

2020 OTHER RETIREMENT-RELATED LEGISLATION

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SENATE

1. **SB 6** [D. Thayer](#), [R. Alvarado](#), [D. Carroll](#), [C. Embry Jr.](#), [J. Higdon](#), [S. Meredith](#), [R. Mills](#), [W. Schroder](#), [M. Wilson](#), [M. Wise](#)

Amend KRS 6.525 to provide that non-legislative compensation earned in another state-administered retirement system on or after July 1, 2020, shall not be used to calculate benefits in the Legislators' Retirement Plan; EMERGENCY.

01/13/20	introduced in Senate
01/15/20	taken from Committee on Committees (S) 1 st reading returned to Committee on Committees (S) to State & Local Government (S)
01/16/20	taken from State & Local Government (S) 2nd reading returned to State & Local Government (S)
01/29/20	reported favorably, to Rules posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Wednesday, January 29, 2020 3rd reading, passed 35-0-2
01/30/20	received in House
02/03/20	to State Government (H)
02/04/20	posted in committee

2. **SB 8** [M. Wise](#), [T. Buford](#), [R. Alvarado](#), [D. Carroll](#), [C. Embry Jr.](#), [D. Givens](#), [S. Humphries](#), [R. Mills](#), [D. Thayer](#), [J. Turner](#), [S. West](#), [M. Wilson](#)

Amend KRS 158.441 to clarify the definition of "school resource officer"; amend KRS 158.4412 to allow the superintendent to specify any individual to serve as the district's school safety coordinator; amend KRS 158.4414 to clarify which facilities are required to have school resource officers and to require that school resource officers are armed with a firearm; amend KRS 158.4416 to specify that the goal is to have at least one school counselor per public school and to have at least one school counselor or school-based mental health services provider for every 250 students; amend KRS 61.902 to specify that the commission of

a special law enforcement officer employed as a school resource officer shall be for four years; amend KRS 156.095 to specify that the Kentucky Department of Criminal Justice Training is to prepare an active shooter training video in consultation with the Department of Education; amend KRS 158.162 to include exceptions to locked classroom doors; amend KRS 508.078 to clarify when a person is guilty of terroristic threatening; amend KRS 16.128, 1.315, 70.062, and 95.970 to conform.

[Senate Floor Amendment 1](#) Amend to remove the requirement that SROs carry firearms; allow SROs to carry firearms at the discretion of the local board of education.

[House Floor Amendment 1](#) Amend to remove the requirement that SROs carry firearms.

[House Floor Amendment 2](#) Amend KRS 158.4414 to require school resource officers to be equipped with a body-worn camera.

[House Floor Amendment 3](#) Amend KRS 158.4414 to remove the requirement that a school resource officer be armed with a firearm; allow a school resource officer to be armed with a firearm, conducted energy weapon, or other weapon; require school resource officers to be equipped with a body-worn camera.

01/13/20	introduced in Senate
01/15/20	taken from Committee on Committees (S) 1 st reading returned to Committee on Committees (S) to Education (S)
01/16/20	taken from Education (S) 2 nd reading returned to Education (S)
01/23/20	reported favorably, to Rules floor amendment (1) filed
01/24/20	posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Monday, January, 27, 2020
01/27/20	3 rd reading floor amendment (1) defeated passed 34-1 received in House
01/29/20	to Education (H)
01/30/20	posted in committee
02/04/20	reported favorably, 1 st reading, to Calendar floor amendments (1), (2) and (3) filed
02/05/20	2 nd reading, to Rules posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Thursday, February 6, 2020
02/07/20	3 rd reading

02/10/20 floor amendments (2) and (3) defeated
passed 78-8
received in Senate
enrolled, signed by President of the Senate
enrolled, signed by Speaker of the House
delivered to Governor
02/21/20 signed by Governor

3. [SB 14](#) [C. Embry Jr.](#)

Amend KRS 141.019 to increase the pension income exclusion from \$31,110 to \$41,110.

08/20/19 Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
01/07/20 introduced in Senate
01/08/20 to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

4. [SB 33](#) [R. Thomas](#)

Create a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require health insurance policies not exempt from state regulation under federal law to apply the fair market value of covered health care services received by a covered person at a no-cost or reduced-cost health facility to any deductible or out-of-pocket maximum owed by the covered person under the policy; create a new section of Subtitle 17C of KRS Chapter 304 to apply those provisions to limited health service benefit plans, including limited health service contracts defined in KRS 304.38A-010; amend KRS 18A.225 to require the state employee health plan to comply; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2021.

12/11/19 Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
01/07/20 introduced in Senate
01/08/20 to Health & Welfare (S)
01/13/20 reassigned to Banking & Insurance (S)

5. [SB 69](#) [P. Wheeler, R. Thomas](#)

Amend KRS 304.17A-148 to cap the cost-sharing requirements for prescription insulin at \$100 per 30-day supply; amend KRS 18A.225 to require the state employee health plan to comply; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2021.

01/07/20 introduced in Senate
01/08/20 to Banking & Insurance(S)

6. [SB 163](#) [W. Schroder](#)

Amend KRS 7.136 to allow the reviser of statutes to edit any section or parts of sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes that have been declared unconstitutional, void, or otherwise unlawful and unenforceable by a state or federal appellate court; EMERGENCY.

02/12/20 introduced in Senate
02/14/20 to State & Local Government (S)

7. [SB 181](#) [R. Thomas](#)

Amend KRS 304.17A-200 to extend health-status eligibility rules to individual and employer-organized association markets; authorize insurance commissioner to designate additional health status-related factors; prohibit adjustment of premium or contribution amounts for group health benefit plans on the basis of genetic information; amend KRS 304.17A-220 to remove requirements relating to pre-existing condition exclusions; repeal and reenact KRS 304.17A-230 to define "pre-existing condition exclusion"; prohibit health benefit plans in any market from imposing any pre-existing condition exclusion; amend KRS 304.17A-155, 304.17A-250, 304.17A-430, 304.17A-706, 304.17B-001, 304.17B-019, and 304.18-114 to conform; amend KRS 18A.225 to require the state employee health plan to comply with Sections 1 and 3 of this Act; provide that provisions of Act apply to all health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2021; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2021.

02/18/20 introduced in Senate
02/20/20 to Banking & Insurance (S)

8. [SB 226](#) [J. Carpenter, T. Buford](#)

Amend KRS 95.022 to provide that retired police officers who after retirement are hired by the city for purposes of KRS 158.4414 shall not count against the limitations of the number of reemployed retirees hired by a city.

02/27/20 introduced in Senate
03/02/20 to State & Local Government (S)

9. [SB 239](#) [M. Wilson](#)

Amend KRS 90.400 and 90.410 to permit the board of trustees of a legacy city pension fund having fewer than twelve active and retired members or beneficiaries to offer those individuals a one-time irrevocable option to convert monthly pension benefits from the fund to monthly annuity benefits from an insurance company for the same amount, require the insurance company to honor any features and options available under the existing plan, and require the board to provide beneficiaries with complete and appropriate disclosures sufficient to make an informed decision; amend 95.290 to permit the board of trustees of a legacy policemen's pension fund or firefighters' pension fund in a city of the first class having fewer than twelve active and retired members or beneficiaries to offer those individuals a one-time irrevocable option to convert monthly pension benefits from the fund to monthly annuity benefits from an insurance company for the same amount, require the insurance company to honor any features and options available under the existing plan, and require the board to provide beneficiaries with complete and appropriate disclosures sufficient to make an informed decision; amend KRS 95.530, 95.622, 95.767, and 95.869, to permit the board of trustees of a local legacy policemen's and firefighters' pension fund having fewer than twelve active and retired members or beneficiaries, to offer those individuals a one-time irrevocable option to convert monthly pension benefits from the fund to monthly annuity benefits from an insurance company for the same amount, require the insurance company to honor any features and options available under the existing plan, and require the board to provide beneficiaries with

complete and appropriate disclosures sufficient to make an informed decision; amend KRS 95.620 to conform.

