

2022 General Assembly

New Bills

February 22 through 25

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This chart was compiled by advocacy staff at Kentucky Equal Justice Center. For more information, or to share comments on a bill, contact Rich Seckel at richseckel@kyequaljustice.org.

Topic	Bill #	Sponsor	Summary
Access	HB 549	Bratcher	Constitutional amendment: require Court of Appeals and Supreme Court to render a decision within 90 days from the final hearing for a case
Access	HB 585	Minter	Allow parties to civil rights actions to recover punitive damages
Access	HB 595	Huff	Excuse persons 75 years of age or older from jury service upon request
Budget	SB 195	McDaniel	Mule bill: make technical correction in section barring expenditures in excess of allotment
Civil Rights	HB 564	Branscum	Voting: set timetables for no-excuse and excused absentee voting; bar connection of voting systems to the internet; require tamper resistant seal; more

Civil Rights	HB 583	McCoy	Mule bill: make technical corrections to section on first ballot votes in presidential primary
Civil Rights	HB 587	Bechler	Include source of income as a prohibited form of discrimination; extend various timelines in Commission on Human Rights complaint processes; details
Civil Rights	SB 216	Mills	Voting: remove credit card as form of ID; prohibit connecting voting machines to internet or any other device; require video surveillance of voting machines
Civil Rights	SB 223	Neal	Constitutional amendment: restore voting rights upon completion of imprisonment, probation, or parole, civil rights after 3 year wait
Consumer	HB 561	Truett	KHEAA: update references to insured student loans by eliminating “insured”
Consumer	HB 569	Calloway	Prohibit manufacture and sale of certain kratom extracts and products; prohibit sale of kratom extracts and products to individuals under 21; penalties
Consumer	HB 586	Pratt	Establish consumer rights relating to personal data, including rights to delete personal data provided by the consumer, obtain a copy, opt out of targeted ads; details
Consumer	HB 602	Hale	Allow for the disposal of involuntarily towed vehicles by a towing and storage company after 45 days
Consumer	SB 210	Southworth	Prohibit manufacture and sale of certain kratom extracts and products; prohibit sale of kratom extracts and products to individuals under 21; penalties
Corrections	HB 544	Willner	Require conviction for court to order a prisoner to reimburse a county for unpaid jail fees; reimburse fees if the prisoner’s case does not result in a conviction
Corrections	HB 590	Meredith	Require county jail prisoners to begin paying fees from their booking date; require jail to reimburse and waive fees if prisoner is not convicted
Corrections	SB 90	Westerfield	Establish a 4-year behavioral health conditional dismissal pilot program; allow treatment instead of incarceration; require telehealth services in county jails
Corrections	SB 220	Alvarado	Start jail fees from prisoner’s booking date; reimburse expenses already paid if the prisoner's case does not result in a conviction; adjust per diem by CPI; more
Criminal	HJR 87	Nemes	Create a subcommittee of the Interim Joint Committee on Judiciary to study revisions to the penal code
Criminal	SB 211	Southworth	Remove the educational justification from the exemption from criminal prosecution for pornography

Econ Dev	HB 563	Heath	Public-private partnerships worth \$25M or more: delay requirement of approval by the General Assembly from 7/1/22 to 7/1/24
Econ Dev	HB 593	Pratt	Mule bill: add gender neutral language to section on search for and appointment of Secretary of Cabinet for Economic Development
Econ Dev	HB 596	Pratt	Mule bill: add gender neutral language to section on Kentucky Economic Development partnership
Education	HB 548	Bratcher	Require state BoE to include how to cast a ballot in annual public education program for high school juniors and seniors
Education	HB 577	Riley	Mule bill: add gender neutral language to section on assistance to teachers to purchase computers
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Education	HB 580	Riley	Mule bill: add gender neutral language to section on assistance to teachers to purchase computers
Education	HB 601	Timoney	Require teachers be compensated for noninstructional planning time during which they are required to supervise or instruct students
Education	SB 204	Adams	Permit public postsecondary institutions to agree to choice of law and choice of venue clauses in international research agreements
Education	SB 212	Schroder	Provide that the Kentucky Educational Savings Plan Trust is to be administered by the Department of the Treasury
Education	SB 215	Meredith	Include employment of reading interventionists as a purpose of reading diagnostic and intervention fund; bar BoE from limiting grant spending for authorized uses
Employment	HB 550	Cantrell	Include agricultural workers and domestic service workers under wage and hour and workers comp protections; more
Employment	HB 554	Jenkins	Establish Kentucky Short-time Compensation Program to allow employees to collect a portion of UI benefits to compensate for reduced hours
Employment	HB 562	Tackett Lafferty	Allow a peace officer or firefighter to take 48 hours leave after being involved in a critical incident; define “critical incident” to include officer-involved shooting

