

2018 General Assembly

New Bills of Interest

February 5 through February 9

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Topic	Bill #	Sponsor	Summary
Access	HB 333	Richards	Omnibus notary bill: allow online notaries and county clerks to perform all notarial acts; allow notarization by electronic means; more
Access	HB 348	Hoover	Authorize KY Supreme Court to require AOC to determine need to rearrange judicial districts relative to population or caseload; reallocate specific districts
Access	SB 135	Schroder	Omnibus notary bill: allow online notaries and county clerks to perform all notarial acts; allow notarization by electronic means; more
Access	SB 137	Westerfield	Create hearsay exception for out of court statement by child 12 or less about sexual act involving the child or physical violence against the child
Budget	HB 204	Rudy	The Legislative Budget
Budget	HB 334	Richards	Claims bill: authorize payment of certain claims against the state; details
Civil Rights	HB 326	Hale	Bathroom bill: require that multiple-occupancy restrooms in public schools be designated for the

			exclusive use of a single sex; details
Consumer	HB 317	Dossett	Require payday lender to verify customer's ability to repay loan; prohibit transaction if customer's expenses exceed available resources in loan period
Consumer	HB 323	Riggs	Allow restitution to insurers contracted to indemnify fraud victim; increase range of criminal charges and penalties; no conviction necessary for civil action
Consumer	HB 332	Cantrell	Prohibit telecommunications or internet service provider from collecting personally identifiable information from customer without written approval
Consumer	HB 343	Petrie	Authorize Department of Agriculture to issue certificates of free sale for products not for human consumption if manufactured or processed in KY
Consumer	HB 344	Petrie	Require motor vehicle dealer to file paperwork for sale of vehicle with county clerk of county where purchaser lives; details
Consumer	HB 345	Riggs	Allow insurance agent to purchase disability insurance through out of state surplus lines broker if unable to insure occupation or more coverage needed
Consumer	SB 139	West	Require full name (personal name or initial, middle name or initial, surname) on deeds to real property; failure to comply does not affect validity of deed
Corrections	SB 133	Adams	Corrections reforms: require regulations on pregnant inmate nutrition; prohibit shackling female inmates; allow filing of IPOs at DV shelters; more
Criminal	HB 316	Benvenuti	Add murder of victim age 12 or younger or of an incapacitated adult as aggravating circumstance for the death penalty
Criminal	HB 324	St. Onge	Establish offense of trespass against key infrastructure assets, including use of unmanned aircraft
Criminal	HB 330	Hoover	Allow peace officers to issue citations if they have probable cause to believe that a misdemeanor was committed outside their presence
Criminal	HR 134	Blanton	Recognize role the hospitality industry can play in disrupting child sex trafficking; encourage use of signatories of Tourism Child-Protection Code
Criminal	SB 130	McDaniel	Conform crime reporting requirements of public postsecondary institutions to federal campus crime reporting requirements
Criminal	SR 149	Kerr	Recognize role the hospitality industry can play in disrupting child sex trafficking; encourage use of signatories of Tourism Child-Protection Code
Econ Dev	HB 312	St. Onge	KY Economic Development Finance Authority: rework tax incentives; revise limits; require enhanced reporting to General Assembly; sunset provisions

Econ Dev	HB 340	Kay	Establish Legislative Tax Incentive Review Committee; require committee make findings public; details re membership
Education	HB 321	Nelson	Delay implementation of public charter school project until July 1, 2020
Education	HB 349	Fugate	Exempt a child enrolled and attending a boarding school or church boarding school from compulsory attendance at a public school
Education	HR 144	Nelson	Urge Governor to exempt Family Resource and Youth Services Centers from budget cuts through fiscal year 2020
Employment	HB 307	Johnson	Remove refrigeration service piping from list of exemptions from provisions on boilers and pressure; more
Employment	HB 308	Jenkins	Fair scheduling: require employers to give employees good faith schedule of hours to be worked
Employment	HB 309	Jenkins	Workers' comp and first responders: set out when psychological injuries are valid claims even if no physical injury exists
Employment	HB 311	Pratt	Workers' comp "mule:" make language gender-neutral in retaliation provision
Employment	HB 314	Tipton	Abolish KOSH board; allow Labor Cabinet Secretary to suspend or delay regulations based on actions of federal government
Employment	HB 320	Harris	Pregnant workers bill: include in "reasonable accommodation" accommodations made for pregnancy, childbirth, and related medical conditions
Employment	HB 328	Johnson	HVAC license: allow applicant for inspector position to become certified after the applicant has been hired
Employment	HB 335	Kay	Close Legislators' Retirement plan; provide that current and future legislators shall only participate in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System
Employment	HB 336	Kay	Close Legislators' Retirement Plan to new members; provide that future legislative retirees have benefits based solely upon legislative salary
Employment	SB 131	Schroder	Include hearings by Personnel Board in the list of administrative hearings exempt from KRS Chapter 13B
Family	HB 313	Simpson	Require will admitted to court record to be recorded by county clerk; require that copy remain in clerk's office and original be returned to circuit court clerk
Family	HB 342	Meade	Transfer Division of Child Care to Education and

			Workforce Development Cabinet; details
Government	HB 338	Kay	Add 5% surcharge on state contracts for personnel hired in lieu of hiring a state employee; earmark funds to KERS nonhazardous pension fund; details
Government	HB 341	Kay	Limit number of certain unclassified employees to 500; restrict their salaries to no more than \$85,000 unless approved by General Assembly
Health	HB 318	Moser	Smoke free: prohibit tobacco use on school property; details
Health	HB 327	Webber	Allow specified public health-related fees to be set by administrative regulation; remove fee limits; require that fees not exceed costs to the cabinet
Health	HB 337	Kay	Impose \$1 per dose tax on opioids; allocate revenues to permanent pension fund; require registration for all persons distributing opioids
Health	SB 132	Adams	Reorganization: create and establish the Kentucky Office of Health Benefit Exchange; more
Health	SB 134	Buford	Create Certified Professional Midwives Advisory Council; provide for certification of midwives; details
Housing	HB 322	Gooch	Allow fined party appealing zoning regulation, ordinance, or penalty to recover costs and attorney's fees if law found arbitrary or unconstitutional
Housing	HB 325	Graham	Allow condominium administration and maintenance fees to be assessed by council of co-owners or as provided in master deed
Housing	HB 329	Koenig	Allow person with disability to request reasonable accommodation in housing to maintain an assistance animal; \$1,000 fine for misrepresenting need
Public Assistance	HB 306	Rowland	Make contributions to and distributions from STABLE Accounts tax free (account to benefit blind or disabled individual disabled prior to age 26)
Taxes	HB 339	Kay	Impose \$1 per pack tax on sale of cigarettes and e-cigarettes; earmark funds to underfunded pension trust fund
Transportation	HB 331	Dossett	Allow applicant for motor vehicle registration to make donation to Parks Department; direct Tourism agency to provide poster to promote donations
Utilities	HR 148	Harris	Urge Governor Bevin to declare State of Emergency in Martin County and to make emergency funds available to resolve the county's water crisis
Utilities	SB 125	Wilson	Allow electric cooperative to modify easement to install infrastructure for internet service; create cause

			of action by owner for decrease in property value
Utilities	SB 128	Carpenter	Credit assessments paid by utilities for costs of operating and staffing PSC to PSC account instead of general fund
Veterans	HB 319	Moore	Require licenses for business, profession, or other occupation to be issued within 30 days to military or veteran with credentials in another state