03/02/20 introduced in Senate
 03/04/20 to State & Local Government (S)
 03/11/20 reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar
 03/12/20 2nd reading, to Rules
 03/17/20 posted for passage in the Consent Orders of the Day for
 Tuesday, March 17, 2020
 3rd reading, passed 34-0
 03/18/20 received in House
03/19/20 to Local Government (H)
taken from Local Government (H)
1st reading
returned to Local Government (H)
posted in committee

10. [SB 255](#) [R. Girdler](#)

Amend KRS 45A.180 to require that any governmental body that accepts a proposal be limited to increasing the project price with the winning bidder by no more than ten percent or a new request for proposals shall be initiated.

03/03/20 introduced in Senate
 03/05/20 to State & Local Government (S)

11. [SB 271](#) [R. Stivers II](#)

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 11 to require executive orders issued by the Governor to be identified by year of issuance and subject area, to be numbered consecutively within year of issuance and subject area categories, and to be filed with the Secretary of State; require the Secretary of State to forward certain executive orders identified to the director of the Legislative Research Commission on the date filed; require the co-chairs of the Legislative Research Commission to refer executive orders relating to reorganization of state government and other matters pertaining to the operation or official policy of the government, to the legislative committee of jurisdiction within two working days after the

order is received by the Legislative Research Commission; provide that executive orders relating to appointments requiring confirmation, reorganization of state government, and other matters pertaining to the operation or official policy of the government shall not become effective until 35 days after being filed with the Secretary of State; require the committee of referral to review the executive order within 30 days and report its findings and objections; require an objection by the reviewing committee to be upon the vote of a majority of the committee members of either chamber; direct that executive orders pertaining to governmental policy which were objected to by a reviewing committee be identified in legislation drafted for introduction by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House on the first day of the regular session; require the proposed legislation to declare each identified deficient executive order void upon enactment of the legislation, prohibit the Governor from adopting executive orders that are the same or substantially the same as the voided executive order for one year from sine die adjournment of the legislative session in which the legislation is enacted, and contain an emergency clause; permit the General Assembly to amend the proposed legislation to add executive orders, delete executive orders, or include reorganization orders which have not been enacted into law; require the Governor to compile a list of all executive orders currently in effect and provide the list to the Legislative Research Commission by September 30, 2020; require the Governor to identify executive orders that should remain in effect and those he or she shall revoke or repeal as obsolete or no longer necessary; provide that executive orders the Governor does not continue in effect or revoke or repeal on another date will cease to exist as of October 1, 2020; require legislative review of executive orders that the Governor has identified should remain in effect; create a new section of KRS Chapter 12 to require each administrative body created by executive order or administrative order to cease to exist at the end of the issuing Governor's or other statewide elected official's term of office unless established by General Assembly enactment; amend KRS 12.028, relating to the reorganization of state government, to conform.

03/04/20 introduced in Senate
 03/06/20 to State & Local Government (S)

HOUSE**1. [HR 129](#) [D. Osborne](#)**

Amend the Rules of Procedure for the 2020 House of Representatives by amending Rule 57 to reestablish a consent procedure.

03/17/20 introduced in House
adopted by voice vote

2. [HR 131](#) [J. Nemes](#), [J. Sims Jr](#)

Amend the Rules of Procedure for the 2020 House of Representatives by amending Rule 41 to require the Rules Committee to post in the Orders of the Day for final passage a bill or resolution with 40 or more co-sponsors that has been reported out of committee by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the committee; and amending Rule 49 to require a committee chair to post all House bills or resolutions assigned to a committee that have 40 or more co-sponsors.

03/18/20 introduced in House
03/19/20 to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

3. [HB 35](#) [R. Huff](#), [D. Bentley](#), [J. Blanton](#), [T. Bojanowski](#), [T. Branham Clark](#), [K. Bratcher](#), [R. Brenda](#), [M. Dossett](#), [J. Graviss](#), [D. Hale](#), [C. Harris](#), [M. Hart](#), [J. Jenkins](#), [K. King](#), [N. Kulkarni](#), [D. Lewis](#), [S. Lewis](#), [C. Massey](#), [P. Pratt](#), [M. Prunty](#), [S. Riley](#), [R. Rothenburger](#), [B. Rowland](#), [D. Schamore](#), [J. Stewart III](#), [W. Thomas](#)

Amend KRS 141.019 to increase the pension income exclusion from \$31,110 to \$41,110; apply retroactively for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2018; require the Department of Revenue to automatically issue refunds; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

08/05/19 Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
01/07/20 introduced in House
to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

4. [HB 63](#) [R. Wiederstein, M. Sorolis](#)

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 6 to define "fiscal note," "machine-readable," and "regulatory burden"; establish requirements for fiscal notes; allow the waiver of the fiscal note requirements; establish responsibilities of the Legislative Research Commission in regard to

fiscal notes; allow for the validity of any measure duly passed by the legislature even if fiscal note or bill limit requirements are not met; create a new section of KRS Chapter 6 to establish bill filing limitations for regular sessions and allow exemptions; amend various KRS statutes for technical corrections and conforming changes.

09/25/19 Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
01/07/20 introduced in House
 to State Government (H)

5. [HB 64](#) [R. Wiederstein, T. Bojanowski, A. Gentry, K. Hinkle, M. Sorolis, C. Stevenson, L. Willner](#)

Amend KRS 11.068 to abolish the Governor's Office for Policy Research and to create the Governor's Office for Program Evaluation and Quality Assurance within the Office of State Budget Director; create new sections in KRS Chapter 11 to define terms, require an inventory of evidence-based programs, create the evidence building workgroup, require reporting by the program agencies, and lapse state funding for any program if the program agency does not comply with the reporting requirements; amend KRS 48.110 and 48.180 to conform.

10/01/19 Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
01/07/20 introduced in House
to State Government (H)

6. [HB 68](#) [R. Wiederstein, M. Sorolis](#)

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 13A to establish requirements and procedures for an administrative regulation that constitutes a major economic action; create the Regulatory Economic Analysis Advisory Group to consult on these regulations; set the group's membership, powers, and duties; require a promulgating agency to provide listed documents to the group and the public at least 60 days before filing the regulation; direct an agency to conduct and publish a detailed analysis of any major economic action regulation, including a cost-benefit analysis; establish filing requirements for these regulations; require an agency to publicly provide a framework for assessing the regulation; designate a short title of the "Kentucky Administrative Regulation Accountability Act of 2020"; amend KRS 13A.010 to define a major economic action; amend KRS 13A.030 to add a defective major economic action to the list of reasons a subcommittee may find a regulation deficient; amend KRS 13A.3104 to establish certification letter procedures for a major economic action regulation; stagger the initial terms of the appointed members of the advisory group.

10/14/19 Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
01/07/20 introduced in House
to Licensing, Occupations, & Admin Regs (H)

7. [HB 70](#) [J. Graviss, G. Brown Jr, C. Miller](#)

Amend KRS 18A.355 to provide for an annual increment for state employees with the annual increment being the average of the consumer price index for the two calendar years prior to the biennium.

