

2020 General Assembly

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Through October 31, 2019

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Topic	Bill #	Sponsor	Summary
Access	BR 143	Bechler	Remove 5-year SOL for misdemeanor sex offenses against minors and 10-year SOL for civil actions; limit clergy privilege; more re AG role
Civil Rights	BR 023	Booker	Constitutional amendment: allow automatic restoration of voting rights for people with felony convictions after completion of sentence
Civil Rights	BR 139	King	Public accommodations: prohibit misrepresentation of assistance dogs; allow peace officers to investigate; fines
Civil Rights	BR 187	Booker	Repeal unlicensed carry of concealed deadly weapons
Civil Rights	BR 231	Scott	Add definition of race to civil rights act; include protective hairstyles such as braids, locks and twists
Civil Rights	BR 342	Brown	Gun control: require license for assault weapons; bar sale of bump stocks; require judges to consider gun prohibition in DVO; more

Consumer	BR 095	Huff	Direct county clerks to send title to vehicles to holder of security interest instead of owner; require transfer to owner when paid in full
Consumer	BR 205	Embry	Create exceptions to vet-client confidentiality to allow reporting of animal abuse; provide immunity for reporting
Consumer	BR 285	DuPlessis	Encourage Congress to require safety features to prevent child and infant deaths from heatstroke in hot cars
Consumer	BR 288	Huff	Create exceptions to vet-client confidentiality to report animal abuse
Criminal	BR 006	St. Onge	Prohibit cruelty to equines including abuse, neglect, and sexual contact; make Class D felony and provide for termination of ownership
Criminal	BR 037	Bridges	Increase penalty for assaulting sports official to Class D felony for first offense; create new misdemeanor crime of intimidation of sports official
Criminal	BR 079	Scott	Establish Officer Shooting Review Board to investigate shooting or deadly incident involving law enforcement; authorize AG to prosecute; details
Criminal	BR 119	Embry	Include in the definition of criminal littering the act of dumping "unsafe amounts of leaves or grass" onto highway
Criminal	BR 133	Huff	Include in definition of criminal littering the act of dumping "unsafe amounts of mowed grass" onto highway
Criminal	BR 176	D. Carroll	Include in the definition of criminal littering the act of dumping or permitting dumping of "unsafe amounts of mowed grass" onto highway
Criminal	BR 204	Gooch	Broaden definition of key infrastructure assets to include natural gas or petroleum pipelines; Class D felony for related trespass in 1st degree; more
Criminal	BR 341	Brown	Establish crime of recklessly allowing access to an unsecured firearm by a minor; Class B misdemeanor, Class A if injury results
Criminal	BR 450	Scott	"Gang bill" reversal: remove language related to "criminal gang syndicate;" repeal related minimum sentences, penalty enhancements; more
Education	BR 027	Scott	Require teaching of African American and Native American history in middle and high schools; require KY BoE to set standards for courses; more
Education	BR 031	Lewis	Establish student loan forgiveness program for STEM teachers in federal promise zones; create scholarship fund; appropriation

Education	BR 061	Scott	Repeal statutes authorizing charter schools
Education	BR 120	Riley	Prohibit corporal punishment in public schools
Education	BR 126	Raymond	School bullying: include incidents at non-school-sponsored events and through use of technology; require notification of parents; details
Education	BR 203	Hart	Arts Education Equity Act: require schools to offer all students instruction in the visual and performing arts; details
Education	BR 252	Thomas	Create Kentucky Community and Technical College endowment match fund; transfer \$3 million annually from General Fund
Education	BR 334	Raymond	Remove half-day option for kindergarten; require full day; require kindergarten aide for every 24 students
Education	BR 357	Donohue	Management audit: require chief state school officer to provide district with written deficiencies, corrective actions and deadline for completion; more
Education	BR 407	Scott	Require each public postsecondary education institution to provide free feminine hygiene products to students
Education	BR 435	Harper Angel	Require ID badges for public middle, high school and post-secondary students to list contact info for domestic violence, sexual assault and suicide hotlines
Education	BR 486	Scott	Urge Kentucky Department of Education to create a task force to consider ways to improve diversity in STEAM education
Employment	BR 072	Prunty	Create regulatory scheme for professional employer organizations; require workers' compensation coverage, unemployment insurance; details
Employment	BR 082	Rothenburger	Set cap of 128 credit hours on college tuition benefits for spouses and children of first responders and public employees who died in course of duty
Employment	BR 113	Nemes	Require call centers moving to foreign countries to notify Labor Cabinet; require state agencies to use Kentucky-based call centers; details
Employment	BR 132	Thomas	Raise minimum wage in stages to \$15 by 2027; allow localities to adopt higher wage; raise tipped wage; exclude retail and service businesses under \$500k
Employment	BR 237	Hinkle	Raise minimum wage in stages to \$15 by 2027; allow localities to adopt higher wage; raise tipped wage; exclude retail and service businesses under \$500k

