

2008 General Assembly

The “Watch” List: March 17

This table offers a short list of bills we’re following closely this week. Each might be of interest to low income people and advocates. Note that your favorite or least favorite bills may be missing. The reason: we’ve begun to delete measures that appear unlikely to move forward. The table is organized by topic.

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Topic	Bill	Sponsor	Description
Access	HB 648	Simpson	Provide for comprehensive statutory coverage of notaries public, including bonding, privacy, notarial authority, notarial prohibitions, fees, more
Budget	HB 406	Moberly	The Executive Budget
Civil Rights	HB 666	Owens	Establish the Office on Racial Disproportionality within the cabinet secretary's office; require anti-racist and cultural competence training; more
Consumer	HB 426	Vincent	Theft by deception: increase merchant's and county attorney's bad check collection fee from \$25 to \$50
Consumer	HB 500	Bell	Payday loans: require statewide database; lower fee from \$15 to \$12 per 100; extend term from 15 to 30 days; require 72 hours “cooling off” before new loan
Consumer	HB 552	Thompson	Predatory lending: limit prepayment penalties; define mortgage broker duties; lower trigger for high cost loan; require verification of income; more
Consumer	HB 553	Webb	Identity theft: restrict uses by businesses of a Social Security number; establish an expedited procedure to designate identity theft victim status; more; remedies
Consumer	SB 167	Leeper	Define debt cancellation agreement; authorize

			inclusion in a motor vehicle retail installment contract; specify it is not an insurance contract
Consumer	SB 186	Neal	Mortgage lending protections: require verification of income and affordability; clarify that mortgage broker must represent borrowers best interest; more
Consumer	SB 195	Buford	Reduce from 90 days to 60 days the period of time required after maturity of the loan before the pawnbroker may sell a pawned article
Education	HB 91	Cherry	Bullying bill: require school districts to have plans, policies, and procedures; define "harassment, intimidation, or bullying;" more
Employment	HB 318	Tilley	UI: allow good cause for leaving job to follow a spouse in military service even if new state of residence does not have a similar statute
Employment	HB 654	Stumbo	Wage and hour: prohibit misclassification of employees as independent contractors; define contractor engaged in construction; details
Employment	HB 770	Graham	Exempt from minimum wage and overtime requirement nonprofit charitable organizations that serve homeless or indigent individuals
Employment	SB 146	Gibson	Require agency to enter written agreement to meet federal safeguards of confidentiality and disclosure requirements for UI information and records
Employment	SB 256	Jones II	Wage and hour: prohibit misclassification of employees as independent contractors; details
Family	HB 129	Yonts	Competency hearings: allow a bench trial when there is no objection from interested parties and the judge finds no cause to require a jury trial
Family	HB 151	Owens	Child protection: Require appointment of counsel prior to temporary removal hearing; set GAL training requirements; improve GAL fees; details; more
Family	HB 383	Stein	Child custody and visitation: provide a procedure for relocation of the principal residence of a child, provide for objection to relocation
Family	HB 421	Westrom	Child protection: request Chief Justice to adopt procedures to protect parents; create pilot project for limited opening of courts in DNA and TPR cases
Family	HB 454	Westrom	Require employees and volunteers of CHFS who have contact with children, parents, or guardians to have training relating to their duties
Family	HB 685	Owens	Paternity: update language regarding evidence; clarify how paternity may be determined; add references to Family Court; clarify appeals process
Family	HJR 17	Westrom	Continue resources for Office of the Ombudsman report on trends in receipt, review, and resolution of

