

2010 General Assembly

The Watch List

Through Friday, January 8

This table shows a selective list bills filed in the 2010 General Assembly, including several that have moved forward in the legislative process. Topics include:

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Topic	Bill #	Sponsor	Summary
Access	HB 103	Stevens	Increase jurisdictional limit of civil actions in District Court from \$4,000 to \$10,000 and in small claims division from \$1,500 to \$5,000
Access	HB 129	Yonts	KHEAA: allow loan forgiveness tax credit if there are insufficient funds available for certain loan forgiveness programs, including "Best in Law"
Access	HB 163	Stevens	Require KHEAA to provide up to \$3,000 per year up to \$30,000 for loan forgiveness to persons in "Best in Law" and other programs; details
Access	SB 73	Rhoads	Competency hearings: allow bench trial when parties agree, there is no objection from interested parties, and judge finds no cause to require jury trial
Civil Rights	HB 117	Marzian	Prohibition discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in employment, housing, more
Comm Dev	SB 76	Palmer	Adopt modern standards of prudent investment and modernize responsibilities in management of institutional funds of charitable organizations; details
Consumer	HB 55	Glenn	Credit cards on campus: require public post-2ndary schools to give new undergraduates information on credit cards and debt management; more

Consumer	HB 123	Firkins	Require consumer contracts with an automatic renewal clause to have the clause conspicuously displayed; provide for notice, enforcement by AG
Consumer	HB 166	Westrom	Debt adjustment cleanup: set forth requirements for contracts; prohibit waiver of debtor's rights; provide for a private right of action for losses; more
Consumer	SB 39	Carroll	Require that any business that assesses a late fee against a consumer be required, when a refund is due, to make refund in the same time frame as the penalty
Consumer	SB 48	Schickel	Require consumer contracts with an automatic renewal clause to conspicuously display it in the contract; require notice of an upcoming renewal
Corrections	HB 16	Floyd	Death penalty: eliminate where defendant is severely mentally ill
Corrections	HB 29	Simpson	Expungement: allow person convicted of Class D felony or series of Class D felonies for a single event to have felony record expunged; more; details
Corrections	HB 45	Burch	Death penalty: abolish the death penalty; require court to sentence the person to imprisonment for life without benefit of probation or parole
Corrections	HB 70	Crenshaw	Constitutional amendment: exclude convicted felon from right to vote only until expiration of probation, final discharge from parole, or expiration of sentence
Criminal	HB 76	Denham	Include intentionally or wantonly causing physical injury by means of strangulation within the offense of assault in the second degree; definitions
Criminal	HB 116	Jenkins	Require all criminal justice system participants, certain state agencies, and the AOC to participate in the state-wide electronic warrant (e-warrant) system
Criminal	HB 127	Meeks	Expungement: require automatic expungement when person is found not guilty or charges have been dismissed at defendant's request; more
Employment	HB 122	Harmon	Wage and hour: exclude employees of nonprofit camp, religious, or nonprofit educational conference center; criteria
Family	HB 1	Stumbo	Amanda Ross Act: require court to assess dangerousness; permit court to order a respondent to wear or carry global monitoring system; details
Family	HB 25	Richards	DVOs: include dating partners among the class of persons allowed to obtain domestic violence protective orders
Family	HB 30	Jenkins	DVOs: include dating partners among the class of persons allowed to obtain domestic violence protective orders; enforcement
Family	HB 49	Belcher	Provide that children in temporary custody not over

