilities	HB 103	G. Watkins	Allow construction of nuclear power facility on or within 50 miles of site previously used for manufacture of nuclear products
Utilities	HB 108	Gooch	Permit municipal utilities to join together to buy and sell electricity and natural gas; specify elements of agreement to create municipal electric authority
Utilities	HB 291	Gooch	Prohibit utilities from recovering costs of complying with environmental requirements of Federal Clean Air Act until compliance is required; retroactive
Utilities	HB 339	Marzian	Require retail electric suppliers to increase energy-efficiency measures and programs; require PSC to develop guidelines for purchase of renewable power
Utilities	HB 413	G. Watkins	Prohibit marketing, sharing, or selling of wireless phone numbers of subscribers without express written consent; penalties
Utilities	HB 440	Smart	Prohibit changing the substance carried or direction of flow of a pipeline
Utilities	HB 446	Sinnette	Allow cities to deny utility franchisees the ability to recover from ratepayers the franchise fee by adding a fee or surcharge to the bill
Utilities	HB 464	Sinnette	Prohibit utility service shutoff if household shows financial hardship and includes someone who is seriously ill, under 12 or over 65; details
Utilities	SB 79	Embry	Permit municipal utilities to join together to buy and sell electricity and natural gas; specify elements of agreement to create municipal electric authority
Utilities	SB 89	D. Carroll	Nuclear power: require that new facilities have a plan for storage of nuclear waste rather than means of permanent disposal; more
Utilities	SB 190	Thomas	Require retail electric suppliers to increase energy-efficiency measures and programs; specify reporting requirements to the Public Service Commission
Veterans	HB 183	Webber	Provide for a disabled veteran-owned business certification program; details
Veterans	HB 225	Richards	Require issuance of professional licenses to service members or veterans if their military training provides the necessary experience and skills; details
Veterans	HB 276	Moore	Allow public universities to offer in-state tuition to members of any United States Reserve component

Veterans	HR 40	Short	Urge KY and federal agencies and officials to get approval and funding necessary for construction of a veterans center in Magoffin County
Veterans	SB 52	Wise	Allow a veteran with bachelor's degree in any area to be issued provisional teaching certificate if other criteria are met
Veterans	SB 92	Jones	Exempt veteran-owned businesses from paying filing fees to the Secretary of State's office for filing various business documents