

## 2018 General Assembly

### New Bills of Interest

*January 22 through January 26*

This table shows selected new bills filed in the 2018 General Assembly during the third week of the Session. The list is organized by topics, as follows:

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Topic	Bill #	Sponsor	Summary
Access	<a href="#">HB 256</a>	Sinnette	Require state agencies to compute time in a standardized way, similar to rule of civil procedure
Budget	<a href="#">HB 229</a>	Miller	Constitutional amendment: authorize General Assembly to permit casino gaming; earmark proceeds to retirement systems
Consumer	<a href="#">HB 241</a>	DuPlessis	Allow Governor to issue temporary waiver of ASTM (latest standards) specifications for motor fuel during emergency that disrupts motor fuel supply
Consumer	<a href="#">HB 248</a>	Koenig	Require fantasy contest operators with over 100 participants to pay \$5,000 be registered; set standards for operation; earmark funds to retirement system
Consumer	<a href="#">HB 254</a>	Sinnette	Establish standards for marinas to prevent electrical shocks to persons in boats, in water, and on docks; prohibit swimming within 100 yards of marina
Corrections	<a href="#">SB 107</a>	Adams	Death penalty: add diagnosis of serious mental illness to the disabilities which prevent execution for persons convicted of capital offenses
Criminal	<a href="#">HB 226</a>	Lee	Allow peace officer to arrest for listed misdemeanors committed in their presence; allow citation for probable cause if committed outside presence

Criminal	<a href="#">SB109</a>	Adams	Include penetration by any body part in definitions of "sexual intercourse" and " deviate sexual intercourse" for purposes of crimes of rape and sodomy
Education	<a href="#">HB 242</a>	Herald	Merge all current county and independent school districts into 55 districts
Education	<a href="#">HB 247</a>	Tipton	Allow use of KEES funds for dual credit courses and workforce training programs; increase amounts; limit disbursement to balance due after financial aid
Education	<a href="#">HB 253</a>	Dossett	Establish a STEM teacher scholarship pilot program
Education	<a href="#">SB 102</a>	Harris	Require initial evaluation and determination of 4-year-old's eligibility for special ed services to occur within 60 calendar days of parental consent
Education	<a href="#">SB 103</a>	West	School safety: allow appointment of a school marshal by a local school board; require collaboration with KSP, police; more
Employment	<a href="#">HB 233</a>	Marzian	Establish a prevailing wage law for all public works projects
Employment	<a href="#">HB 237</a>	Cantrell	Right to Work repeal: delete references restricting rights of public employees to organize, associate collectively, or strike; more
Employment	<a href="#">HB 245</a>	St. Onge	Limit asbestos-related liabilities of successor corporation to fair market value of gross assets of transferor corporation at time of merger/acquisition
Employment	<a href="#">HB 252</a>	DeCesare	UI: limit maximum benefit rate to average of surrounding states; raise base wage for eligibility; more
Employment	<a href="#">HB 257</a>	Sinnette	Require location of one full-time, free employment office under Workforce Cabinet Kentucky Career Centers in 41 specified cities around state
Employment	<a href="#">HB 260</a>	Mills	Occupational licensing: make multiple changes re licensing, practice and oversight of barbers, estheticians, nail technicians
Employment	<a href="#">SB 99</a>	McGarvey	Prohibit an employer from discriminating against an employee for discussing wages; apply discrimination provisions to workplaces with 1 or more employee
Employment	<a href="#">SB 105</a>	Thomas	Forbid occupational or professional state licensing agency from considering nonpayment or default of student loan; allow consideration of fraud; details
Family	<a href="#">HB 230</a>	Webber	Permanently establish a kinship care program
Family	<a href="#">HB 236</a>	Scott	Exempt sale or purchase of feminine hygiene

			products, diapers, diaper wipes and baby bottles, nipples and liners from sales and use tax
Family	<a href="#">HB 239</a>	Huff	Erin's Law: permit KY Bd of Ed to establish age-appropriate education programs about child physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and how to report abuse
Family	<a href="#">SB108</a>	Kerr	Update definition of health care coverage for purposes of child support enforcement to comply with changes in federal law
Government	<a href="#">HB 232</a>	Harris	Open Records: exempt funds derived from specified public services by a public agency from 25% of revenue rule defining public agency subject to Act
Government	<a href="#">HB 243</a>	Herald	Consolidate various counties in the Commonwealth; select new county names and county seats; details
Government	<a href="#">HB 244</a>	St. Onge	Reorganization: declare Commonwealth Office of Technology the lead entity within the executive branch regarding information technology services
Government	<a href="#">HB 250</a>	Jenkins	Constitutional amendment: lower eligibility age for members of the General Assembly
Health	<a href="#">HB 225</a>	Donohue	Prohibit the advertising of opiate and opioid agonist drugs
Health	<a href="#">HB 228</a>	Elliott	Permit physician assistants to prescribe controlled substances; establish Physician Assistants Controlled Substance Monitoring Committee
Health	<a href="#">HB 231</a>	Fischer	Require that pharmacies collect data on persons picking up prescriptions for a Schedule II to V controlled substance on behalf of a patient; details
Health	<a href="#">HB 234</a>	Marzian	Require all medical and nursing schools to refer citizens requesting health care services to their state representative or senator
Health	<a href="#">HB 235</a>	Marzian	Abortion: delete requirement to provide information in a physical setting 24 hours before an abortion
Health	<a href="#">HB 238</a>	Huff	DNR: require signature of patient or family member before implementing a do not resuscitate order written by health care provider in hospital setting
Health	<a href="#">HB 246</a>	Bentley	Establish a pilot program to create a community pharmacy care delivery model for medication-assisted therapy for treatment of substance abuse
Health	<a href="#">HB 249</a>	Harris	Require health benefit plans that offer hormonal contraceptive coverage to cover dispensing of twelve-month supply at a single time
Health	<a href="#">HB 258</a>	Wayne	Prohibit practitioners from engaging in conversion therapy, including compensation, advertisement, and

			public funding for conversion therapy; details
Health	<a href="#">HR 101</a>	Cantrell	Encourage Congress to pass legislation that permits CMS to negotiate with drug companies for fair and reasonable prices on prescription drugs
Health	<a href="#">SB 112</a>	Alvarado	Telehealth: require CHFS to regulate; set requirements for services to Medicaid patients; require parity in payment and pre-auth; more
Housing	<a href="#">SB 97</a>	Girdler	Allow adjacent land owners 2 years to contest city annexation of unpopulated territory; allow city standing to contest failed annexation; more
Immigration	<a href="#">HB 240</a>	Bechler	Anti-sanctuary: require law enforcement agencies to enforce immigration laws; withhold state funding from sanctuary localities and post-secondary schools
Public Assistance	<a href="#">SB 96</a>	Kerr	CHFS admin streamlining: allow changes in SNAP regs by technical amendment; remove smoking cessation from list of Medicaid services; more
Utilities	<a href="#">HB 227</a>	Gooch	Net metering: limit compensation for customer-generator to PSC rate for purchase from 100 kw or less retail facility; details; exemption
Utilities	<a href="#">SB 104</a>	Hornback	Require operator of natural gas pipeline to report excavation damage to PSC 30 days; grant PSC statewide authority to enforce and assess penalties