

# 2026 LEGISLATION STATUS

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 February 13, 2026

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	BRIEF DESCRIPTION*	Introduced	Passed Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Sent to Governor	CURRENT & PENDING STATUS
House Bills									
<a href="#">HB 37</a>	Rep. Matthew Lehman Rep. Rachel Roarx	Restructures retirement benefits for SPRS and hazardous CERS and KERS by moving members hired between 2014 and 2027 from the Tier 3 hybrid cash-balance plan to Tier 2, allowing a one-time opt-out.	01/07/26						01/14/26 Referred to House State Government Committee
<a href="#">HB 66</a>	Rep. John Hodgson Rep. Shane Baker Rep. Ryan Bivens Rep. Steve Bratcher Rep. Emily Callaway Rep. Jennifer Decker Rep. Kevin Jackson Rep. DJ Johnson Rep. Chris Lewis Rep. Matt Lockett Rep. Marianne Proctor	Creates new requirements for agencies to post board member information online, expands authority for fully virtual public meetings, sets rules for when members may participate/vote by video, adds an emergency exemption to in-person quorum rules, and requires agencies to adopt policies governing video participation, visibility, and records that comply with the Open Records Act.	01/07/26	02/05/26	02/11/26				02/12/26 Received in Senate
<a href="#">HB 72</a>	Rep. Rachel Roarx	Redefines "hazardous position" for CERS to include code enforcement and zoning inspection personnel.	01/07/26						01/14/26 Referred to House Local Government Committee
<a href="#">HB 83</a>	Rep. TJ Roberts	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.	01/07/26						01/14/26 Referred to House Local Government Committee
<a href="#">HB 97</a>	Rep. James Tipton	Redirects a portion of the amount deposited in the sports wagering administration fund from the permanent pension fund to the Kentucky lottery trust account.	01/07/26						01/14/26 Referred to House Appropriations & Revenue Committee
<a href="#">HB 98</a>	Rep. James Tipton	Makes various changes to non Medicare/under age 65 retiree health insurance benefits and employee contributions for KERS and SPRS members with a participation date July 1, 2003 and after. *RETROACTIVE	01/07/26						01/14/26 Referred to House State Government Committee

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<a href="#"><b>HB 106</b></a>	Rep. Mark Hart	Creates the EMS Professionals Foundation Program fund for eligible ambulance services and EMS professionals, providing annual supplements and extending eligibility for in-the-line-of-duty death benefits.	01/07/26						01/14/26 Referred to House Local Government Committee
<a href="#"><b>HB 182</b></a>	Rep. A. Tackett Laferty Rep. John Blanton Rep. Ryan Dotson Rep. Chris Fugate Rep. Mark Hart Rep. Nima Kulkarni Rep. Bobby McCool Rep. Bill Wesley	Allows nonhazardous employees who suffer a duty-related injury in positions that could be certified as hazardous to receive the same minimum retirement and health benefits as hazardous-duty members.  *RETROACTIVE	01/07/26						01/14/26 Referred to House State Government Committee
<a href="#"><b>HB 183</b></a>	Rep. A. Tackett Laferty	Increases the retirement distribution exclusion from \$31,110 to \$41,110 for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2027.	01/07/26						01/14/26 Referred to House Appropriations & Revenue Committee
<a href="#"><b>HB 213</b></a>	Rep. Emily Callaway	Reduces the required pre-retirement service for reemploying retired police officers and sheriffs from 20 years to 15 years and allows reemployed retirees to receive insurance coverage through the employer.	01/07/26	01/29/26					01/30/26 Second Reading, to Rules
<a href="#"><b>HB 218</b></a>	Rep. John Blanton	Updates the definition of "membership date" for KERS employees hired under educational contracts to use the earliest date of their contract as the membership date.	01/07/26						01/14/26 Referred to House State Government Committee
<a href="#"><b>HB 219</b></a>	Rep. John Blanton	Makes various changes to non Medicare/under age 65 retiree health insurance benefits and employee contributions for KERS and SPRS members with a participation date July 1, 2003 and after.  *RETROACTIVE	01/07/26						01/14/26 Referred to House State Government Committee
<a href="#"><b>HB 220</b></a>	Rep. John Blanton	Exempts pension-spiking adjustments that resulted from employer-approved or collectively bargained pay increases for members retiring on or after July 1, 2022.  *RETROACTIVE	01/07/26						01/14/26 Referred to House State Government Committee