Employment	HB 565	Moser	Police training: require that 10 percent of basic training and 30 percent of annual in-service training for officers be given virtually; details
Employment	HB 572	Hale	Establish qualifications, salary schedules, and rate structures for conservation officers employed by Fish and Wildlife Resources; details
Employment	HB 581	Upchurch	Require the use of a licensed electrical engineer to exceed the maximum voltage of 1000 volts for yard and pier distribution systems
Employment	HB 592	Wheatley	Authorize collective bargaining for public employees
Employment	HB 594	Pratt	Mule bill: add gender neutral language to section on overtime
Employment	HB 598	Gentry	Workers' comp: exclude certain blood levels of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol from the presumption that an injury was non-work related
Employment	SB 196	Carroll	Cover specified home or community-based waiver services workers under wage and hour, workers comp and UI statutes
Employment	SB 206	Turner	Require repayment of training costs if police officer accepts employment with another agency within 4 years (up from 3)
Employment	SB 207	Higdon	Establish KY Education and Workforce Collaborative to implement policies of KY Workforce Innovation Board; articulate responsibilities of local boards; more
Employment	SB 209	Nemes	Require KSP to establish vacation and sick leave and holiday pay for Trooper R and commercial vehicle enforcement R Class employees
Employment	SB 224	Douglas	Urban county police and fire retirement housekeeping: require certification of occupational disability by licensed physicians; more
Environment	HB 555	Freeland	Establish refundable decontamination income tax credit up to \$30M; allow 25% of credit to be taken in each of 4 years; sunset after 10 years
Environment	HB 556	Nemes	Expand voluntary environmental remediation tax credit for taxable years 2022-2025; allow refundable credit
Environment	HB 600	Gooch	Reclamation Guaranty Fund Commission: clarify that members representing the coal mining industry are coal mine permittees; tier members by tons of coal mined
Environment	HB 605	Massey	Dept. of Fish and Wildlife: set out procurement powers, relation to Tourism Cabinet, allow commissioner to declare emergency for purchasing; more

Environment	SB 198	Storm	Exempt auto recycler from state permit process if the local government certifies compliance as a conforming use in an industrially zoned area; details
Environment	SB 205	Mills	Fossil fuel defense: make financial companies subject to divestment by state governmental agencies if they engage in energy company boycotts; more
Environment	SB 217	Webb	Department of Fish and Wildlife: address procurement powers, relation to Tourism Cabinet; more
Environment	SB 218	Webb	Authorize Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to make acquisitions for compensatory mitigation projects; details re carrying out projects
Family	HB 571	Nemes	Child protection: allow family accountability, intervention, and response team to refer children age 12 and younger for assessment and services; details
Family	HB 575	Miles	Mule bill: add gender neutral language to section on adoptions
Food and Ag	HB 558	Meade	Mule bill: add gender neutral references to section on commissioner of agriculture
Food and Ag	HB 576	Heath	Mule bill: add gender neutral language to section on Attorney General investigations
Food and Ag	SB 214	Hornback	Mule bill: make gender neutral references in section on investigations by the Attorney General
Government	HB 551	Fugate	Allow state park rangers to have all the powers of peace officers in all parts of the state
Government	HB 552	Fugate	Require Kentucky Mountain Regional Recreational Authority to comply with specified audit requirements
Government	HB 559	Meade	Mule bill: add gender neutral references to section on state lottery board
Government	HB 588	Blanton	County audits: permit counties, county clerks, and county sheriffs to have a certified public accountant conduct an annual audit; timetables; exceptions
Government	HB 599	Huff	Require partisan primary and election for various local offices: county commissioner, mayor, council, school boards; more
Government	HB 603	Fleming	Make it ethical misconduct for a legislator or legislative agent to engage in discrimination or sexual harassment

