

BILL NUMBER	SPONSOR	BRIEF DESCRIPTION*	Introduced	Passed Committee	Passed 1st Chamber	Passed Committee	Passed 2nd Chamber	Sent to Governor	FINAL STATUS
KPPA RELATED BILLS PASSED									
HB 213	Rep. Emily Callaway Rep. George Brown Jr. Rep. Beverly Chester-Burton	The governing bodies of cities, counties and postsecondary institutions may choose to offer health insurance to rehired retirees. The bill also updates workforce-count rules by allowing cities with an average of 100 or more officers to use the prior calendar year, rather than 2015, to determine how many officers may be rehired under exemption provisions.	01/07/26	01/29/26	02/18/26	3/18/26	3/20/26	03/31/26	04/10/26 Signed by the Governor
HB 220	Rep. John Blanton Rep. George Brown Jr. Rep. Chris Fugate Rep. Michael Meredith	Exempts pension-spiking adjustments that resulted from employer-approved or collectively bargained pay increases for members retiring on or after July 1, 2021. <i>*RETROACTIVE</i>	01/07/26	02/19/26	2/25/26	03/18/26	03/20/26	04/15/26	04/17/26 Signed by the Governor
HB 500	Rep. Jason Petrie Rep. Kim Banta Rep. Adam Bowling Rep. Josh Bray	Biennial state budget for Fiscal Years 2026-27 and 2027-28. Includes a \$78.5 million restricted fund appropriation from the permanent pension fund in Fiscal Year 2027 to reduce the KERS Nonhazardous Pension unfunded liability.	01/27/26	2/26/26	2/26/26	03/18/26	03/18/26	04/01/26	04/14/26 Vetoed Overridden in-part; delivered to Secretary of State
SB 85	Sen. Robin Webb Sen. Danny Carroll	Establishes the option to designate a special needs trust as beneficiary.	01/13/26	02/04/26	02/18/26	03/19/26	03/27/26	03/27/26	04/03/26 Signed by the Governor
SB 102	Sen. Aaron Reed Sen. Matthew Deneen	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. <i>*EMERGENCY</i>	01/15/26	01/29/26	02/03/26	03/24/26	03/26/26	03/31/26	04/09/26 Signed by the Governor
SB 183	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	3/11/26	3/17/26	3/17/26	03/31/26 Veto Overridden; delivered to Secretary of State

New legislation requires KPPA to evaluate each bill to determine necessary process and system changes to administer benefits in accordance with law. Currently, our staff is unable to provide specific details on any changes until bills are fully reviewed. We encourage members to check our website and email for updates about legislative changes.

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HOUSE BILLS FILED									
HB 37	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						03/04/26 WITHDRAWN
HB 66	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				03/16/26 Referred to Senate State & Local Government
HB 72	Rep. Rachel Roarx	Redefines "hazardous position" for CERS to include code enforcement and zoning inspection personnel.	01/07/26						3/13/2026 First Reading Returned to House Local Government Committee
HB 83	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
HB 97	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
HB 98	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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HB 106	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
HB 182	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. <i>*RETROACTIVE</i>	01/07/26						01/14/26 Referred to House State Government Committee
HB 183	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
HB 218	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
HB 219	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. <i>*RETROACTIVE</i>	01/07/26						01/14/26 Referred to House State Government Committee
HB 251	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
HB 252	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. <i>*EMERGENCY</i>	01/08/26						01/15/26 Referred to House State Government Committee

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HB 297	Rep. Chris Lewis Rep. Emily Callaway Rep. Ken Fleming Rep. Peyton Griffie 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	02/17/26	02/19/26				02/20/26 Received in Senate
HB 304	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
HB 406	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
HB 445	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
HB 516	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	02/19/26	2/25/26				02/26/26 Received in Senate
HB 554	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
HB 567	Rep. Patrick Flannery	Changes open records law by clarifying who qualifies as eligible to inspect public records and adds verification and online-access requirements for public agencies.	02/05/26	02/26/26	03/13/26	03/26/26	04/01/26		04/01/26 Posted for Passage for Concurrence 04/01/26

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HB 589	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	02/19/26	02/25/26				02/26/26 Received in Senate
HB 642	Rep. James Tipton Rep. Beverly Chester-Burton	Teachers’ Retirement System housekeeping bill, amended to require CERS, KERS and SPRS employers to pay the normal cost contribution for any retired police officer whose contract or employment is established or renewed on or after July 1, 2027.	02/13/26	03/12/26	03/18/26	03/25/26	03/31/26	04/01/26	04/07/26 Signed by the Governor *KPPA related amendment withdrawn before passage.
HB 849	Rep. Derek Lewis	Requires the Legislative Research Commission to compile statewide regulatory inventories and delays the effective date of regulations with major economic impact until approved by the General Assembly; updates related procedures and record-keeping requirements.	03/03/26						03/17/26 Second Reading Returned to House Licensing, Occupations, & Administrative Regulations Committee
HB 887	Rep. DJ Johnson	Exempts KPPA from KRS Chapter 56 for purchase or lease of office space necessary to operate the retirement systems. *EMERGENCY	03/03/26						3/13/2026 First Reading Returned to House State Government Committee
HB 901	Rep. Matthew Lehman	Changes current CERS Hazardous Tier 3 employees to Tier 2 if hired before July 1, 2027, and allows CERS employers to make a one-time election to opt in to this benefit change by July 1, 2027 for all new hires.	03/04/26						03/11/26 Referred to House State Government Committee
HB 902	Rep. Erika Hancock	Appropriates budget reserve trust funds to provide a one-time supplemental payment in July 2026, equal to the June monthly benefit (not to exceed \$1,000) for KERS and SPRS retirees who have been retired for at least 12 months. *EMERGENCY	03/04/26						03/11/26 Referred to House Appropriations & Revenue Committee
HB 927	Rep. A. Tackett Laferty	Waives the 5-year service requirement for CERS disability retirement when a nonhazardous employee is injured in the line of duty in a position that could be certified as hazardous. Allows eligible individuals with last paid employment on or after January 1, 2022 to apply for disability benefits.*RETROACTIVE	03/04/26						03/11/26 Referred to House Local Government Committee

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SENATE BILLS FILED									
SB 47	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	02/18/26				02/19/26 Received in House
SB 70	Sen. Jimmy Higdon Sen. Greg Elkins Sen. Robby Mills	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	02/18/26	02/20/26	03/19/26	04/15/26	04/15/26	04/23/26 Vetoed by the Governor
SB 124	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	02/19/26	02/23/26	03/11/26			04/15/26 Posted for Passage in the Regular Orders of the Day
SB 134	Sen. Michael Nemes	Amends KRS 61.530 to insert gender-neutral language.	01/28/26						01/28/26 Introduced
SB 207	Sen. Gerald A. Neal Sen. Scott Madon	Expands eligibility and clarifies duty-related injury definitions; introduces new provisions for nonhazardous positions that could be certified as hazardous; provides a one time application window for eligible nonhazardous employees. <i>*RETROACTIVE</i>	02/18/26						02/25/26 Referred to Senate Education Committee
SB 331	Sen. Lindsey Tichenor	Requires detailed notice before closed sessions, mandates recordings of closed sessions, sets rules for meeting schedules and agendas, expands public comment requirements and increases penalties for violations.	03/02/26						03/02/26 Introduced

*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](#).