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<a href="#">HB 251</a>	Rep. A. Tackett Laferty	Redefines "hazardous position" to include Kentucky State Police forensic lab and crime scene personnel.	01/08/26						01/15/26 Referred to House State Government Committee
<a href="#">HB 252</a>	Rep. Emily Callaway Rep. John Blanton Rep. DJ Johnson Rep. Chris Lewis	Provides full hospital and medical insurance benefits for a member, their spouse, and their dependents if the member becomes disabled in line of duty with a hazardous disability. *EMERGENCY	01/08/26						01/15/26 Referred to House State Government Committee
<a href="#">HB 297</a>	Rep. Chris Lewis Rep. Emily Callaway Rep. Ken Fleming Rep. Peyton Griffey Rep. John Hodgson Rep. Jason Nemes Rep. Susan Witten	Updates the definition of "police officer" to include a Kentucky State Fair Board special police office as it relates to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund.	01/09/26						01/30/26 Referred to House Veterans, Military Affairs & Public Protection Committee
<a href="#">HB 304</a>	Rep. Pamela Stevenson <i>et al.</i>	The Governor's recommended biennial state budget for Fiscal Years 2026-27 and 2027-28.	01/09/26						01/16/26 Referred to House Appropriations & Revenue Committee
<a href="#">HB 406</a>	Rep. James Tipton <i>et al.</i>	Appropriates \$96 million to provide a one-time supplemental payment in July 2026, equal to the June monthly benefit, for KERS and SPRS retirees who have been retired for at least 12 months. Authorizes the CERS Board to offer a similar payment to CERS retirees if employer contributions are increased beginning July 1, 2027 to cover the cost. *EMERGENCY	01/15/26						01/23/26 Referred to House Appropriations & Revenue Committee
<a href="#">HB 445</a>	Rep. Erika Hancock	Appropriates \$221.4 million for KERS nonhazardous, \$18.7 million for KERS hazardous, and \$16 million for SPRS in FY 2026-2027 to provide a one-time 2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) effective July 1, 2026. *EMERGENCY	01/21/26						01/29/26 Referred to House State Government Committee
<a href="#">HB 500</a>	Rep. Jason Petrie Rep. Adam Bowling Rep. Josh Bray	House version of the recommended biennial state budget for Fiscal Years 2026-27 and 2027-28.	01/27/26						02/03/26 Referred to House Appropriations & Revenue Committee

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<a href="#"><b>HB 516</b></a>	Rep. Jason Petrie Rep. Adam Bowling Rep. Josh Bray	Allows employees to purchase service credit for probationary service and broadens definitions to ensure full-time and probationary employees disabled or killed in the line of duty qualify for benefits.	01/29/26						02/05/26 Referred to House State Government Committee
<a href="#"><b>HB 554</b></a>	Rep. Chris Fugate Rep. Timmy Truett	Makes various changes to non Medicare/under age 65 retiree health insurance benefits and employee contributions for KERS Hazardous and SPRS members with a participation date July 1, 2003 and after.	02/03/26						02/10/26 Referred to House State Government Committee
<a href="#"><b>HB 589</b></a>	Rep. Stephanie Dietz Rep. Kimberly Poore Moser	Creates a new KRS section authorizing cities to hire retired firefighters for one-year renewal employment terms; defines "city" and "firefighter" for purposes of the new section; imposes eligibility requirements for rehiring and specified reemployment scenarios.	02/06/26						02/13/26 Referred to House State Government Committee
<b>Senate Bills</b>									
<a href="#"><b>SB 47</b></a>	Sen. Matthew Deneen	Revises statutes related to in the line of duty death benefits to include rescue squad personnel.	01/07/26	02/12/26					02/13/26 Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day on 2/18/26
<a href="#"><b>SB 70</b></a>	Sen. Jimmy Higdon	Amends membership and membership qualifications of the Public Pension Oversight Board and requires KPPA to annually report line of duty death benefit payments.	01/12/26						02/09/26 Referred to Senate State and Local Government Committee
<a href="#"><b>SB 85</b></a>	Sen. Robin Webb Sen. Danny Carroll	Establishes the option to designate a special needs trust as beneficiary.	01/13/26	02/04/26					02/13/26 Posted for Passage in Regular Orders of the Day on 2/18/26
<a href="#"><b>SB 102</b></a>	Sen. Aaron Reed	Allows former Trooper R Class or commercial vehicle enforcement officer R class employees to return to work for the Kentucky State Police after one month, but within 60 months, of their latest separation date from service.	01/15/26	01/29/26	02/03/26				02/04/26 Received in House

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<a href="#"><b>SB 124</b></a>	Sen. Matt Nunn Sen. Jimmy Higdon Sen. Reed	Allows school districts to pay employees for unused sick leave before retirement and specifies that the sick leave payouts do not affect retirement benefits or contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System or CERS.	01/27/26						02/11/26 Referred to Senate Education Committee
<a href="#"><b>SB 134</b></a>	Sen. Michael Nemes	Amends KRS 61.530 to insert gender-neutral language.	01/28/26						01/28/26 Introduced
<a href="#"><b>SB 183</b></a>	Sen. Matt Nunn Sen. Robby Mills Sen. Steve Rawlings	Creates new requirements for proxy advisors to disclose when they are not acting solely in shareholders' interests or are giving materially different advice, treats nondisclosure as an unfair or deceptive trade practice with civil remedies.	01/29/26	02/05/26	02/10/26				02/11/26 Received in House

\*The Brief Description is an abbreviated summary of the bill and should not be relied upon to understand the full contents and implications of legislation; refer to the [LRC website for comprehensive information](#).