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Foreword

The 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly convened on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, and adjourned *sine die* Monday, April 15, 2024, having met for 60 legislative days.

During the 2024 Regular Session, the General Assembly took the following actions:

- A total of 1,218 bills were introduced, including 380 Senate bills and 838 House bills.
- A total of 540 resolutions were introduced, including 348 Senate simple resolutions, 21 Senate joint resolutions, 16 Senate concurrent resolutions, 86 House simple resolutions, 42 House joint resolutions, and 27 House concurrent resolutions.
- The Governor vetoed 7 Senate bills, 1 Senate joint resolution, 19 House bills, and 1 House concurrent resolution.
- The General Assembly overrode the vetoes of 6 Senate bills, 18 House bills, and 1 House concurrent resolution.
- A total of 55 Senate bills, 7 Senate joint resolutions, 157 House bills, 3 House joint resolutions, and 1 House concurrent resolution became law.

This informational bulletin summarizes the bills and resolutions that were delivered to the Governor and the Secretary of State. It was prepared by the staff of the Legislative Research Commission.

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Senate Bills

SB 1

AN ACT relating to the endowed research fund and making an appropriation therefor.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to establish the endowed research fund to be administered by the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) for the purposes of funding research consortiums between two or more public universities; provides that the fund shall consist of appropriations, federal funds, and other proceeds made available to the fund; provides that the funds shall not lapse; provides that there shall be five consortium accounts within the fund that shall each be assigned to a unique research consortium selected by CPE; provides that CPE shall solicit, accept, and review applications from research consortiums between two or more public universities to determine five research consortiums eligible to receive seed funding for a term of five years; creates a review process to determine eligibility for funding through the fund; directs CPE to fill vacancies when a research consortium is no longer eligible to receive funding through the fund; directs CPE to promulgate administrative regulations to administer this section; and directs CPE to select the Kentucky Spinal Cord and Head Injury Research Trust as one of the initial five research consortiums by February 1, 2025; APPROPRIATION.

SB 2

AN ACT relating to student safety.

Amends KRS 156.095 to require schools to provide suicide prevention awareness twice a year and an opportunity for any student who missed the suicide prevention awareness lesson to receive the lesson at a later time, and to make conforming changes; amends KRS 156.501 to remove existing cost-sharing provisions for the registered nurse required to be employed by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE); creates a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to define terms, to establish a framework for employment of Kentucky guardians in schools, to specify qualifications of a guardian, to specify that a local board of education is immune from civil or criminal liability in all claims arising out of any action of a guardian, and to specify that guardians shall have the immunities of police officers; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require KDE to gather and compile data, coordinate training, and monitor the numbers and types of mental health professionals in schools; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to create the School Mapping Data Program administered by the Center for School Safety and to outline requirements of school mapping data; amends KRS 158.441 to specify required certifications in the definition of "school resource officer" (SRO); amends 158.4414 to allow school districts to hire a guardian until a certified SRO is available as required, to allow a district with an SRO to hire guardians to provide additional school safety and security measures, and to require that the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council update and maintain SRO training; amends KRS 158.4416 to define terms, to specify that at least 60 percent of a school counselor's time be spent providing direct services, to make conforming changes, to require the trauma-informed team to compile their activities to be used in the creation of the comprehensive school improvement plan and to submit the information to KDE, and to require KDE to annually summarize and submit the information to the state board and the Legislative Research Commission; amends KRS 158.442 to require that the Center for School Safety implement a system to certify guardians to school districts, to authorize the center to employ an individual to provide oversight of the guardian program if funds are available, and to authorize the center to administer and oversee the school mapping program; amends KRS 158.443 to conform; amends KRS 158.4451 to require that the Office of Homeland Security

maintain and update the anonymous reporting tool, to require that each school district make available an anonymous reporting tool, and to provide for an alternative anonymous reporting tool; amends KRS 158.162 to allow secondary locking mechanisms in schools, and to require that school councils or principals include school mapping data, if available, in their emergency plans; amends KRS 158.4412 to require that the local school district's safety coordinator maintain a current copy of school mapping data; and amends KRS 61.637 and 78.5540 to conform.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 5

AN ACT relating to hunting and fishing licenses and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 150.170 to remove the requirement that resident owners of farmlands own five or more acres of land in order to be exempt from sport hunting and sport fishing license requirements when hunting or fishing on their own farmlands; EMERGENCY.