10/24/19 Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
 01/07/20 introduced in House
 To State Government (H)

8. [HB 88](#) [R. Wiederstein](#)

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 42 to define "agency strategic data architecture plan," "application programming interface," "data," "data portal," "data set," "machine-readable," "metadata," "open operating standard," "public data set," "state agency," "technical data standard," and "voluntary consensus standards body"; create an open operating standard for the Commonwealth of Kentucky; require public data sets available on the Internet to be accessible through a single, Web-based data portal with external search capabilities maintained by the Commonwealth Office of Technology; establish requirements for operation of the data portal; establish standards for prioritizing of data sets; to create the data working group and establish its duties and functions; require the Auditor of Public Accounts to examine and verify compliance with the provisions of the Act; establish the Kentucky Data Governance and Management Advisory Board; amend KRS 12.050 to include agency data officers; amend KRS 42.732 to provide that the Kentucky Information Technology Advisory Council shall advise the data working group on inclusion of data sets to be included in the open data portal; amend KRS 42.726 require the Commonwealth Office of Technology to develop, implement, and manage the sharing of data and data set development by all state agencies; establish a short title.

11/07/19 Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
 01/07/20 introduced in House
 to Small Business & Information Technology (H)
 01/13/20 posted in committee

9. [HB 92](#) [W. Thomas](#), [C. Freeland](#), [J. Graviss](#), [M. Prunty](#), [R. Rothenburger](#), [N. Tate](#)

Amend KRS 141.019 to exclude United States military retirees' pension income from income taxation for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2024; require reporting by the Department of Revenue; amend KRS 131.190 to conform.

11/12/19 Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
 01/07/20 introduced in House
 to Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection (H)
 01/27/20 posted in committee
 02/12/20 reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar
 02/13/20 2nd reading, to Rules
 recommitted to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

10. [HB 95](#) [C. Massey](#), [J. Graviss](#), [K. King](#), [D. Lewis](#)

Amend KRS 141.019 to exclude United States military retirees' pension income from income taxation for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020, and before January 1, 2024; require reporting by the Department of Revenue; amend KRS 131.190 to conform.

11/13/19 Prefiled by the sponsor(s).
 01/07/20 introduced in House
 to Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection (H)

11. [HB 212](#) [A. Tackett Laferty](#), [T. Bojanowski](#), [C. Booker](#), [K. Flood](#), [J. Graviss](#), [D. Lewis](#), [B. Wheatley](#), [L. Willner](#)

Amend KRS 141.019, relating to the individual income tax, to increase the pension income exclusion from \$31,110 to \$41,110.

01/08/20 introduced in House
 01/10/20 to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

12. [HB 231](#) [M. Cantrell](#), [J. Jenkins](#), [D. Graham](#), [J. Graviss](#), [A. Hatton](#), [N. Kulkarni](#), [B. Wheatley](#), [L. Willner](#)

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 336, relating to collective bargaining for public employees; amend KRS 336.010 to define "public employees"; amend KRS 336.130 to allow employees of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to collectively bargain.

01/09/20 introduced in House
01/13/20 to State Government (H)

13. [HB 232](#) [M. Sorolis](#), [J. Graviss](#), [A. Scott](#)

Amend KRS 61.882 to require the award of costs and attorney fees if a court finds a record is withheld willfully under the Open Records Act.

01/09/20 introduced in House
01/13/20 to Judiciary (H)

14. [HB 245](#) [J. Blanton](#), [R. Brenda](#), [C. Fugate](#), [J. Graviss](#), [D. Lewis](#), [T. Turner](#)

Amend KRS 141.019, relating to the individual income tax, to increase the pension income exclusion from \$31,110 to \$41,110.

01/13/20 introduced in House
01/15/20 to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

15. [HB 249](#) [D. Bentley](#), [D. Frazier](#), [K. King](#), [C. Massey](#), [M. Sorolis](#), [R. Webber](#), [S. Westrom](#)

Create various new sections of KRS Chapter 315 to define terms; to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to annually compile lists of certain prescription drugs deemed to be essential to treating diabetes; to require drug manufacturers to annually report to the cabinet certain information related to the cost of manufacturing and marketing such drugs and factors that contributed to any price increase; require pharmacy benefit managers to

annually report to the cabinet certain information related to prescription drug rebates for such drugs; to require the cabinet to annually submit to the Legislative Research Commission a report that summarizes the information provided to the cabinet by manufacturers and pharmacy benefit managers; to exempt information and data reported by manufacturers and pharmacy benefit managers to the cabinet from disclosure pursuant to KRS 61.870 to 61.884; to require the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations; amend KRS 315.990 to establish a penalty for failure to report; amend KRS 304.17A-164 to restrict cost-sharing amounts charged by insurers and pharmacy benefit managers; to prohibit insurers and pharmacy benefit managers from restricting a pharmacist's ability to inform patients about and to sell less expensive alternative drugs; amend KRS 304.17A-505 and 304.17C-030 to require disclosure of information related to drug formularies; to create various new sections of KRS Chapter 367 to define terms; to prohibit manufacturers and wholesalers of off-patent or generic prescription drugs from engaging in unrestricted price increases; to require the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to report certain price increases to the Attorney General; to establish that certain price increases for off-patent or generic drugs constitute a violation of KRS 367.170; to establish penalties; and certain sections EFFECTIVE January 1, 2021.

01/13/20 introduced in House
 01/15/20 to Health and Family Services (H)
 01/21/20 posted in committee

16. [HB 251](#) [K. Hinkle](#), [A. Tackett Laferty](#), [T. Bojanowski](#), [C. Booker](#), [G. Brown Jr](#), [M. Cantrell](#), [J. Donohue](#), [A. Gentry](#), [D. Graham](#), [J. Graviss](#), [C. Harris](#), [A. Hatton](#), [J. Jenkins](#), [N. Kulkarni](#), [M. Marzian](#), [R. Meeks](#), [C. Miller](#), [P. Minter](#), [J. Raymond](#), [A. Scott](#), [M. Sorolis](#), [C. Stevenson](#), [S. Westrom](#), [B. Wheatley](#), [R. Wiederstein](#), [L. Willner](#)

Amend KRS 336.130 to delete references restricting rights of public employees to organize, associate collectively, or strike; amend KRS 336.180 to amend definition of "labor organization" and delete definitions of "employer" and "employee"; amend KRS 336.990 to conform; amend KRS 67A.6904 to allow urban-county governments to make an agreement with a labor organization to require as a condition of employment membership therein; amend KRS 67C.406 to allow consolidated local governments to make an agreement with a labor organization to require as a condition of employment membership therein; amend KRS

70.262, 78.470, and 78.480 to remove exceptions; amend KRS 345.050 to allow public employers to make an agreement with a labor organization to require as a condition of employment membership therein; repeal KRS 65.016, 336.132, and 336.134.

01/13/20 introduced in House
01/15/20 to Economic Development & Workforce Investment (H)

17. [HB 309](#) [M. Sorolis, J. Graviss](#)

Amend KRS 61.846 to allow an agency or the Attorney General to vacate actions taken at a meeting where the agency failed to give notice of the meeting; Amend KRS 61.848 to require a person to be awarded court costs and attorney fees when a court finds there was no justiciable reason for an agency's denial of an open meetings complaint, and to allow a court to vacate actions taken at a meeting where the agency failed to give notice of the meeting.

01/23/20 introduced in House
01/27/20 to State Government (H)

18. [HB 328](#) [J. Nemes](#)

Amend KRS 21.525 to provide that beginning with the 2021 actuarial valuation, unfunded liabilities of the Judicial Retirement Plan and the Legislators' Retirement Plan shall be amortized over a closed 25- year period, except that: any future legislative changes shall be separately amortized over a closed 20- year period; any future changes in actuarial methods or assumptions shall be amortized over a closed 15-year period; and any future actuarial gains or losses shall be amortized over a 15- year closed period; provide that beginning with the 2021 actuarial valuation, the actuarially accrued liability contribution shall be calculated using the level dollar amortization method.

01/27/20 introduced in House
01/29/20 to State Government (H)
02/04/20 posted in committee
02/18/20 posting withdrawn

19. [HB 348](#) [S. Rudy](#)

Amend KRS 48.630 to prohibit the three branches of government from requesting an allotment of unbudgeted funds, except in the case of unbudgeted federal funds.

