

2018 General Assembly

New Bills of Interest

January 8 through January 11

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

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This chart was compiled by Kentucky Equal Justice Center. For more information, or to share comments on a bill, contact Rich Seckel at richseckel@kyequaljustice.org.

Topic	Bill #	Sponsor	Summary
Access	SB 87	Seum	Increase jury duty pay and expenses from \$12.50 to \$25 per day; increase pay and expenses for grand jurors and petit jurors from \$19 to \$50 per day
Budget	SB 76	Schroder	Allow all expenses for operation of Treasury Department to be paid out of abandoned property fund
Civil Rights	HB 181	Scott	"Blue lives matter:" remove language designating hate crime based on individual's employment as a law enforcement officer, first responder, etc.
Consumer	HB 177	Miller	CPA licensing: allow out-of-state CPA firms to perform attest services in Kentucky; appoint peer review oversight committee; more
Consumer	HB 188	Meeks	Prohibit credit reporting agency from charging fee for security freeze if a consumer has been notified of a breach; bar arbitration requirement; more
Corrections	HB 155	McCoy	Death penalty: abolish the death penalty; replace it with life imprisonment without parole for inmates currently sentenced to death
Criminal	HB 169	Benvenuti	Create cause of action for harm by criminal gang or member; allow compensatory and punitive damages,

			costs and attorney's fees; escalate penalties
Criminal	HB 178	Meeks	Allow local law enforcement to collect DNA; provide for collection from all persons charged with felonies; create process to remove DNA from bank
Criminal	HB 189	Meeks	Permit city, county, and other local governments to enact local legislation related to firearms and ammunition
Criminal	HB 193	Lee	Add intentionally causing a peace officer to come into contact with bodily fluids to elements of Class D felony of assault in the third degree; more
Criminal	HR 68	Meeks	Urge General Assembly to give consolidated local governments the power to enact local legislation on certain issues on firearms and ammunition
Econ Dev	HR 49	York	Urge Congress to support federal legislation in advancement of the Appalachian Storage Hub
Education	HB 180	Scott	Repeal statutes authorizing charter schools
Education	HB 187	Wuchner	Dyslexia: update professional development for teachers related to dyslexia; require local boards to develop policies assisting students in K-3; more
Education	SB 73	Givens	Establish a pilot program for performance-based professional development projects; require local boards of ed to design, KY DoE to study results
Education	SR 86	Seum	Honor Interim President Postel upon University of Louisville's freeze of tuition for 2017-2018 academic year
Employment	HB 158	Rowland	Allow certain employees of a public postsecondary educational institution, local government, or school board to obtain state-sponsored group life insurance
Employment	HB 160	York	Require an employer intending to relocate a call center from Kentucky to a foreign country to notify secretary of the Labor Cabinet 120 days prior
Employment	HB 182	Cantrell	Paid sick leave: require employers to provide earned paid sick leave to employees; allow use after being employed 90 days; details
Employment	HB 184	Koenig	Wage and hour: allow employers to choose federal enforcement under FLSA if standards are comparable or higher; adopt 2-year SOL; more
Employment	HB 185	Blanton	Increase minimum in line of duty death benefits to the surviving spouse of Kentucky Retirement Systems member from 25% to 75% of average pay
Employment	HB 194	York	Establish requirements for projects requiring structural steel welding, such as certification of welders and certified inspectors

Employment	SB 74	D. Carroll	Prohibit Education Professional Standards Board from imposing conditions for a teacher to maintain his or her certification; more
Employment	SB 77	Ridley	Require that rescue squad members be covered under workers' compensation when rendering first aid
Employment	SB 78	Westerfield	Require department to administer electrician licensing exam; require applicants to have 4 years of experience or 2 years plus acceptable training
Family	HB 11	Shell	Adopt portions of Uniform Power of Attorney Act of 2006; provide that the chapter shall apply to all powers of attorney with specified exceptions
Family	HB 167	Dossett	Define “newborn safety device” and allow devices to be used anonymously at hospitals to surrender newborn infants
Family	HB 179	Scott	Constitutional amendment: repeal provision defining marriage as between one man and one woman
Government	HB 154	Wells	Require chairs of Admin Reg Review Subcommittee to file list of regulations as a resolution; allow members to object to any resolution on the list
Health	HB 165	Nelson	Establish KY Rare Disease Advisory Council; define membership; require reports; sunset
Health	HB 166	Sims	Legalize medical cannabis; restrict to patients with qualifying debilitating conditions; establish requirements for sale in compassion centers; more
Health	HB 176	Rothenberger	Surprise bills: require ambulance providers to post fee schedules and provide them to beneficiaries; assess fee of \$150 for failure to post
Health	HB 190	Hale	District health departments: allow annual contributions from counties to be determined by the district board with approval by the cabinet
Health	HB 191	Gooch	Require a prescription for visual aid glasses
Health	SB 71	Meredith	Require inclusion of abstinence education in any human sexuality or sexually transmitted disease curriculum
Health	SB 79	Alvarado	Surprise bills: define unanticipated out-of-network care; require an insurer to reimburse at the usual and customary rate; bar balance billing; details
Taxes	HB 162	DeCesare	Property tax: exempt transferred leasehold interests in property owned by public charity when used to further the charity's mission
Taxes	HB 186	Castlen	Taxing districts: provide that members of certain

			governing bodies shall be subject to election at the regular election
Transportation	HB 153	Heath	Overweight vehicles: allow for a ten percent weight variance for vehicles transporting feed for livestock or poultry
Transportation	HB 168	Hoover	Require all motor vehicle operators and all buses transporting children to stop at railroad crossings and look for approaching trains and on-track equipment
Transportation	HB 183	Moffett	Boats and marinas: prohibit marinas from interfering with a boat owner's right to take possession of the boat; details
Utilities	HB 145	Rothenberger	Require zoning compliance for nonbaseload generation facilities under 10 megawatts
Veterans	HB 175	Richards	Create exemption for veteran owned business from paying initial filing fees with Secretary of State; exempt from paying for annual report for 4 years
Veterans	HB 192	Thomas	Exclude U.S. military retirees' pension income from income tax for years beginning on or after 1/1/19, and ending before 1/1/23