

Legislative Report

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Bill Information

HB6 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS (*WILLIAMS, WADE*; Banta, Kim; Fleming, Ken; Roberts, T.J.; Rudy, Steven; Thomas, Walker)

AN ACT relating to administrative regulations and declaring an emergency.
Amend KRS 13A.010 to redefine "major economic impact"; create a new section of KRS Chapter 13A to establish limitations on the authority of an administrative body to promulgate administrative regulations; amend various sections of KRS Chapter 13A to conform; EMERGENCY; EFFECTIVE March 31, 2025.

ALL BILL STATUS

2/21/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations (H)
2/14/2025 - Introduced

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HB81 GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY (*ROBERTS, T.J.*; Hodgson, John)

AN ACT relating to governmental accountability and declaring an emergency.
Create a new section of KRS Chapter 13B to reinstate a person's credential or benefit if it was lost or denied due to noncompliance with an executive order or administrative regulation relating to pandemic restrictions; amend KRS 13A.190, 13A.310, 13A.315, 13A.330, 13A.335, and 13A.336 to grant the Attorney General authority over some aspects of the administrative regulation process; amend KRS 13B.120 to enable the Attorney General to accept, reject, or modify an agency head's changes that create a more adverse final order; amend KRS 13B.150 to direct a Circuit Court reviewing a final order to determine if the agency committed misconduct by violating appropriation restrictions placed upon the agency by the General Assembly; remove a noncompliant agency head or administrative official from office for willfully violating an appropriation restriction; prohibit a removed official from holding office for 10 years after the finding; RETROACTIVE; EMERGENCY.

ALL BILL STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations (H)
1/7/2025 - Introduced

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HB140**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY** (MASSARONI, CANDY; Calloway, Josh; Hodgson, John)

AN ACT relating to public health and safety.

Amend KRS 214.450 to define "autologous donation" and "directed donation"; amend KRS 214.452 to require blood establishments to test for spike proteins, antibodies to the nucleocapsid protein on the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and synthetic mRNA; require additional screening questions for blood donors; add to the list of conditions requiring the refusal or sale of blood; provide that a person shall not be compelled to donate blood; require blood establishments to inform donors of the potential uses for donations; require blood to be sold to hospitals before any other entity; prohibit blood from sale for pharmaceutical production if there is a hospital blood shortage; amend KRS 214.454 to add to the conditions for which a donor is prohibited from making a donation; amend KRS 214.456 to permit any person to make an autologous or a directed donation of blood; prohibit restrictions on making autologous or directed donations; amend KRS 214.458 to add the mRNA status of blood and treatment or therapy received to the label of blood donated; add negative test for spike proteins, antibodies to the nucleocapsid protein on the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and synthetic mRNA to requirements for an allowable blood transfusions; add requirements for health facilities, health services, and health care providers to provide patient information on donated blood; amend KRS 214.464 to include additional tests that a patient is required to be notified about in an emergency transfusion; create a new section of KRS Chapter 214 to prohibit state agencies from acquiring or maintaining a list of the vaccination status of citizens; create a new section of KRS Chapter 216B to require hospitals to invest in blood transfusion prevention strategies and to establish a task force for bloodless medicine and surgery by January 1, 2026; create a new section of subschapter 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require all health benefit plans to cover any autologous or directed transfusion of blood; amend KRS 205.522 to require Medicaid coverage of any autologous or a directed transfusion of blood; amend KRS 18A.225 to require state health benefit plans coverage of any autologous or directed transfusion of blood; apply coverage mandates to health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after January 1 2026; require the Department for Medicaid Services or the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to request any necessary federal approval for coverage within ninety days of the effective date of this Act; require a copy of any federal approval requested to the Legislative Research Commission; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2026; require appropriate infrastructure to be established by health facilities, services, and providers within 90 days of the effective date of this Act.

ALL BILL STATUS

2/12/2025 - (H) WITHDRAWN

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Health Services (H)

1/8/2025 - Introduced

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**HB182****GOVERNMENT SERVICES** (FRAZIER GORDON, DEANNA)

AN ACT relating to government services.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 61 to define "state or local government"; prohibit a state or local government from using the word "free" in a description of a benefit, product, or service financed with public funds.

ALL BILL STATUS

2/14/2025 - floor amendment (1) filed

2/14/2025 - (H) SECOND READING, to Rules

2/13/2025 - (H) FIRST READING

2/13/2025 - (H) Reported Favorably

2/13/2025 - House State Government (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government (H)

1/9/2025 - Introduced

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HB212**TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM** (CHESTER-BURTON, BEVERLY)

AN ACT relating to the Teachers' Retirement System and declaring an emergency.