[House Floor Amendment 1](#) Exempt institutions of higher education.

01/29/20	introduced in House
01/31/20	to Appropriations & Revenue(H)
02/05/20	posted in committee
02/11/20	reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar floor amendment (1) filed
02/12/20	2nd reading, to Rules posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Thursday, February 13, 2020
03/02/20	taken from the Orders of the Day recommitted to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

TRANSPORTATION CABINET BUDGET BILL**20. [HB 353](#) [S. Rudy](#), [S. Santoro](#), [B. Reed](#)**

The Transportation Cabinet Budget: appropriate from the General Fund, Restricted Funds, Federal Funds, and Road Fund \$4,265,500 in fiscal year 2019-2020, \$2,430,720,400 in fiscal year 2020-2021, and \$2,393,284,000 in fiscal year 2021-2022 for operating costs; appropriate from Road Fund and Investment Income for various capital projects; require the Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet to produce a document detailing the 2020-2022 Biennial Highway Construction Program and the Highway Preconstruction Program; provide debt service to the General Administration and Support budget unit; allow the Transportation Cabinet to receive funds and services for the Adopt-A-Highway Litter Program; provide funds for Aviation's operational costs; provide debt service to the Aviation budget unit; provide funds for Economic Development Road lease-rental payments; provide that no portion of the revenues to the state Road Fund accrue to the Debt Payment Acceleration Fund account; provide debt service for Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicle (GARVEE) Bonds; provide funds for the State-Supported Construction Program, Biennial Highway Construction Program, Highway Construction Contingency Account, and the Kentucky Pride Fund; authorize projects in the 2018-2020 Biennial Highway Construction

Plan to continue into the 2020-2022 biennium; authorize the Transportation Cabinet to

match federal highway moneys; prioritize projects should any additional federal highway moneys become available; authorize the Transportation Cabinet to continue the Cash Management Plan and to make programmatic adjustments; provide for carry forward of any unexpended Road Fund appropriations in the Highways budget unit for various programs; provide for the transfer of Road Fund resources for judgments; authorize the Transportation Cabinet to maximize the use of Toll Credits; provide funds for the County Road Aid Program, the Rural Secondary Program, the Municipal Road Aid Program, and the Energy Recovery Road Fund; stipulate that each County Judge/Executive not serving in a consolidated local government shall receive an annual expense allowance of \$2,400 to be paid quarterly from the Rural Secondary Program; provide debt service to the Vehicle Regulation budget unit; provide for Capital Construction Fund appropriations and reauthorizations; provide for the expiration of existing line-item capital construction projects; allow investment income earned from bond proceeds beyond that which is required to satisfy IRS arbitrage rebates and penalties and excess bond proceeds upon the completion of a bond-financed capital project to be used to pay debt service; allow for appropriations for projects not line-itemized; authorize various capital projects; specify funds transfers.

[House Committee Substitute 1](#) General Administration and Support: add language identifying \$500,000 for riverport improvements; Highways: remove \$3 million in Road Fund support for the SAFE Patrol Program in each fiscal year and redirect the funds to Vehicle Regulation for moving the issuances of drivers' licenses to the Transportation Cabinet; increase State Supported Construction by \$11 million in FY 21 and \$12.5 million in FY 22; increase Biennial Highway Construction by \$25.5 million in FY 21 and \$26.9 million in FY 22; decrease Highway Construction Contingency Account by \$14.4 million in each fiscal year; add language identifying \$1.6 million in each fiscal year for railroads, as long as the railroad pays at least a 20% match; add language identifying \$350,000 in each fiscal year to research and establish the Kentucky Rail Office; add language to take \$5 million in each fiscal year for Kentucky Pride from the Highway Construction Contingency Account; remove funding for Maintenance vacancies totaling \$8.5 million in FY 21 and \$10 million in FY 22 and redirect the funds to state construction; add language to specify that projects in the previously enacted Biennial Highway Construction Plan are allowed to continue their current authorization, but projects in the current plan will control; add language requiring quarterly reports for the General Assembly on the Road Fund Cash Management Plan; add language identifying \$624 million in FY 21 and \$631 million in FY 22 in

Federal Funds for construction; add language identifying \$394 million in FY 21 and \$398 million in FY 22 for Highways Maintenance; add language requiring a Delayed Projects Status Report be delivered to the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation by September 30 of each fiscal year; add language identifying \$250,000 in each fiscal year of Road Fund to hire people on probation or parole supervision for Highway Maintenance; Public Transportation: remove \$1.5 million in Restricted funds in FY 21 from the Volkswagen Settlement for bus replacement; remove \$8.4 million in FY 22 in General Funds for Toll Credit replacement; add \$8.4 million in FY 22 in Restricted Funds from the Volkswagen Settlement for bus replacement; increase General Fund support by \$500,000 in each fiscal year to support nonpublic school transportation, for a total of \$4 million in each fiscal year; Revenue Sharing: add language directing KYTC to continue the Flex Funds and the 80/20 Bridge Replacement Programs; Vehicle Regulation: increase the Road Fund appropriation by \$3 million in each fiscal year for KYTC to begin issuing all KY drivers' licenses.

01/28/20	introduced in House
01/29/20	to Appropriations & Revenue(H)
02/05/20	posted in committee
03/12/20	taken from Appropriations & Revenue (H) 1st reading returned to Appropriations & Revenue (H)
03/17/20	reported favorably, 2nd reading, to Rules with Committee Substitute (1) taken from Rules placed in the Orders of the Day
03/18/20	3rd reading, passed 71-14 with Committee Substitute (1) received in Senate to Committee on Committees (S) taken from Committee on Committees (S) 1st reading returned to Committee on Committees (S) to Transportation (S)
03/19/20	taken from Transportation (S) 2nd reading returned to Transportation (S)

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BUDGET BILL**21. [HB 355](#) [S. Rudy](#)**

The Legislative Branch Budget: appropriate from the General Fund \$73,936,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021 and \$75,938,700 for fiscal year 2021-2022; appropriate from Restricted Funds \$75,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021 and \$175,000 for fiscal year 2021-2022, with appropriations allocated as follows: General Assembly 2020-2021 \$20,898,400 2021-2022 \$21,852,100 Legislative Research Commission 2020-2021 \$53,112,600 2021-2022 \$54,261,600.

[House Committee Substitute](#) Appropriate from the General Fund \$76,670,900 for fiscal year 2020-2021 and \$79,117,600 for fiscal year 2021-2022; appropriate from Restricted Funds \$75,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021 and \$175,000 for fiscal year 2021-2022, with appropriations allocated as follows: General Assembly, 2020-2021: \$20,514,400, 2021-2022: \$21,445,500; Legislative Research Commission: 2020-2021: \$56,156,500, 2021-2022: \$57,672,100; provide that no revisions for unbudgeted Restricted Funds appropriations for expenditure shall be allotted or expended that have not been appropriated in any enacted branch budget bill without the authority of the General Assembly; require the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet to form a working group to create a two-phase master plan for the restoration and renovation of the New State Capitol Building, Annex, and Campus; **set out the Kentucky Employees Retirement Systems employer contributions for the Legislative Branch.**

APPROPRIATION.

