

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	HB 256	Sinnette	Require state agencies to compute time in a standardized way, similar to rule of civil procedure
Budget	HB 229	Miller	Constitutional amendment: authorize General Assembly to permit casino gaming; earmark proceeds to retirement systems
Consumer	HB 241	DuPlessis	Allow Governor to issue temporary waiver of ASTM (latest standards) specifications for motor fuel during emergency that disrupts motor fuel supply
Consumer	HB 248	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	HB 254	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	SB 107	Adams	Death penalty: add diagnosis of serious mental illness to the disabilities which prevent execution for persons convicted of capital offenses
Criminal	HB 226	Lee	Allow peace officer to arrest for listed misdemeanors committed in their presence; allow citation fir

			probable cause if committed outside presence
Criminal	SB109	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	HB 242	Herald	Merge all current county and independent school districts into 55 districts
Education	HB 247	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	HB 253	Dossett	Establish a STEM teacher scholarship pilot program
Education	SB 102	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	SB 103	West	School safety: allow appointment of a school marshal by a local school board; require collaboration with KSP, police; more
Employment	HB 233	Marzian	Establish a prevailing wage law for all public works projects
Employment	HB 237	Cantrell	Right to Work repeal: delete references restricting rights of public employees to organize, associate collectively, or strike; more
Employment	HB 245	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	HB 252	DeCesare	UI: limit maximum benefit rate to average of surrounding states; raise base wage for eligibility; more
Employment	HB 257	Sinnette	Require location of one full-time, free employment office under Workforce Cabinet Kentucky Career Centers in 41 specified cities around state
Employment	HB 260	Mills	Occupational licensing: make multiple changes re licensing, practice and oversight of barbers, estheticians, nail technicians
Employment	SB 99	McGarvey	Prohibit an employer from discriminating against an employee for discussing wages; apply discrimination provisions to workplaces with 1 or more employee
Employment	SB 105	Thomas	Forbid occupational or professional state licensing agency from considering nonpayment or default of student loan; allow consideration of fraud; details
Family	HB 230	Webber	Permanently establish a kinship care program

Family	HB 236	Scott	Exempt sale or purchase of feminine hygiene products, diapers, diaper wipes and baby bottles, nipples and liners from sales and use tax
Family	HB 239	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	SB108	Kerr	Update definition of health care coverage for purposes of child support enforcement to comply with changes in federal law
Government	HB 232	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	HB 243	Herald	Consolidate various counties in the Commonwealth; select new county names and county seats; details
Government	HB 244	St. Onge	Reorganization: declare Commonwealth Office of Technology the lead entity within the executive branch regarding information technology services
Government	HB 250	Jenkins	Constitutional amendment: lower eligibility age for members of the General Assembly
Health	HB 225	Donohue	Prohibit the advertising of opiate and opioid agonist drugs
Health	HB 228	Elliott	Permit physician assistants to prescribe controlled substances; establish Physician Assistants Controlled Substance Monitoring Committee
Health	HB 231	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	HB 234	Marzian	Require all medical and nursing schools to refer citizens requesting health care services to their state representative or senator
Health	HB 235	Marzian	Abortion: delete requirement to provide information in a physical setting 24 hours before an abortion
Health	HB 238	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	HB 246	Bentley	Establish a pilot program to create a community pharmacy care delivery model for medication-assisted therapy for treatment of substance abuse
Health	HB 249	Harris	Require health benefit plans that offer hormonal contraceptive coverage to cover dispensing of twelve-month supply at a single time
Health	HB 258	Wayne	Prohibit practitioners from engaging in conversion

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