Employment	BR 257	D. Carroll	Create state hiring preference for employees of quasi-governmental agencies ceasing participation in the Kentucky Retirement Systems; details
Employment	BR 263	McCool	Create crime of wage theft; penalties; details
Employment	BR 270	Turner	Require Labor Cabinet to report bonding violations by mining companies to Energy & Environment; distribute civil penalties to workers as wages; more
Employment	BR 323	Kulkarni	Create a prevailing wage law for all public works projects
Employment	BR 343	Brown	“Ban the Box:” prohibit employers from considering or requiring disclosures of prior criminal history as part of initial job application
Employment	BR 403	Reed	Establish National Farm Safety Week and Farmer Suicide Prevention Day during it
Employment	BR 409	Graviss	Provide annual increment for state employees at the average of the Consumer Price Index for the two calendar years prior to the biennium
Environment	BR 118	Embry	Modify the definition of "waste disposal facility" to include both private and public residential landfills; subject facilities to approval by local governing body
Environment	BR 206	Embry	Allow fiscal courts to license solid waste landfills and residual landfills and assess increased fees for accepting wastes from outside of waste planning area
Environment	BR 258	Lewis	Expand hunting techniques and tools available in coyote hunting
Environment	BR 808	Huff	Direct study of environmental benefits and costs of federal reformulated gasoline requirements in Jefferson and surrounding counties; details
Family	BR 423	S. Meredith	Allow court-appointed guardian to decide disposition of decedent’s remains after exhausting other options; permit cremation under specified circumstances
Family	BR 835	Kulkarni	Require surrender of firearms by people subject to protective orders (DVOs, IPOs); create crime of firearm possession by convicted domestic abuser
Government	BR 004	Wiederstein	Require all bills and amendments to have a fiscal note; set limits on the number of bills legislators can file during Regular Session; exceptions; more
Government	BR 047	Yates	Extend by ten days the deadline for filing nomination to fill an unexpired term for elective office if vacancy occurs five calendar days or less before deadline

Government	BR 076	Wiederstein	Create Governor's Office for Program Evaluation and Quality Assurance in Office of State Budget Director to ensure evidence-based policymaking; details
Government	BR 078	Wiederstein	Constitutional amendment: limit Senators to three consecutive terms and Representatives to six
Government	BR 160	Bratcher	Designate shelter animals as the official state dog and cat
Government	BR 181	Reed	Provide for adoption of year-round daylight savings time statewide if authorized by Congress
Government	BR 300	Wiederstein	Require reporting to new Regulatory Economic Analysis Advisory Group any new or amended regs that constitute "major economic action;" details
Government	BR 356	Donohue	Require notice to Heritage Council 90 days prior to transfer or sale of state-owned property nominated for National Register of Historic Places; details
Government	BR 371	Wiederstein	Establish "Evidence-Based Policymaking Task Force" to study data collection and data sharing in state agencies
Government	BR 431	Sorolis	Allow in-person early voting between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the three Saturdays preceding any primary, regular election, or special election
Government	BR 432	Sorolis	Provide for establishment of designated voting locations by county board of elections in counties with a population of 90,000 or more
Government	BR 853	Sorolis	Allow a person who possesses all qualifications for voter registration to register at their precinct of residence on election day; details
Government	BR 854	Sorolis	Motor voter: provide that each application for a driver's license shall also be an application for voter registration unless declined by the applicant; more
Health	BR 007	Bentley	Establish voluntary non-opioid directive form directing practitioners not to prescribe or administer opioids to patient; create electronic database
Health	BR 008	Bentley	Require practitioner to offer prescription for naloxone or other drug approved FDA for reversal of opioid depression when prescribing opioid; more
Health	BR 009	Bentley	Require insurers to apply financial assistance received for Rx drugs by an insured toward cost sharing; details
Health	BR 032	Miller	Impose 27.5% excise tax on distributors of vapor products