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01/29/20	to Appropriations & Revenue(H)
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	1st reading
	returned to Appropriations & Revenue (H)
03/05/20	reported favorably, 2nd reading, to Rules with Committee Substitute (1)
	taken from Rules (H)
	placed in the Orders of the Day
03/06/20	3rd reading, passed 84-3 with Committee Substitute (1)
03/09/20	received in Senate
03/11/20	to Appropriations & Revenue (S)
03/17/20	taken from Appropriations & Revenue (S)
	1st reading
	returned to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

03/18/20 taken from Appropriations & Revenue (S)
2nd reading
returned to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

JUDICIAL BRANCH BUDGET BILL**22. [HB 356](#) [S. Rudy, J. Nemes, B. Reed](#)**

The Judicial Branch Budget: appropriate \$476,780,400 in fiscal year 2020-2021 and \$490,618,400 in fiscal year 2021-2022 from the General Fund, Restricted Funds, and Federal Funds; provide funds for defined calculations; provide funds for current position levels; provide funds for a 2.5% increase in each year of the biennium for all non-elected and elected personnel; provide that funds in the Court Operations and Administration appropriation unit carry forward; provide that if the Supreme Court retains the 2008 and 2018 increases in civil filing fees, the additional income, not to exceed \$15,468,100 in each fiscal year, shall be deposited in a trust and agency account for court operations; provide funds to support use allowance, operating, and non-recurring furniture and equipment costs for two judicial center projects; provide funds to create a maintenance pool for planned and unanticipated non-capital projects for local courthouses and judicial centers; provide funds to compensate local units of government for providing court space and for costs incurred in the development of local court facilities; provide that funds in the Local Facilities Fund carry forward; provide that funds in the Local Facilities Use Allowance Contingency Fund carry forward; provide funds for actuarial-assessed judicial retirement benefits; provide for administrative expenses; provide General Fund support for use allowance payments for Jefferson County; defer General Fund support for operating costs, annualized use allowance payments, and nonrecurring furniture and equipment costs for Butler, Crittenden, Jessamine, Clinton, and Owsley Counties to the 2022-2024 fiscal biennium; authorize leases; clarify that nothing in this bill shall reduce funding of court facility projects authorized by the General Assembly; provide that if a court facility project is occupied and use allowance funding is insufficient that use allowance payments must be approved from the Local Facilities Use Allowance Contingency Fund, or if funds are not available in the Local Facilities Use Allowance Contingency Fund, the use allowance payments shall be deemed a necessary government expense; provide the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts with expenditure authority; provide for severability of budget provisions; declare that KRS 48.312 controls duplicate appropriations; clarify that KRS 48.313 controls when a total or subtotal of the bill conflicts with a sum of the appropriations of which it consists; provide that any unexpended balance remaining in the Court's Restricted Funds or Federal Funds accounts

carry forward; provide for the final budget document; provide for the transferability of funds; provide for appropriations revisions; provide that issuance of paychecks scheduled for June 30, 2020, June 30, 2021, and June 30, 2022, shall not be issued prior to July 1, 2020, July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022; provide for participation in any Budget Reduction Plan or Surplus Expenditure Plan.

[House Committee Substitute 1](#) Court Operations and Administration: remove language and \$11.5 million in FY 21 and \$11.7 million in FY 22 for 158 full-time and 31 part-time vacant positions; remove language and \$8 million in FY 21 and \$16.1 million in FY 22 to implement a new compensation plan for elected and non-elected personnel; remove all General Fund support for any increased retirement costs associated with the KERS nonhazardous duty retirement plan and reduce baseline costs by \$13.5 million in FY 21 and \$14.7 million in FY 22 pursuant to HB 171 provisions; amend defined calculations language to conform; provide General Fund support of nearly \$1.8 million in FY 22 above the Chief Justice's requested funding to cover annual increases in the CERS nonhazardous duty retirement plan's contribution rates; provide Restricted Funds support of \$1,500 in FY 21 and \$2,300 in FY 22 for KCNA assessments; remove funds carryforward provisions; stipulate that the use of civil filing fee revenues is limited to salaries for non-elected personnel and operating costs; restore language requiring night court in Jefferson County; restore language reducing Circuit Clerk expense allowances to \$2,400 annually; provide a General Fund replacement of nearly \$2.4 million in FY 21 and \$3.1 million in FY 22 using Restricted Funds; reduce General Fund support of \$3 million in each fiscal year to establish a maintenance pool under the Local Facilities Fund appropriation unit; reduce Restricted Funds support of \$2.4 million in FY 21 and \$4.8 million in FY 22 for the Transportation Cabinet's assumption of licensing responsibilities; Local Facilities Fund: conform maintenance pool language to be consistent in identifying appropriations in each fiscal year; remove funds carryforward provisions; provide language identifying the statutory non-payment of certain use allowance to counties for construction projects authorized by the General Assembly prior to the 2000 Regular Session; provide language requiring that the Administrative Office of the Courts and certain counties split court facility maintenance costs using current funding streams; Judicial Retirement System: remove General Fund support of \$408,000 in FY 21 and \$842,000 in FY 22 for overfunding of the Judicial Retirement Plan; restore language prohibiting any cost of living adjustments for retirees of the Judicial Retirement Plan; Part II, Capital Projects Budget: restore language to provide that the General Assembly shall approve any capital projects prior to any financing or construction; restore language identifying that construction projects not identified

in the Judicial Branch Budget may be authorized after submitting the project to the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee; restore language stipulating how use allowance payments are to be made if funding is insufficient; restore language requiring a feasibility study be conducted to determine court facility project scopes; remove Jessamine, Clinton, and Owsley county court facility projects and amend deferred funding language to conform; remove language that exempts court facility projects from a reduction in funding; provide funding and language identifying \$71,000 in General Fund support in FY 21 to match Edmonson County's \$20,000 for additional parking space and stipulate that the funding shall lapse if unexpended; Part III, General Provisions: provide language permitting funds to carry forward from one fiscal year to the next; provide language to preclude the Judicial Branch from making Restricted Funds interim appropriations adjustments; conform final budget document language to be consistent with standard reporting language; modify appropriations revision language to only allow for Federal Funds appropriation revisions; restore language disallowing modifications of use allowance payments due to debt restructuring during the 2020-2022 fiscal biennium; restore language limiting the maximum salary of trial commissioners pursuant to statute; restore language requiring the Judicial Branch to establish a personnel complement and report any changes to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue; restore language directing unexpended use allowance payments be deposited into the Budget Reserve Trust Fund; provide language requiring the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts to prepare a court facility maintenance report; provide language requiring the Judicial Branch to obtain annual audits and stipulate that they be provided to the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue and the Auditor of Public Accounts; provide language expressing the intent of the General Assembly for the Court of Justice to prepare to budget according to new appropriation units in the 2022-2024 biennium; provide language establishing a process for employee layoffs and furloughs; restore language requiring unexpended use allowance to lapse to the Budget Reserve Trust Fund; provide language establishing a Judicial Redistricting Working Group; provide language directing the Judicial Branch to make employer contributions to the KERS nonhazardous plan in 12 equal installments and otherwise conform to HB 171 provisions.

[House Floor Amendment 1](#) Insert additional projects and project scopes under the Local Facilities Fund for Barren and Scott Counties and provide for deferred funding of those projects; APPROPRIATION.

[House Floor Amendment 2](#) Insert public health emergency provision; APPROPRIATION.

