

## 2008 General Assembly

### The “Watch” List: March 29

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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**How to use:** Click on a topic or scroll through the table to find your bills of interest. To view the Legislative Research Commission summary of a bill and a report on its status, click the bill number. To view the text of the bill and of amendments, click the links in the summary.

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Topic	Bill	Sponsor	Description
Access	<a href="#">HB 648</a>	Simpson	Provide for comprehensive statutory coverage of notaries public, including bonding, privacy, notarial authority, notarial prohibitions, fees, more
Budget	<a href="#">HB 406</a>	Moberly	The Executive Budget
Civil Rights	<a href="#">HB 70</a>	Crenshaw	Constitutional amendment: restore convicted felon’s right to vote upon final discharge from parole or maximum expiration of sentence; details
Civil Rights	<a href="#">HB 666</a>	Owens	Establish the Office on Racial Disproportionality within the cabinet secretary's office; require anti-racist and cultural competence training; more
Consumer	<a href="#">HB 426</a>	Vincent	Theft by deception: increase merchant's and county attorney's bad check collection fee from \$25 to \$50
Consumer	<a href="#">HB 431</a>	Combs	Extend duration for credit health insurance from 5 to 10 years; expand premium from 61 to 120 monthly installments
Consumer	<a href="#">HB 471</a>	Rand	Industrial loans companies: require revolving credit plans to be larger than \$7,500; increase from \$15 to \$25 the bad check charge; more
Consumer	<a href="#">HB 500</a>	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	<a href="#">HB 552</a>	Thompson	Predatory lending: limit prepayment penalties; define mortgage broker duties; lower trigger for high cost loan; require verification of income; more
Consumer	<a href="#">HB 553</a>	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	<a href="#">SB 167</a>	Leeper	Define debt cancellation agreement; authorize inclusion in a motor vehicle retail installment contract; specify it is not an insurance contract
Consumer	<a href="#">SB 186</a>	Neal	Mortgage lending protections: require verification of income and affordability; clarify that mortgage broker must represent borrowers best interest; more
Consumer	<a href="#">SB 195</a>	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
Corrections	<a href="#">HB 31</a>	Wilkey	Expungement: allow persons convicted of a Class D felony or a series of Class D felonies arising out of a single event to petition to have records expunged
Criminal	<a href="#">HB 211</a>	Wayne	Child sexual abuse: define crimes; create defenses for persons under 20; increase penalties for failing to report that a child is dependent, neglected, or abused
Criminal	<a href="#">HB 289</a>	Meeks	Require the collection of DNA from any person convicted of any felony offense, or who is in the custody of the Department of Corrections; more
Education	<a href="#">HB 91</a>	Cherry	Bullying bill: require school districts to have plans, policies, and procedures; define "harassment, intimidation, or bullying;" more
Employment	<a href="#">HB 318</a>	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	<a href="#">HB 654</a>	Stumbo	Wage and hour: prohibit misclassification of employees as independent contractors; define contractor engaged in construction; details
Employment	<a href="#">HB 770</a>	Graham	Exempt from minimum wage and overtime requirement nonprofit charitable organizations that serve homeless or indigent individuals
Employment	<a href="#">SB 213</a>	Jones II	Mine safety: require emergency action plans to include telephone numbers of first responders and med evac providers; more
Employment	<a href="#">SB 146</a>	Gibson	Require agency to enter written agreement to meet federal safeguards of confidentiality and disclosure requirements for UI information and records
Employment	<a href="#">SB 256</a>	Jones II	Wage and hour: prohibit misclassification of employees as independent contractors; details