Health	BR 049	Wiederstein	Delete requirement for certificate of need to build or expand health care facilities; details; EMERGENCY
Health	BR 050	Wiederstein	Require DOI Commissioner to establish an advisory committee to make recommendations on creation of a Kentucky all-payer claims database; appropriation
Health	BR 066	Wiederstein	Require AG to hold public meetings on proposed nonprofit healthcare conversion transactions; specify criteria for approval or disapproval; details
Health	BR 083	Rothenburger	Establish Medicaid ground ambulance provider assessment; set up trust fund to draw federal match; prohibit rate increase for patients; appropriation
Health	BR 105	Bentley	Cap insulin cost-sharing at \$100 per 30-day supply
Health	BR 121	Riley	Extend temporary license for long-term care administrators from 6 to 9 months
Health	BR 179	Miller	Give state employees paid leave for live organ donation; provide tax deduction for expenses incurred from live organ donation
Health	BR 180	Minter	Prohibit pre-existing condition exclusion and higher premiums based on health status in health insurance plans offered in any market; more
Health	BR 182	D. Carroll	Prohibit certification of assisted-living facility owned by, operated by, or employing any person convicted of certain felonies or listed on abuse list
Health	BR 221	Wheeler	Cap insulin cost-sharing at \$100 per 30-day supply; provide rebate for any cost-sharing above \$100 within 60 days of submitting rebate form
Health	BR 233	Scott	Allow cosmetologists and others to provide in-home services to people with limited physical mobility or residing in long-term care facilities; details
Health	BR 241	Fischer	Constitutional amendment: provide that Kentucky Constitution does not secure or protect a right to abortion or require abortion funding
Health	BR 275	S. Meredith	Require MCOs to report provider payment schedules to MOAC; require rural providers to be paid median amount paid to urban providers in nearest MSA
Health	BR 278	S. Meredith	Limit number of MCOs to three
Health	BR 297	Schickel	Recognize Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Health	BR 315	S. Meredith	Prohibit MCOs from charging co-payments or cost-sharing to anyone receiving Medicaid or KCHIP
Health	BR 468	Miller	Require sellers of vapor product enhanced cartridges to register; require in-person sale; ban purchasers under age 18; penalties
Health	BR 482	Huff	Declare May 2020 to be Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Awareness Month
Health	BR 819	Wiederstein	Require hospitals to annually survey employees on patient safety culture; require CHFS to design, collect, analyze, and publish survey data; details
Housing	BR 094	Schickel	Allow charge for criminal damage to property for tenant who intentionally defaces, destroys, or damages residential rental property
Housing	BR 355	Donohue	Establish refundable income tax credit for property owners for costs of mitigating noise from a commercial airport; details; sunset
Immigration	BR 240	Bechler	Anti-sanctuary: require law enforcement agencies to enforce immigration laws; withhold state funding from sanctuary localities and post-secondary schools
Taxes	BR 036	Sims	Increase sales and use taxes to 8%; increase motor vehicle usage and rental taxes to 8%; details
Taxes	BR 045	Nemes	Define primary and secondary emergency services districts; credit taxes paid for secondary service to taxes owed to local government; details
Taxes	BR 080	Keene	Legalize casino gaming; set licensing fees and requirements; set taxation levels; earmark proceeds to state pension systems for first 10 years; details
Taxes	BR 102	Brenda	Exempt mowing, fence cleaning, and other pasture maintenance services on agricultural or horticultural land from sales and use tax; details
Taxes	BR 107	Scott	Exempt sale or purchase of feminine hygiene products from sales and use tax; sunset
Taxes	BR 117	Embry	Increase the pension income exclusion from \$31,110 to \$41,110
Taxes	BR 178	Scott	Exempt sale or purchase of diapers and certain baby products from sales and use tax; sunset
Taxes	BR 215	Huff	Increase pension income exclusion from \$31,110 to \$41,110; apply for taxable years beginning January 1, 2018; appropriation

Taxes	BR 236	J. Carroll	Sports wagering: require KY Lottery Corporation to institute a sports wagering system; earmark 60% of funds for pension system; 30% for KEES; details
Taxes	BR 339	Brown	Establish a nonrefundable tax credit for donations to rural hospitals; sunset
Transportation	BR 124	Huff	Revoke for 90 days the driver's license of a person convicted of illegally passing a school or church bus
Transportation	BR 136	Goforth	Require school districts to install cameras on school bus "STOP" arms; create procedures for reporting violations to Transportation Cabinet; details
Transportation	BR 166	Tipton	Prohibit use of a personal communication device while operating a motor vehicle; exceptions; penalties
Transportation	BR 212	Huff	Prohibit use of a personal communication device while operating a motor vehicle; exceptions; penalties
Veterans	BR 085	Massey	Designate Honor and Remember flag as state's emblem; specify locations, dates, and circumstances under which flag may be displayed
Veterans	BR 109	Huff	Designate a mile of highway in Whitley County as "Veterans Suicide Memorial Mile"
Veterans	BR 125	M. Meredith	Provide for design and preconstruction costs for the Bowling Green Veterans Center; appropriate \$2.5M
Veterans	BR 127	Bratcher	Constitutional amendment: exempt certain veterans' organizations from property taxation
Veterans	BR 247	Koch	Exempt veteran service organizations from ad valorem taxation if over 50% of their net income is expended on behalf of veterans and charitable causes
Veterans	BR 412	Parrett	Add nonprofit at least 51 percent unconditionally controlled by a veteran to definition of "veteran-owned business" exempt from SOS filing fees