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 returned to Appropriations & Revenue (H)
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 taken from Rules
 placed in the Orders of the Day
 03/18/20 floor amendments (1) and (2) filed to Committee Substitute
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 and (2)
03/19/20 received in Senate
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1st reading
returned to Committee on Committees (S)
to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

23. [HB 401](#) [J. Miller](#)

Create a new section of KRS 161.220 to 161.716 to permit the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) to use and accept electronic signatures as deemed appropriate; amend KRS 161.290 to require all public employers to grant paid leave to teacher trustees serving on the TRS board; amend KRS 161.310 to specify the types of remuneration included in retirement incentives and that costs billed to employers for retirement incentives shall not be an obligation of the state; provide that retirement incentives shall not increase final average salary or annual compensation; amend KRS 161.340 to add insurance to the items for which TRS may contract and delete requirement for the procurement of fiduciary bonds for board trustees and executive secretary and add that the board may expend funds as necessary for indemnification and self-insurance; amend KRS 161.470 to make technical corrections; amend KRS 161.480 to automatically designate a TRS member's spouse as beneficiary for an active member's account balance upon employment until changed by the member; declare the member's spouse as beneficiary of the active member's account balance in the event all named beneficiaries predecease the active member or the member fails to designate a beneficiary; amend KRS 161.500 to specifically address service credit for contracts exceeding 185 days; amend KRS 161.515 to reference new retirement factors for out-of-state service purchases; amend KRS 161.540 to specify eligibility requirements for including annual leave credit in the retirement calculation for calendar-year contracts; amend KRS 161.545 to

provide that full-time sabbatical leave by university staff participating in the TRS shall be deemed full-time employment for retirement purposes; require employee and employer contributions to be paid during the period of sabbatical leave; amend KRS 161.553 to adjust the cost schedules of providing statutory benefit improvements for annuitants; amend KRS

161.560 to adjust the methods by which participating employers shall file contribution data and set penalties for noncompliance that TRS may impose; amend KRS 161.597 to require a refund of prior installment payments and a reduction in service credit for a member in default on installment payments; amend KRS 161.614 to include mediation awards to a method that may be binding for the adjustment of a member's account; amend KRS 161.620 to make technical amendments; amend KRS 161.630 to make technical changes; amend KRS 161.643 to authorize TRS to require more frequent submission of annual reports on reemployed employees by participating employers; amend KRS 161.650 to automatically designate a TRS member's spouse as beneficiary for a retired member's remaining account balance at the time of death unless changed by the member; declare the member's spouse as beneficiary of the retired member's remaining account balance in the event all named beneficiaries predecease the retired member or the member fails to name a beneficiary for the account balance; amend KRS 161.655 to automatically designate a TRS member's spouse as beneficiary for the life insurance benefit available to active and retired members unless changed by the member; declare the member's spouse as beneficiary of the life insurance benefit available to active and retired members if, upon the death of the member, all named beneficiaries predecease the member or the member fails to name a beneficiary; and amend KRS 161.680 to provide detail describing the system's authority to collect overpayments.

[House Committee Substitute 1](#) Retain original provisions; amend KRS 161.310 to specify that retirement incentives do not include lump sum payments for accumulated sick, annual, or compensatory leave that are generally available to members of the employer upon termination of employment; and amend KRS 161.520 to provide that a surviving spouse's benefits may continue upon remarriage and that, for new members, on or after the effective date of this Act, survivorship benefits shall not apply in the case of a marriage of less than five years.

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02/10/20	to State Government (H)
02/11/20	posted in committee
02/27/20	reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute (1)
02/28/20	2nd reading, to Rules
03/02/20	posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Tuesday, March 3, 2020
03/18/20	3rd reading, passed 83-0 with Committee Substitute (1)

03/19/20 received in Senate
taken from Committee on Committees (S)
1st reading
returned to Committee on Committees (S)
to State & Local Government (S)

24. [HB 402](#) [J. Miller](#)

Amend KRS 161.605 to provide that breaks in service are required before returning to work for the employer even if in a position not covered by the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS); begin running of breaks in service from date of retirement; prohibit prearranged agreements between a retiring member and employer for member to return to work after retirement and require certification thereof; require retired members returning to work for state-supported universities and community colleges to comply with the separation-from-service requirements; amend KRS 161.612 to reduce the \$500 minimum monthly disability benefit by benefit payments from all state-administered retirement systems for part-time

employees and substitute teachers participating in the TRS who apply for disability benefits on or after July 1, 2020, and provide that part-time employees and substitute teachers are not eligible to apply for a disability retirement allowance if they are eligible for an unreduced retirement benefit; amend KRS 161.661 to provide that members who begin participating on or after July 1, 2020, shall not be eligible for a disability benefit if they are eligible for any unreduced benefit and that they shall have their \$500 minimum monthly disability benefit reduced by benefit payments from all state-administered retirement systems; make conforming and technical changes; EMERGENCY.

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 02/10/20 to State Government (H)
 02/11/20 posted in committee
 02/13/20 reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar
 02/14/20 2nd reading, to Rules
 02/19/20 posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Thursday, February 20, 2020
 02/25/20 3rd reading, passed 87-0
 02/26/20 received in Senate
 02/28/20 to State & Local Government (S)

25. [HB 416](#) [L. Willner](#), [A. Scott](#), [C. Booker](#), [G. Brown Jr](#), [T. Burch](#), [J. Donohue](#), [K. Flood](#), [J. Glenn](#), [D. Graham](#), [J. Jenkins](#), [N. Kulkarni](#), [M. Marzian](#), [R. Meeks](#), [R. Meyer](#), [C. Miller](#), [P. Minter](#), [R. Palumbo](#), [J. Raymond](#), [S. Westrom](#), [B. Wheatley](#)

Amend KRS 132.020 to freeze the state property tax rate and eliminate the tax rate reduction for qualified heavy equipment; amend KRS 138.130 to define vapor products and include vapor products in the definition of tobacco products; amend KRS 138.140 to increase the tax on cigarettes, snuff, chewing tobacco, and tobacco products; and to remove the discount for modified risk tobacco products; amend KRS 138.143 to require a floor stock tax; amend KRS 138.510 to impose specific surtax amounts on horse racing wagers and to require the revenue generated from the surtaxes to be deposited into the general fund; amend KRS 139.010 to remove boat ramp fees from the list of fees not considered to be taxable admissions; amend KRS 139.200 to remove the tax on small animal veterinary services and to make other various services taxable; amend KRS 139.470 remove the exemption of gross receipts from the sale of semi-trailers and trailers and to include the new taxable services in the de minimis rule; amend KRS 139.480 to remove the exemption for

various types of properties; amend KRS 140.130 to impose an estate tax; amend KRS 141.010 to define married and unmarried individuals and allow a single column return and a single calculation of adjusted gross income with differing thresholds for married and

unmarried individuals; amend KRS 141.019 to require a dollar-for-dollar reduction to the retirement income exclusion and to limit the itemized deduction amount for all itemized deductions except for the charitable contribution deduction; amend KRS 141.020 to establish graduated tax rate brackets and a phase out based on income level; amend KRS 141.081 to increase the standard deduction; amend KRS 141.066 to expand the family size tax credit; amend KRS 141.040 to increase the tax rate to 7%; amend KRS 141.0401 to lower the threshold amounts for determining the tax amount owed; amend KRS 141.120 to reinstate the three-factor apportionment formula and include a throw-back rule; amend KRS 141.039 to eliminate the deferred tax deduction; amend KRS 141.201 to sunset the election for consolidated reporting; amend KRS 141.202 to alter the filing requirement basis from waters-edge to world-wide; amend KRS 141.383 to reduce the annual cap; amend KRS 141.433 to sunset the new markets tax credit; amend KRS 142.303 to eliminate the cap on calculation of gross receipts; make conforming changes.

02/12/20 introduced in House
02/14/20 to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

26. [HB 436](#) [K. Banta](#), [J. Blanton](#), [M. Dossett](#), [D. Hale](#), [S. Lewis](#), [R. Rothenburger](#), [B. Wheatley](#)

Amend KRS 210.365 to make firefighters eligible for crisis intervention team training along with law enforcement officers currently permitted such training; amend KRS 95A.220 with an appropriation of \$1,250,000 each fiscal year for treatment of full-time and volunteer firefighters affected by post-traumatic stress injury (PTSI) and/or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); allow no PTSD eligibility for disability retirement; declare legitimate personnel actions not compensable, diagnosis required by psychiatrist, psychologist or counselor; APPROPRIATION.