Amend various sections of KRS Chapter 161 to remove provisions of HB 258 enacted during the 2021 Regular Session that created and adjusted benefits for individuals who become members of the Teachers' Retirement System on or after January 1, 2022; repeal KRS 161.633, 161.634, 161.635, and 161.636, relating to university and nonuniversity members; provide that these members shall be eligible for the benefits applicable to members who entered the system immediately prior to January 1, 2022; EMERGENCY.

ALL BILL STATUS

2/4/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government (H)

1/10/2025 - Introduced

[HB212 Bill Page](#) →**HB259****MATERNITY LEAVE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES** (GROSSBERG, DANIEL; Chester-Burton, Beverly)

AN ACT providing maternity leave for public school employees.

Amend KRS 161.155 to provide 20 maternity days to district employees who give birth; establish the terms and conditions for use of maternity days.

ALL BILL STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Primary and Secondary Education (H)

2/4/2025 - Introduced

[HB259 Bill Page](#) →**HB318****OPEN MEETINGS** (ROBERTS, T.J.)

AN ACT relating to open meetings.

Amend KRS 61.848 to establish that any formal action of a public agency is voidable by a court if there was not substantial compliance with statutes regarding video teleconferencing of meetings, recording of minutes, and conditions for attendance.

ALL BILL STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House State Government (H)

2/5/2025 - Introduced

[HB318 Bill Page](#) →**HB336****COST OF LIVING INCREASE FOR STATE RETIREMENT BENEFITS** (HANCOCK, ERIKA; Chester-Burton, Beverly)

AN ACT relating to a cost-of-living increase to the retirement benefits for retired state employees, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Appropriate \$224 million, \$17 million, and \$16 million in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority to fund a one-time two percent cost-of-living adjustment effective July 1, 2025, for Kentucky Employees Retirement System nonhazardous and hazardous duty recipients, and for State Police Retirement System recipients, respectively; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

ALL BILL STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

2/5/2025 - Introduced

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HB338 STATE SERVICE EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION (HANCOCK, ERIKA)

AN ACT relating to state service employee compensation.

Amend KRS 141.019 to exclude all wages earned by a state service employee from individual income tax.

ALL BILL STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

2/5/2025 - Introduced

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HB360 PEACE OFFICERS (LEWIS, CHRIS; Nemes, Jason; Bauman, Jared)

AN ACT relating to peace officers.

Amend KRS 15.391, relating to revocation of peace officer certification, to establish requirements for the revocation of a peace officer's certification when the peace officer has been accused of professional malfeasance or professional nonfeasance; establish that a peace officer has a right to be present during any proceeding relating to revocation; require proceedings to proceed within 90 days; require the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council to find that an employing agency has complied with a peace officers rights under KRS 15.520, 67C.321, 67C.323, 67C.325, and 67C.326, or any applicable collective bargaining agreement; require that any proceeding relating to revocation be complete within 180 days; create a new section of KRS Chapter 411 to establish a cause of action for a peace officer who is the subject of a knowingly false report; amend KRS 413.155 to establish that an action against a person who filed a false report to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council shall be filed with three years after the cause of action accrued; amend KRS 15.420, relating to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund, to include in the definition of "police officer" a Kentucky State Fair Board special police officer.

ALL BILL STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (H)

2/5/2025 - Introduced

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HB362 WAGE TRANSPARENCY *(KULKARNI, NIMA)*

AN ACT relating to wage transparency.

Amend KRS 337.010 to define "job posting" and "wage range"; create a new section of KRS Chapter 337 to require all employers to include the wages or wage range for the advertised position in any job posting; amend KRS 95A.250 and 337.020 to conform.

ALL BILL STATUS

2/7/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Economic Development & Workforce Investment (H)

2/5/2025 - Introduced

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HB694 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BENEFIT FUNDING *(PETRIE, JASON; Bowling, Adam; Bray, Josh)*

AN ACT relating to Teachers' Retirement System benefit funding.

Create a new section of KRS 161.220 to 161.716, relating to the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), to require that once the TRS retiree health fund has an actuarial funding level of at least 100%, then the employer funding for retiree health shall be used to pay down the unfunded liability of the TRS pension fund; require that if the actuarial funding level of the TRS retiree health fund falls below 95%, then the employer funding shall be restored to the retiree health fund until the retiree health fund is 100% funded; amend KRS 161.540, 161.550, and 161.675 to provide that the TRS board of trustees shall not recommend changes to the General Assembly to reduce employee or employer funding for retiree health or reduce board adopted charges under the shared responsibility provisions for health benefits for retirees under the age of 65 until the pension and retiree health funds are each 100% funded; amend KRS 161.420 to conform.

ALL BILL STATUS

2/21/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Appropriations & Revenue (H)

2/21/2025 - (H) Returned to Committee House Committee on Committees (H)

2/21/2025 - (H) FIRST READING

2/21/2025 - (H) Taken From Committee on Committees

2/19/2025 - Introduced

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SB20 ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS *(NUNN, MATT; Wheeler, Phillip; Higdon, Jimmy; Mills, Robby; Rawlings, Steve; Reed, Aaron; West, Stephen)*

AN ACT relating to administrative regulations and declaring an emergency.