			45 days from removal may be in the custody of CHFS or other appropriate person or agency
Family	HB 73	Denham	Prohibit joint mediation, conciliation, or counseling requirements in an EPO or DVO; allow EPO to remain in effect until domestic violence hearing
Family	HB 86	Marzian	Enact the Uniform Adult Guardianship and Protective Proceedings Jurisdiction Act, to govern jurisdictional questions between states
Family	HB 115	Crimm	Add promotion of a healthy relationship between the child and other custodian or parent as a factor for the consideration of awarding custody of children; more
Family	HB 189	J. Lee	Domestic violence: require reporting of specified criminal offenses; require basic and in-service training for law enforcement officers
Family	HB 192	Burch	Require rather than permit the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to publicly disclose information related to child fatalities
Family	HB 194	Burch	Request Supreme Court to create a pilot project for limited opening of courts in dependency, neglect, and abuse cases involving termination of parental rights
Family	HB 195	Burch	Adoption: include in definition of stepparent any non-relative adult who, with written consent of legal parent, acts in a parental role to the child; more
Family	HB 205	Jenkins	DVOs and guns: order respondent to surrender all firearms to the sheriff of the county in which the respondent resides for the duration of the DVO; more
Family	HB 222	Belcher	Amend KRS 403.135 to permit the inclusion of a minor child's name in a domestic relations proceeding
Government	HC 23	Stumbo	Reauthorize the Poverty Task Force
Government	SC 22	Smith	Reauthorize the Poverty Task Force
Health	HB 52	Stine	Healthy Kids Act: develop reporting mechanism for schools with grades K-5 on physical activity, aggregate BMI, and wellness program data; more
Health	HB 72	Burch	Kentucky Colon Cancer Screening Program: establish program; permit income-based fees for screenings; appropriate \$1M year; \$2M second year
Health	HB 120	Napier	Create substance abuse screening program for adult recipients of public assistance, food stamps, and medicaid; denial eligibility for refusal of screen
Health	HB 126	Denham	Insurers: authorize examination of each domestic insurer once every five years, rather than every three

			years; require actuarial opinion summaries; more
Health	HB 136	Henderson	Create crime of substance endangerment of child prior to birth when use of alcohol or controlled substances results in serious physical injury; more
Health	HB 155	Rollins	Kentucky Family Trust Program: allow family and friends to place money in trust for care of people with disabilities without affecting eligibility for benefits
Health	HB 156	Rollins	Require long-term care facility to post in a conspicuous place the star quality rating assigned to the facility by CMS Five-Star Quality Rating System
Health	HB 157	Rollins	Establish minimum staffing requirements and prohibit long-term care facilities from admitting new residents if the facility fails to comply; fines; more
Health	HC 19	Crimm	Urge Congress to grant licensed insurance agents and brokers the right to enroll individuals and employers under any national health insurance plan
Health	SB 11	Harper Angel	Require Medicaid smoking cessation programs or treatment or pregnant smokers to be in accordance with CDC protocols and guidelines
Health	SB 13	Jones	Autism: require health policies to provide coverage for diagnosis and treatment of autism spectrum disorders and their related conditions; details
Health	SR 9	Harper Angel	Urge the Governor to include funding for Medicaid-approved smoking cessation programs in his 2010-2012 Executive Branch budget proposal
Housing	HB 98	Miller	Establish a fee not to exceed \$150 for inspection of new manufactured home installations
Housing	HB 108	Farmer	Exclude discharge of mortgage indebtedness from state income tax if exempted from federal tax under the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007
Housing	HB 219	Osborne	Theft by deception: include the issuance of a cold check for child support, rent, or purchase of property, or for payment to an auction escrow account
Housing	SB 49	Neal	Homeless ID: establish a \$2 charge for an original, renewal, or first duplicate personal identification card issued to a person without a fixed, permanent address
Housing	SB 66	Seum	Require registration of real estate appraisal management companies; details
Taxes	HB 13	Wayne	Progressive reform: increase rate on income over \$75K; establish refundable EITC at 15% of federal credit; include selected services in sales tax; more
Taxes	HB 78	Farmer	Tax Reform: extend sales tax to various services, and commercial rent, reduce rate to 5.5%; sunset income tax

Taxes	SB 21	Thayer	Constitutional amendment: permit General Assembly to authorize video lottery terminals in counties with horse racing tracks with voter approval
Veterans	SB 78	Tori	Allow the Department of Veterans Affairs to act as a guardian or a conservator for a disabled veteran or the minor child of a veteran