[House Committee Substitute 1](#) Retain original provisions of bill except, amend Section 2 to delete no PTSD eligibility restriction for disability retirement; amend the diagnosis by psychiatrist, psychologist, or counselor requirement to include those employed as a full-time volunteer firefighter; amend the reimbursement for out-of-pocket medical bills to those occurring after in-network health insurance has been utilized; APPROPRIATION.

02/18/20 introduced in House
 02/20/20 to Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection (H)
 03/05/20 posted in committee
 03/11/20 reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute (1)
 03/12/20 2nd reading, to Rules
 03/17/20 posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Wednesday, March 18, 2020

27. [HB 465](#) [A. Koenig](#)

Create new sections of KRS Chapter 67 to establish a new procedure for the optional consolidation of counties; exclude consolidated local governments, charter county governments, urban-county governments, and unified local governments from the procedures; permit two or more counties to consolidate with such action initiated by public petition or local ordinance; require signatures of 20% or more of the number of persons in the county voting in last presidential election for initiation petition; provide for the contents and certification of petitions; require the county judge/executive in the initiating county within 10 days to notify the other local governments and their citizens of the proposal; require responding action in adjoining counties within 120 days or initial action becomes void; require a special election within 90 days if adjoining counties enter the process; require approval in each county for consolidation to become effective; prescribe the language for the ballot, other election procedures, and advertisement of the election by the sheriff; require a simple majority of those voting in each county for approval; require all election costs to be paid for by the state, and prohibit any organizational changes in a newly consolidated county for 10 years; prohibit any new county from becoming effective until the end of terms of current officeholders and require new officers to be elected in the same manner and at same time as other county officials; require the county judge/executive in each county to appoint 6 citizens to a transition committee; require transition committee to divide county into 3-8 magisterial districts and to select 2-5 names for the new county to be decided by the voters; require final report of the transition committee; provide for a gubernatorial appointee to break tie vote on questions relating to the name of the new county, the formation of magisterial districts, or other issues on the ballot; require all taxes from the immediate year to remain in effect until changed by the new county; require the creation of a special taxing district for repayment of prior financial obligations in previously existing counties; require surplus funds to be spent in the areas where funds were raised;

permit voters to determine the location of new county seat from previously existing locations; require county seat to remain at that location for not less than 10 years; require other remaining county buildings to be maintained as branch offices for 10 years; require the Department for Local Government to promulgate administrative regulations awarding preference points on community development block grant applications and provide technical and advisory assistance to consolidated counties; require, upon consolidation, all appointments to boards of special districts to remain in effect until the expiration of the term, at which point the appropriate appointing authority shall make new appointments; amend KRS 67.280 to provide for federal and state election districts as prescribed; repeal KRS 67.190, 67.200, 67.210, 67.220, 67.230, 67.240, 67.250, 67.260, 67.270, 67.290, and 67.310.

02/20/20 introduced in House
 02/24/20 to Local Government (H)
 02/28/20 posted in committee

28. [HB 479](#) [S. Lee](#), [R. Palumbo](#), [J. Blanton](#), [G. Brown Jr](#), [K. Flood](#), [J. Graviss](#), [P. Pratt](#), [C. Stevenson](#), [S. Westrom](#)

Amend KRS 67A.440 to delete the provision that a surviving spouse's retirement benefit shall end upon remarriage; amend KRS 67A.450 to provide that for members of policemen's and firefighters' retirement funds of urban-county governments who would have been eligible for voluntary retirement at the time of their death, which is not in the line of duty, an annuity death benefit shall not be provided to the surviving spouse and provide that a deceased member otherwise eligible for a voluntary service retirement is presumed to have retired on the date of death calculated with credit for accumulated sick leave credit; amend KRS 67A.462 to prevent a member on disability retirement from holding a sworn position as an elected, paid, or volunteer peace officer, firefighter, paramedic, or other position of public safety/hazardous duty, and permit the board of trustees to make reasonable investigations, including hearings, to ensure compliance with disability provisions; amend KRS 67A.492 to provide a surviving minor child or children annuity in addition to the retirement benefits for surviving spouses and, based on factors including whether the surviving spouse is eligible for benefits and the number of minor children, set the benefits

at between 50% and 75% of a member's final annuity, final rate of pay, or service retirement, whichever is greater, and allow benefit to extend to adult children between 18 and 23 enrolled in full-time educational activities; amend KRS 67A.530 to provide that retired fund members voting for representatives to the board of trustees shall vote for nominees of the department, police or fire, from which the member retired; amend KRS 67A.560 ensuring statutory and regulatory compliance with the Internal Revenue Code, applicable federal regulations, and published guidance; amend KRS 67A.660 to require the board to fix the time for a rehearing at the board's next scheduled meeting after the filing of the application.

02/24/20 introduced in House
 02/26/20 to Local Government (H)
 02/28/20 posted in committee
 03/09/20 reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar
 03/10/20 2nd reading, to Rules
 posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Wednesday, March 11, 2020
 03/11/20 3rd reading, passed 95-0
 03/12/20 received in Senate
 03/17/20 to State & Local Government (S)

29. [HB 487](#) [L. Bechler](#)

Amend KRS 6.764 to prohibit a member of the General Assembly from receiving compensation during a leave of absence for the performance of legislative duties; amend KRS 161.770 to prevent double compensation for service as an educator or employee of a local school board, state university, or community college while the educator or employee is performing tasks associated with service as a state legislator; amend KRS 164.337 to prohibit a member of the General Assembly from receiving compensation during a leave of absence for the performance of legislative duties.

02/25/20 introduced in House
 02/27/20 to State Government (H)
 02/28/20 posted in committee

30. [HB 498](#) [K. Upchurch](#)

Amend KRS 42.032 to require the Finance and Administration Cabinet, in conjunction with the State Treasurer, to provide public access to executive branch financial information; require express written approval of both the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet and the State Treasurer for any contract for development of a Web site providing public access to executive branch expenditures.

02/26/20 introduced in House
 02/28/20 to State Government (H)
 03/03/20 posted in committee
 03/05/20 reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar
 03/06/20 2nd reading, to Rules
 03/10/20 posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Wednesday, March 11, 2020
 03/11/20 3rd reading, passed 73-24
 03/12/20 received in Senate
 03/17/20 to State & Local Government (S)

31. [HB 516](#) [K. Banta](#)

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 13A to be numbered as KRS 13A.215 to allow an administrative body to use an administrative regulation management application to electronically file administrative regulations; make the application one that is approved or developed and maintained by the Legislative Research Commission; allow the application to satisfy paper-based filing requirements and notifications to the regulations compiler; amend KRS 13A.3104 to indicate that an agency may review and file a certification letter in the year prior to an administrative regulation's expiration date; require the agency authorizing signature on each certification letter; add more details for the types of certification letters; amend KRS 158.6471 to grant the Education Assessment and Accountability Review Subcommittee (EAARS) the same powers, process, and procedures relating to reviewing administrative regulations as the Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee (ARRS); add a special procedure for EAARS review; allow EAARS to request the same professional and clerical support as ARRS; make technical amendments to KRS 13A.040 and 13A.290.

02/27/20 introduced in House
 03/02/20 to Licensing, Occupations, & Admin Regs (H)
 03/06/20 posted in committee

32. [HB 551](#) [C. Massey, J. Petrie](#)

Create a new section of KRS Chapter 452 to set the venue for constitutional challenges to statutes, executive orders, and regulations; establish procedures for selecting a panel of three Circuit Judges to hear challenges, establish three districts from which panel judges can be drawn.