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ALL BILL STATUS

2/19/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Licensing & Occupations (S)

2/14/2025 - Introduced

**SB23****ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS** (WEST, STEPHEN; Adams, Julie Raque; Boswell, Gary; Deneen, Matthew; Douglas, Donald; Elkins, Greg; Mills, Robby; Tichenor, Lindsey; Wilson, Mike)

AN ACT relating to administrative regulations and declaring an emergency.

Amend KRS 13A.010 to define "full review"; amend KRS 13A.030, 13A.270, 13A.280, 13A.290, and 13A.300 to establish the procedures for the informational review of an administrative regulation by the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee or any other legislative committee; make separate processes for full reviews compared to informational reviews; require promulgating agencies to be present and cooperate with informational reviews; allow deferrals of informational reviews under designated circumstances; amend KRS 13A.335 and 67.767 to conform; EMERGENCY. SFA (1) Require a legislative committee conducting an administrative regulation informational review to notify the promulgating administrative body at least five calendar days in advance; direct an administrative body to request an administrative regulation deferral by 12 noon, eastern time, at least five calendar days prior to the scheduled review.

ALL BILL STATUS

2/18/2025 - delivered to Governor
2/18/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by Speaker of the House
2/18/2025 - Enrolled, Signed by President of the Senate
2/18/2025 - (H) THIRD READING, passed 92-1
2/18/2025 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day
2/14/2025 - (H) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day for Tuesday, February 18, 2025
2/14/2025 - (H) Reported Favorably, to Rules
2/13/2025 - House Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations (H), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
2/12/2025 - (H) Returned to Committee House Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations (H)
2/12/2025 - (H) SECOND READING
2/12/2025 - (H) Taken From Committee
2/11/2025 - (H) Referred to Committee House Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations (H)
2/11/2025 - (H) FIRST READING
2/11/2025 - (H) Taken From Committee on Committees
2/7/2025 - received in House
2/6/2025 - (S) THIRD READING, passed 38-0 with Floor Amendment (1)
2/6/2025 - floor amendment adopted Floor Amendment (1)
2/6/2025 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day
2/5/2025 - floor amendment (1) filed
2/5/2025 - (S) SECOND READING, to Rules
2/5/2025 - (S) Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day for Thursday, February 06, 2025
2/4/2025 - (S) FIRST READING
2/4/2025 - (S) Reported Favorably
2/4/2025 - Senate Licensing & Occupations (S), (Bill Scheduled for Hearing)
1/9/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate Licensing & Occupations (S)
1/7/2025 - Introduced

**SB109****STATE HOLIDAYS** (NEAL, GERALD A.; Armstrong, Cassie Chambers ; Berg, Karen; Herron, Keturah; Thomas, Reginald; Yates, David)

AN ACT relating to state holidays and declaring an emergency.

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 2 to designate June 19 through July 4 as "Civic Season" in the Commonwealth; amend KRS 2.110 to add the nineteenth day of June as a state holiday commemorating Juneteenth National Freedom Day; EMERGENCY.

ALL BILL STATUS

2/7/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

2/5/2025 - Introduced

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SB164 GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL (TICHENOR, LINDSEY; Girdler, Rick; Nunn, Matt; Rawlings, Steve; Reed, Aaron; Wheeler, Phillip; Williams, Gex; Wilson, Mike)

AN ACT relating to government personnel policies and declaring an emergency.

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 61 to prohibit a state or local government or public agency from providing preferential treatment to individuals or entities on the basis of religion, race, sex, color, or national origin when they contract or seek employment with the state or local government; define terms; prohibit a state or local government from requiring or incentivizing a person to attend a diversity, equity, and inclusion training or provide any differential treatment or benefits to an individual based on the individual's participation in diversity, equity, and inclusion training; prohibit a public agency from providing resources or funds to establish or maintain diversity, equity, and inclusion offices, trainings, or related initiatives; allow an exemption to provide preferential consideration for businesses owned by individuals who are residents of Kentucky or the United States; allow the Attorney General to bring civil action to enforce provisions of this Act; allow a qualified individual to bring a civil action for injunctive relief and to recover attorney's fees and litigation costs if a state or local government or public agency is found to have violated this Act; waive immunity under certain conditions; prevent an employee or agent of a public agency or a state or local government from using their authority to influence, discourage, interfere, or retaliate against a person who in good faith participates in a civil action in accordance with this Act; amend KRS 12.020 to rename the "Office of Diversity, Equality, and Training" to "Office of Employee Training"; amend KRS 18A.025 to delineate the responsibilities of the Office of Employee Training; EMERGENCY.

ALL BILL STATUS

2/18/2025 - (S) Referred to Committee Senate State & Local Government (S)

2/13/2025 - Introduced

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