Health	HB 541	Scott	Require Medicaid and Medicaid MCOs to provide coverage for lactation counseling, lactation consultation, and breastfeeding equipment
Health	HB 547	Jenkins	Allow licensed narcotic treatment programs to choose which medication treatments they offer patients
Health	HB 570	Calloway	Allow health care providers and insurers to refuse to provide or pay for healthcare services that violate their conscience; cause of action
Health	HB 573	Moser	Establish the Healthcare Worker Loan Relief Program to be administered by Center of Excellence in Rural Health
Health	HB 582	Stevenson	Medical cannabis: establish program, licensing, excise tax; require hospital ERs to report cases of cannabinoid hyperemesis syndrome; more
Health	HB 584	Flannery	Require health plan to cover fertility preservation services and services related to testicular or other urological cancers; details
Health	HB 604	Moser	Establish Kentucky Center for Cannabis Research at the University of Kentucky
Health	SB 201	Adams	Mule bill: add gender neutral language to section on administrators of hospital districts
Health	SB 202	Adams	Mule bill: add gender neutral language to section on Medicaid in-home services
Health	SB 203	Adams	Mule bill: add gender neutral language to section on physician practice addresses
Health	SB 222	Meredith	Add lay caregivers to description of essential care givers; include communicable disease in when an essential personal care visitor is permitted
Housing	HB 543	Willner	Establish an installment payment program for property taxes; require specific property tax information to be sent to the taxpayer; details
Housing	HB 553	Lockett	Theft of services: include holding rental property longer than the rental period agreed upon
Housing	HB 574	Meade	Define “real estate brokerage” to include advertising for sale an equitable interest in a contract for the purchase of real property
Taxes	HB 8	Petrie	Regressive tax cuts: cut income tax from 5 to 4%; phase in more cuts; extend sales tax to more goods and services; bar DOR from collecting medical debt; more

Taxes	HB 568	DuPlessis	EV taxes: set excise tax on electric vehicle power dealers at 3 cents per kilowatt hour with annual adjustment; establish road usage fees
Taxes	HB 591	Sharp	Add recreational vehicles to the definition of “motor vehicle” for purposes of motor vehicle usage tax
Taxes	SB 197	Smith	Establish a nonrefundable, nontransferable individual income tax credit related to stillbirths; sunset
Taxes	SB 213	Yates	Authorize fantasy contests, online poker, sports wagering; provide regulatory and tax schemes; establish problem gambling assistance account; details
Transportation	HB 542	Blanton	Establish pilot program for automated speed enforcement in highway work zones; civil fines for violations
Transportation	HB 545	Upchurch	Establish aviation development fund for the purpose of expanding educational opportunities in aviation and aeronautics; more re grants
Transportation	HB 546	Upchurch	Mule bill: adopt gender neutral language in section on county clerks and registration plate fees
Transportation	HB 557	Santoro	Mule bill: add gender-neutral language to section on county clerks and registration plate fees
Transportation	HB 560	Upchurch	Require Transportation Cabinet to appoint a cabinet employee to administer the Airport Zoning Commission; clarify role of administrator; more
Transportation	HB 566	Fister	Exempt motor vehicles owned or used by nonprofits to transport adults from provisions on regulation of motor carriers
Transportation	SB 199	Southworth	Require Transportation Cabinet to electronically verify birth certificates presented with operator’s license application; require CHFS to maintain digital archive
Transportation	SB 208	Higdon	Mule bill: add gender-neutral language to section on county clerks and registration plate fees
Transportation	SB 219	Nemes	Allow fiscals court to regulate operation of motor trucks or semitrailers on state or county roads; permit cities to limit weight and size of trucks on their roads
Transportation	SB 221	Webb	Allow operation of off-highway vehicles on certain roadways; outline requirements and operation guidelines for OHV permit holders; penalty; details
Utilities	HB 597	Gooch	Energy and Environment Cabinet housekeeping: prohibit buildings, barriers, or obstructions in flood plains without Cabinet approval; more

Veterans	HB 567	Stevenson	Education benefits for spouse and children of deceased veteran: remove degree-seeking requirement; require use of federal grants first; more re disabled vets
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