Family	<a href="#">HB 129</a>	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	<a href="#">HB 151</a>	Owens	Child protection: Require appointment of counsel prior to temporary removal hearing; set GAL training requirements; improve GAL fees; details; more
Family	<a href="#">HB 383</a>	Stein	Child custody and visitation: provide a procedure for relocation of the principal residence of a child, provide for objection to relocation
Family	<a href="#">HB 421</a>	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	<a href="#">HB 454</a>	Westrom	Require employees and volunteers of CHFS who have contact with children, parents, or guardians to have training relating to their duties
Family	<a href="#">HB 685</a>	Owens	Paternity: update language regarding evidence; clarify how paternity may be determined; add references to Family Court; clarify appeals process
Family	<a href="#">HJR 17</a>	Westrom	Continue resources for Office of the Ombudsman report on trends in receipt, review, and resolution of citizen complaints about child protection services
Family	<a href="#">HCR 97</a>	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	<a href="#">SB 28</a>	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	<a href="#">SB 74</a>	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	<a href="#">SB 132</a>	Denton	Make technical corrections to conform with federal requirements related to state and federally funded adoption assistance
Government	<a href="#">HB 591</a>	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	<a href="#">HB 13</a>	Collins	Kentucky Family Trust Program: establish a trust program to manage funds placed for the benefit of persons with special health care
Health	<a href="#">HB 102</a>	Burch	Require health insurance plans to provide dependent coverage for an unmarried dependent child to 26 years of age
Health	<a href="#">HB 259</a>	Greer	Kentucky Long-Term Care Partnership Program: permit Medicaid eligibility with disregards upon the exhaustion of benefits of partnership policy; details

Health	<a href="#">HB 345</a>	Owens	KCHIP: provide for 12 months continuous enrollment, electronic submission of applications and renewals; bar face-to-face interview requirement
Health	<a href="#">HB 440</a>	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	<a href="#">HB 640</a>	Marzian	FRYSC: permit CHFS to fund grant program for employment of a physician or nurse in a family resource or youth services center
Health	<a href="#">HB 691</a>	J. Lee	Omnibus Medicaid fraud bill: define Attorney General's role; set penalties; allow private individuals to file actions; procedures
Health	<a href="#">HB 762</a>	Edmonds	Permit CHFS to establish a database supplemental to KASPER for reports of positive urine screening or blood tests for illegal drugs; details
Health	<a href="#">SB 126</a>	Neal	KCHIP: implement presumptive eligibility, 12 month enrollment, online enrollment; bar face-to-face interview requirement
Health	<a href="#">SB 240</a>	Denton	Provide for certification of personal care services agencies; require written personal services plans; more
Housing	<a href="#">HB 156</a>	Palumbo	Require the retailer to furnish weather radios in manufactured housing; details
Housing	<a href="#">HB 193</a>	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	<a href="#">HB 308</a>	Burch	Amend KRS 186.531 to provide for one free identification card for a person who does not have a fixed, permanent address
Housing	<a href="#">HB 351</a>	Jenkins	Continue implementation of homelessness prevention pilot project for discharge planning on a voluntary basis to persons exiting state-operated institutions
Housing	<a href="#">HB 733</a>	Santoro	Certificates of property tax delinquency: rework definitions; delete the requirement that sheriffs advertise delinquent property tax bills for sale; more
Housing	<a href="#">HB 749</a>	Wayne	Increase Kentucky Housing Corporation Board from 13 members to 15 members (add 2 private directors, one representing housing nonprofits)
Housing	<a href="#">SB 43</a>	Tapp	Mobile home communities: switch jurisdiction from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to Office of Housing, Buildings and Construction; details
Housing	<a href="#">SB 76</a>	Gibson	Prohibit utilities from energizing service to previously-owned manufactured or mobile homes lacking a B1 seal; more
Immigration	<a href="#">HB 304</a>	Damron	Permit law enforcement agencies to enter agreements

			with federal government for local enforcement of immigration laws; more
Immigration	<a href="#">HB 451</a>	Farmer	Limit attorney fees to \$750 for international adoptions involving children who are not granted citizenship upon entry to the United States
Motor Vehicles	<a href="#">SJR 25</a>	Guthrie	Establish the Driver's License Issuance Task Force; set parameters of study; set membership
Motor Vehicles	<a href="#">HJR 169</a>	Collins	Require the Driver's License Issuance Task Force to study issuance of operator's licenses, instruction permits, and personal identification cards
Taxes	<a href="#">HB 262</a>	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	<a href="#">HB 443</a>	Watkins	Tobacco tax: create an additional cigarette surtax of 70 cents; increase the tax rates for other tobacco products and snuff
Taxes	<a href="#">HB 550</a>	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	<a href="#">HB 566</a>	Wayne	Estate Tax and EIC: delink the former from federal changes; enact state EIC at 7.5% of the federal EIC
Taxes	<a href="#">HB 592</a>	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