			citizen complaints about child protection services
Family	HCR 97	Westrom	Request the Supreme Court and the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide basic and in-service training for attorneys serving as guardians ad litem
Family	SB 28	Roeding	Establish a putative father registry; permit a putative father to register before or after birth of child; require TPR petition to include affidavit of registry search
Family	SB 74	Kelly	DVOs: require EPO hearing in the county in which there is a pending domestic relations action even if filed in another county; more
Family	SB 132	Denton	Make technical corrections to conform with federal requirements related to state and federally funded adoption assistance
Government	HB 591	Webb	Restrict uses by agencies of a person's Social Security number; prohibit the inclusion in documents filed or recorded with an agency; exceptions
Health	HB 13	Collins	Kentucky Family Trust Program: establish a trust program to manage funds placed for the benefit of persons with special health care
Health	HB 102	Burch	Require health insurance plans to provide dependent coverage for an unmarried dependent child to 26 years of age
Health	HB 259	Greer	Kentucky Long-Term Care Partnership Program: permit Medicaid eligibility with disregards upon the exhaustion of benefits of partnership policy; details
Health	HB 345	Owens	KCHIP: provide for 12 months continuous enrollment, electronic submission of applications and renewals; bar face-to-face interview requirement
Health	HB 440	DeWeese	Managed care and more: require group health benefit plans to offer master policyholder the option to buy coverage for unmarried dependent children to age 26
Health	HB 640	Marzian	FRYSC: permit CHFS to fund grant program for employment of a physician or nurse in a family resource or youth services center
Health	HB 691	J. Lee	Omnibus Medicaid fraud bill: define Attorney General's role; set penalties; allow private individuals to file actions; procedures
Health	HB 762	Edmonds	Permit CHFS to establish a database supplemental to KASPER for reports of positive urine screening or blood tests for illegal drugs; details
Health	SB 126	Neal	KCHIP: implement presumptive eligibility, 12 month enrollment, online enrollment; bar face-to-face interview requirement
Health	SB 240	Denton	Provide for certification of personal care services agencies; require written personal services plans; more

Housing	HB 156	Palumbo	Require the retailer to furnish weather radios in manufactured housing; details
Housing	HB 193	Keene	Mobile home parks: amend KRS 219.330 to make the Office of Housing, Buildings and Construction responsible for permitting mobile home parks; details
Housing	HB 308	Burch	Amend KRS 186.531 to provide for one free identification card for a person who does not have a fixed, permanent address
Housing	HB 351	Jenkins	Continue implementation of homelessness prevention pilot project for discharge planning on a voluntary basis to persons exiting state-operated institutions
Housing	HB 733	Santoro	Certificates of property tax delinquency: rework definitions; delete the requirement that sheriffs advertise delinquent property tax bills for sale; more
Housing	HB 749	Wayne	Increase Kentucky Housing Corporation Board from 13 members to 15 members (add 2 private directors, one representing housing nonprofits)
Housing	SB 43	Tapp	Mobile home communities: switch jurisdiction from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to Office of Housing, Buildings and Construction; details
Housing	SB 76	Gibson	Prohibit utilities from energizing service to previously-owned manufactured or mobile homes lacking a B1 seal; more
Immigration	HB 304	Damron	Permit law enforcement agencies to enter agreements with federal government for local enforcement of immigration laws; more
Immigration	HB 451	Farmer	Limit attorney fees to \$750 for international adoptions involving children who are not granted citizenship upon entry to the United States
Motor Vehicles	SJR 25	Guthrie	Establish the Driver's License Issuance Task Force; set parameters of study; set membership
Motor Vehicles	HJR 169	Collins	Require the Driver's License Issuance Task Force to study issuance of operator's licenses, instruction permits, and personal identification cards
Taxes	HB 262	Wayne	KEJA Fair Tax bill: increase rate on income over \$75K; establish a refundable EIC at 15 percent of the federal credit; more re estate tax, sales tax on services
Taxes	HB 443	Watkins	Tobacco tax: create an additional cigarette surtax of 70 cents; increase the tax rates for other tobacco products and snuff
Taxes	HB 550	Owens	Casino gambling amendment: permit General Assembly to authorize up to seven casinos by horse racing tracks and up to five others; put on ballot
Taxes	HB 566	Wayne	Estate Tax and EIC: delink the former from federal

			changes; enact state EIC at 7.5% of the federal EIC
Taxes	HB 592	Hall	Create state Earned Income Credit at 5% of federal EIC; create state Work Opportunity Tax credit for hiring at risk groups, at 5% of first \$6,000 in wages