03/02/20 introduced in House
03/04/20 to Judiciary (H)

33. [HB 576](#) [J. Miller](#)

Create new sections of KRS 161.220 to 161.716 to specify that new nonuniversity members of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) on or after January 1, 2021, shall receive a foundational benefit component, which shall be a traditional defined benefit plan, a supplemental benefit component which shall be a plan based upon the member's account balance, and retiree health benefits; provide that the cost of the foundational benefit for these new members shall be accessed annually in the actuarial valuation; provide that if the funding level of the foundational benefit component for new nonuniversity members falls below 90 percent, the TRS board shall make one or more changes to keep employer costs within the statutory fixed rate of eight percent for the foundational benefit component, including utilizing moneys in the stabilization reserve account from any excess contributions above costs of the new plan components for new nonuniversity members, utilizing prospective mandatory employee and employer contributions from the supplemental benefit component, or adjusting the regular interest rate, benefit factor, age and service requirements to retire, or COLAs for new nonuniversity members only; establish the supplemental benefit component for new nonuniversity members who enter TRS on or after January 1, 2021, that pays benefits based upon mandatory employee and employer contributions of two percent of pay, voluntary employee and employer contributions, and interest on the accounts; provide for vesting of employer contributions after five years; provide that a new nonuniversity member may take a refund, distribution, or annuitize their account balance into a monthly payment based upon assumptions established by the TRS board; amend KRS 161.155 to provide that new nonuniversity TRS members on or after

January 1, 2021, shall not have any lump-sum sick leave payments added to their foundational benefit component calculation, but may have the payment deposited into the supplemental benefit component; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.220 to establish definitions for the new foundational benefit component and supplemental benefit component for new nonuniversity employees and make technical amendments to conform to a recent court decision; provide that individuals who become nonuniversity members on or after January 1, 2021, shall have a final average salary based upon their highest eight years if retiring under age 65 and the highest five years if retiring at age 65 or older; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.540 to specify that new nonuniversity TRS members on or after January 1, 2021, shall contribute 14.75 percent of pay with 9 percent going to fund the foundational benefit component, 2 percent to fund the supplemental benefit component, and 3.75 percent to fund retiree health benefits; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.550 to specify that the maximum employer contribution rate for new nonuniversity members on or after January 1, 2021, shall be 11.75 percent with eight percent going to fund the foundational benefit component, two percent to fund the supplemental benefit component, and 0.75 percent to fund retiree health benefits; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.600 to provide that new nonuniversity members on or after January 1, 2021, shall be eligible to retire upon attaining age 65 with five years of service or age 60 with ten years of service; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.620 to provide that new nonuniversity TRS members shall receive a benefit factor of 1.50 percent up to 2.4 percent based upon the member's age and years of service; amend KRS 161.675 to provide that new nonuniversity members shall not be eligible for retiree health benefits until reaching age 60; amend KRS 161.605 to provide that TRS retirees who retire on or after January 1, 2021 shall not be eligible to earn a second retirement account upon reemployment; repeal, reenact, and amend or repeal and reenact or amend KRS 61.400, 161.420, 161.470, 161.480, 161.500, 161.507, 161.515, 161.520, 161.522, 161.525, 161.545, 161.5465, 161.547, 161.548, 161.549, 161.568, 161.580, 161.585, 161.590, 161.595, 161.605, 161.612, 161.615, 161.623, 161.630, 161.655, 161.661, 161.650, 161.700, and 161.714 to make technical and conforming amendments and to conform to a recent court decision.

03/02/20 introduced in House
 03/04/20 to State Government (H)
 03/05/20 posted in committee

34. [HB 613](#) [J. Tipton, C. Massey](#)

Create new sections of KRS 161.220 to 161.716 to specify that new university members of the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) on or after January 1, 2021, shall receive a foundational benefit component, which shall be a traditional defined benefit plan, a supplemental benefit component which shall be a plan based upon the member's account balance, and retiree health benefits; provide that the cost of the foundational benefit for these new members shall be accessed annually in the actuarial valuation; provide that if the funding level of the foundational benefit component for new university members falls below 90 percent, the TRS board shall make one or more changes to keep employer costs within the statutory fixed rate of 5.775 percent for the foundational benefit component including utilizing: moneys in the stabilization reserve account from any excess contributions above costs of the new plan components for new university members, utilizing prospective mandatory employee and employer contributions from the supplemental benefit component, or adjusting the regular interest rate, benefit factor, age and service requirements to retire, or COLAs for new university members only; establish the supplemental benefit component for new university members who enter TRS on or after January 1, 2021, that pays benefits based upon mandatory employee and employer contributions of percent of pay, voluntary employee and employer contributions, and interest on the accounts; provide for vesting of employer contributions after five years; provide that a new university member may take a refund, distribution, or annuitize their account balance into a monthly payment based upon assumptions established by the TRS board; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.220 to establish definitions for the new foundational benefit component and supplemental benefit component for new university employees and make technical amendments to conform to a recent court decision; specify that the high-3 final average salary provisions shall not apply to new university members who enter the system on or after January 1, 2021; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.540 to specify that new university TRS members on or after January 1, 2021, shall contribute 9.775 percent of pay with 5 percent going to fund the foundational benefit component, two percent to fund the supplemental benefit component, and 2.775 percent to fund retiree health benefits; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.550 to specify that the maximum

employer contribution rate for new university members on or after January 1, 2021, shall be 9.775 percent with 5.775 percent going to fund the foundational benefit component, two percent to fund the supplemental benefit component, and two percent to fund retiree health benefits; conform to a recent court decision; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.600 to provide that new university members on or after January 1, 2021, shall be eligible to retire upon attaining age 65 with five years of service or age 55 with ten years of service; repeal, reenact, and amend KRS 161.620 to provide that new university TRS members shall receive a benefit factor of 0.85 percent up to 1.5 percent based upon the member's age and years of service; increase the life insurance benefit for new university members on or after January 1, 2021, from \$2,000 and \$5,000 for active and retired respectively to \$5,000 and \$10,000 respectively; amend KRS 161.675 to provide that new university members shall not be eligible for retiree health benefits until reaching age 60; repeal, reenact, and amend or repeal and reenact or amend KRS 61.400, 161.420, 161.470, 161.480, 161.500, 161.507, 161.515, 161.520, 161.522, 161.525, 161.545, 161.5465, 161.547, 161.548, 161.549, 161.568, 161.580, 161.585, 161.590, 161.595, 161.605, 161.612, 161.615, 161.623, 161.630, 161.661, 161.650, 161.700, and 161.714 to make technical and conforming amendments and to conform to a recent court decision.

[House Committee Substitute 1](#) Retain original provisions except to: remove requirements that new university members who enter the system on or after 1/1/2021 must be at least age 60 in order to be eligible for retiree health subsidies; amend KRS 161.220 to set the annual interest rate on the supplemental benefit component from the 30-year treasury rate to a rolling five-year treasury rate; provide that TRS shall determine the disability benefit for new university members via administrative regulation; make technical and clarifying amendments.

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03/03/20	to State Government (H) posted in committee
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03/10/20	2nd reading, to Rules posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Wednesday, March 11, 2020
03/11/20	3rd reading, passed 65-31 with Committee Substitute (1)
03/12/20	received in Senate
03/17/20	to State & Local Government (S)

35. [HB 647](#) [D. Osborne](#)

Propose to amend Sections 36 and 42 of the Constitution of Kentucky to provide that the General Assembly may call itself into extraordinary session upon the issuance of a joint proclamation by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, but only if the General Assembly has reserved at least one day from its regular session in that year, with limitations; provide ballot language; submit to voters for ratification or rejection.

[House Committee Substitute 1](#) Delete original provisions; propose to amend Sections 36 and 42 of the Kentucky Constitution to provide that the General Assembly may extend the length of its legislative sessions by 10 days upon the vote of 3/5 of the membership of each House.

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03/04/20	to Elections, Const. Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs (H)
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03/19/20	reported favorably, to Rules with Committee Substitute (1)