

## 2009 General Assembly

### New Bills of Interest

#### *Through February 23*

Here are selected new bills filed in the 2009 General Assembly on the final day of filing, February 23. The list is organized by topic. Highlights include:

- [HB 539](#) Enact comprehensive statutory scheme for notaries public
- [HB 516](#) Payday loans II: enact 36 percent APR cap, limit to 1 loan per quarter
- [HB 515](#) Health care “whistle blower:” establish free speech, bar retaliation

**How to use:** To view the Legislative Research Commission summary of a bill and its status, click the bill number. To view the text of the bill and of amendments, click the links in the summary. For a complete list of bills filed to date, view the legislature's own excellent web page: [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov).

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Topic	Bill #	Sponsor	Summary
Access	<a href="#">HB 487</a>	Fischer	Interest on judgments: except in child support, replace 12 percent interest with the rate provided in KRS 131.183(1); create 6 percent minimum; details
Access	<a href="#">HB 496</a>	Sinnette	Notary public: specify the conditions and procedure for revocation of commission, including lack of legal resident status or fixed place of business
Access	<a href="#">HB 539</a>	Horlander	Notaries public: enact comprehensive statutory scheme with provisions on applications, bonding, privacy, notarial authority, fees, and record keeping
Budget	<a href="#">HB 512</a>	Webb	Require quarterly report by State Budget Director to include information on actions taken to address budget shortfall and budget reduction plan
Comm Dev	<a href="#">HB 507</a>	Weston	Establish income tax credit for qualified employers of up to 50 percent of amount paid for tuition and other educational expenses, limited to 2,800 employees
Comm Dev	<a href="#">HB 511</a>	Webb	Establish the New Markets Development Program and provide tax credits
Consumer	<a href="#">HB 516</a>	Jenkins	Payday loans II: cap APR at 36 percent; limit to 1 loan at a time and 1 per quarter; ban internet lending; remedies

Corrections	<a href="#">HB 490</a>	Burch	Permit CHFS to contract for a therapeutic home as a residential option for substance abuse treatment for adults; require treatment, job training; more
Education	<a href="#">HB 506</a>	Belcher	Require all middle and high school teachers to participate in a suicide prevention training program; details
Education	<a href="#">HB 508</a>	Moberly	Educational assessment: require DOE to implement a comprehensive process to revise academic content standards; details; timelines; testing changes; more
Education	<a href="#">HB 527</a>	Rollins	Strong Start Kentucky Program: develop grant program for collaborative models of preschool education for unserved children below 200% poverty
Education	<a href="#">HJR 150</a>	Rollins	Direct Council on Post 2ndary Education to develop funding proposal to improve affordability, efficiency, and accountability in the public system
Education	<a href="#">HCR 158</a>	Richards	Establish a legislative task force to establish a strategy to provide home laptop computers for middle school students
Employment	<a href="#">HB 498</a>	Carney	Create a two year statute of limitations for civil actions relating to wrongful termination or wrongful discharge
Employment	<a href="#">HB 520</a>	Westrom	Create a new section of KRS Chapter 341 to designate the chapter as the Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Act
Environment	<a href="#">HB 481</a>	Combs	Timber: require the seller of trees, timber, or forest products to produce the instrument vesting title to the goods in the seller; more
Environment	<a href="#">HB 492</a>	Steele	Bees: declare the importance of supporting pollinator habitat on reclamation sites to speed up revegetation and improve soil and hydrologic stability; more
Environment	<a href="#">HB 537</a>	Adkins	Energy: Create Renewable and Efficiency Portfolio Standard; set goals; create Energy Education workgroup; rework tax credits for biofuels; more
Environment	<a href="#">HCR 141</a>	Thompson	Establish the Kentucky Natural Resource Caucus to support the coal, oil, and natural gas industries
Government	<a href="#">HB 540</a>	Stumbo	Establish the General Assembly Accountability and Review Division; enumerate powers, organization, and duties
Health	<a href="#">HB 479</a>	Yonts	Require emergency services providers to report gunshot wounds, powder burns, and bullet wounds, and stab wounds if not inflicted by the victim; details
Health	<a href="#">HB 494</a>	Overly	Prohibit knowing manufacture, sale, or transport of children's products that do not meet federal safety standards; set up safety program, website
Health	<a href="#">HB 501</a>	Burch	Require motorcycle operators who operate without a

			helmet to pay a fee; earmark fees for Wounded Soldier Program of Traumatic Brain Injury Trust
Health	<a href="#">HB 515</a>	Jenkins	Health care whistle blower: establish protection of free speech for nurses and other health professionals responsible for patient care; prohibit retaliation
Health	<a href="#">HB 532</a>	Kerr	Deposit 2% of wholesale sales tax on alcohol in substance abuse intervention fund; provide treatment for people with income under 200% poverty; details
Health	<a href="#">HB 538</a>	Hall	Establish protocols to allow patients to select a hospital of choice within geographic service area of ambulance service provider
Housing	<a href="#">HB 514</a>	Brinkman	Uniform Condominium Act: define terms; provide requirements and procedures for establishment of associations and for conduct of business; more
Taxes	<a href="#">HB 484</a>	Dossett	Exclude from individual income tax for 8 calendar quarters wages paid by a new small business with 5 or less employees
Taxes	<a href="#">HB 495</a>	Overly	Tax administration: allow disclosure of information required in the prosecution of any violation of the Kentucky Penal Code or other criminal laws; more
Taxes	<a href="#">HB 503</a>	Farmer	Exclude from adjusted gross income a portion of unemployment compensation received after December 31, 2008
Utilities	<a href="#">HB 478</a>	Rudy	Requiring all wireless cellular transmission towers to be equipped with emergency backup generators; provide for refunds for periods when phones are out
Utilities	<a href="#">HB 542</a>	Hall	Natural gas retail choice competition: define terms, requirements for eligibility; specify PSC jurisdiction; details
Veterans	<a href="#">HB 541</a>	Pullin	Institute program to assist Kentucky National Guard members returning from deployment overseas with physical and mental conditions; details