

2018 General Assembly

New Bills of Interest

January 29 through February 2

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Topic	Bill #	Sponsor	Summary
Access	HB 262	Burch	Grant powers of notary public to retired judges; allow official actions of retired judges without witness or signature of notary
Budget	HJR 119	Wells	Con Con: apply to Congress to call a convention of the states under Article V of the Constitution to propose a balanced budget amendment
Civil Rights	HB 274	Imes	Require that requests for an application for a mail-in absentee ballot be received by the county clerk 14 instead of 7 days before election; more
Civil Rights	HB 304	Nemes	Increase deadline to apply for mail-in absentee ballot from 7 to 14 days before election, deadline for write in candidacy from 28 to 49; allow email submission
Consumer	HB 263	Heath	Allow persons (not just farmers) to be home-based food processors; allow food products to be sold at home, market, roadside, community event or online
Consumer	HB 281	Pratt	Proprietary schools: eliminate quality of education as basis for license; prohibit untrue or misleading ads; require disclosure of tuition refund schedules
Consumer	HB 284	Overly	Amend high cost loan act to exclude loans made to finance initial home construction; allow balloon

			payments in short-term bridge loans
Consumer	HB 287	Harris	Kentucky Uniform Powers of Appointment Act: set out statutory scheme and process for property or property interest subject to a power of appointment
Consumer	SB 119	Hornback	Require cervid meat processors to dispose of waste from processing cervid meat in the same manner as required for livestock, poultry, and fish
Consumer	SB 121	Girdler	Prohibit billing in excess of amount payable under motor vehicle reparations act; limit medical expenses to workers comp level or usual and customary fees
Corrections	HB 294	Jenkins	Include as violent offenders individuals convicted of human trafficking and promoting human trafficking; require that 85% of sentence be served
Econ Dev	HB 292	Pratt	Add gender neutral language to economic development statute granting immunity to members of Kentucky Industrial Development Authority
Education	HB 3	Shell	School curriculum: require schools to provide an essential skills curriculum to students; require annual instruction in drug awareness and prevention; details
Education	HB 286	Thomas	Establish the Kentucky Community and Technical College endowment match fund; transfer \$3M annually from General Fund
Employment	HB 268	Jenkins	Prohibit employers from discharging or retaliating against an employee who is a crime victim if the employee takes leave to attend court proceedings
Employment	HB 279	Rothenburger	Update definitions and licensure requirements for emergency medical responders; add new certification of “advanced emergency medical technicians”
Employment	HB 291	Johnson	Clarify that employment protections apply to any member of the National Guard
Employment	HB 293	Fischer	Asbestos trust: require plaintiff to submit to court all claims filed with trust; grant defendant set-off to judgment for amount plaintiff entitled to from trust
Employment	HB 296	Bechler	Delete references to apprentice HVAC mechanic certification and fees; allow apprentice programs to be operated by Labor Cabinet
Employment	HB 297	Wayne	Require Secretary of Personnel to compile report on gender pay equity in state legislative and executive branches by December 1 of each year; details
Employment	HB 303	Marzian	Raise minimum wage to \$15 by 2022; raise threshold to \$500k; prohibit wage discrimination on basis of sex, race, or national origin for equivalent work
Employment	HCR 113	Rowland	Urge post-secondary institutions to develop training including on-the-job internship opportunities for heavy equipment operators and CDLs

Employment	SB 113	Westerfield	Allow local elected officials without service credit in CERS to retire and draw benefits for other covered CERS employment without consequence
Employment	SB 114	Seum	Prohibit a coroner from also being a funeral director; require reporting; place license in inactive status if licensee becomes a coroner
Employment	SB 124	Adams	Allow certification of local alcoholic beverage control investigators if specified standards met
Environment	HB 261	Gooch	Blasting: require Energy and Environment Cabinet, instead of AG, to bring actions for recovery of penalties; move hearing process to Cabinet
Family	HB 1	Meade	Child welfare: update processes for delivery of family preservation services; expand definition of "abused or neglected child;" more re TPR
Family	HB 269	L. Brown	Add a divorce and co-parenting education requirement before a divorce involving minor children; bar testimony for one year
Family	HB 288	Harris	Allow spouses to create community property trust; provide that trust terminates on divorce or death; exclude surviving spouse's share from gross income
Family	HB 301	Elliott	Allow DCBS to request federal name-based criminal history record check of each adult in home where child is placed for emergency placement
Government	HB 282	Wells	Con Con: apply to Congress upon the passage of an Article V Application by the General Assembly; details re delegation
Government	HB 300	Miller	Executive branch ethics: expand definitions of "officer" and "public servant" to include salaried members of boards and commissions; more
Health	HB 12	Riley	Telehealth: require CHFS to regulate; set requirements for services to Medicaid patients; require parity in payment and pre-auth; more
Health	HB 265	Blanton	Require telecommunicators who dispatch for emergency medical conditions to be trained in high-quality telephone cardiopulmonary resuscitation
Health	HB 278	Blanton	Require school council or principal to obtain a portable automated external defibrillator; require a minimum of 3 employees be trained in use
Health	HB 280	Wells	Establish Kentucky addiction prevention, recovery, and enforcement fund; describe authorized fund expenditures; require reporting; details
Health	HB 289	Webber	Disproportionate Share Hospital: specify process for calculating payments; provide for distribution; delete ban on billing uninsured below 100% FPL
Health	SB 118	West	Legalize medical cannabis; restrict to patients with

			qualifying debilitating conditions; establish requirements for sale in compassion centers; more
Health	SB 123	Stivers	Prohibit approval of more than 2 applications for nursing facility beds in freestanding or existing facility under pilot for post-acute transitional care
Housing	HB 266	Meredith	Require full name (personal name or initial, middle names or initials, and surname) on deed of real property; failure to comply does not affect validity
Housing	HB 283	Prunty	Allow non-refundable tax credit for accessibility home modifications at actual cost up to \$7,500 per year; carry forward for 5 years; limit to \$500K
Housing	HB 285	Sinnette	Limit transient room tax of 3 to 4% on rent in motor courts, hotels, motels, inns and similar accommodations to 30-day occupancy or less
Taxes	HB 272	Imes	Increase number of days for taxpayers to contest passage of tax by local government or school board; reduce time to determine sufficiency of petition
Transportation	HB 277	Upchurch	Increase time for moving traffic violations to remain on driver's record from 5 to 10 years; bar removal or masking of violations by CDL drivers
Transportation	HB 299	Santoro	Railroad crossings: set forth procedures for closure of public railroad grade crossings; provide for an appeals process
Transportation	SB 120	Buford	Suspend for 30 days an instruction permit, intermediate license, or operator's license of a person under 18 with more than 3 points on driving record
Transportation	SB 122	Embry	Motorcycle safety ed: require that standards for courses be prescribed by National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; require reports; more
Utilities	HCR 115	Blanton	Urge Congress to establish moratorium on closing coal-fired electric plants and to eliminate subsidies for renewable energy sources