SB 11

AN ACT relating to juvenile justice.

Amends KRS 610.345 to require notice to schools prior to filing of a public offense petition against a child in certain cases; and amends KRS 158.488 and 158.153 to conform.

SB 14

AN ACT relating to beauty services.

Amends KRS 317A.020 to specify emergency order and hearing procedures and to allow the Board of Cosmetology to pursue injunctive remedy and refer violations of the chapter to prosecutorial agencies; and amends KRS 317A.030 to add a licensed nail technician to the board, to replace one citizen-at-large board position with a licensed esthetician, and to allow cosmetologists and nail technicians to use callus graters for callus removal.

SB 16

AN ACT relating to agricultural key infrastructure assets.

Amends KRS 511.100 to add commercial food manufacturing or processing facility, animal feeding operation, and concentrated animal feeding operation to the definition of "key infrastructure assets," to penalize those who operate an unmanned aircraft system, video recording device, audio recording device, or photography equipment on or above the assets without consent, to penalize those who record or distribute unauthorized images or material of a concentrated animal feeding operation, animal feeding operation, or commercial food manufacturing or processing facility, and to allow a federal, state, or local government law enforcement, regulatory officer or employee, or electric, water, or natural gas utility company to operate any unmanned aircraft system, video or audio recording device, or photography equipment on or above a concentrated animal feeding operation, animal feeding operation, or commercial food manufacturing or processing facility without consent of the owner or authorized representative of the facility for legitimate business purposes; and establishes a Class B misdemeanor for violations.

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VETO OVERRIDDEN

SB 17

AN ACT relating to certificates of death.

Amends KRS 213.076 to provide that a coroner shall complete a medical certification within five working days after receiving the results of an inquiry required by KRS 72.400 to 72.475 or when the cause of death is unknown or under investigation; and makes technical corrections.

SB 18

AN ACT relating to school bus equipment.

Amends KRS 156.153 to require that the standards and specifications for accessory equipment and supplies and replacement equipment shall be based on federal safety standards and shall not discriminate among manufacturers unless there is evidence that a specific manufacturer's product is defective or dangerous to use, to require that the Kentucky Department of Education provide the list of standards and specifications for accessory equipment and supplies and replacement equipment to the Finance and Administration Cabinet for the purpose of maintaining a list of price contracts, and to create a section of KRS Chapter 45A requiring the cabinet to maintain a list of price contracts for procurement of those items.

SB 20

AN ACT relating to crimes and punishments.

Amends KRS 635.020 to provide that a child 15 years of age or older who is charged with a Class A, B, or C felony involving the use of a firearm shall be transferred to Circuit Court to be tried as an adult, to provide that the Commonwealth's attorney may transfer the child back to District Court after consulting with the county attorney, to provide that the Circuit Court may transfer the child back to District Court if the Circuit Court finds that fewer than two of the factors listed in KRS 640.010 favor keeping the child in Circuit Court, and to provide that a child who has been convicted of a Class A, B, or C felony involving the use of a firearm shall not be eligible for probation or conditional discharge in a proceeding consistent with KRS 640.030.

SB 28

AN ACT relating to practice of podiatry.

Amends KRS 311.380 to add definitions for "podiatric assistant," "podiatric residency," and "podiatric resident"; amends KRS 311.400 to add the scope of practice for podiatric residents and podiatric assistants; amends KRS 311.410 to conform; amends KRS 311.420 to add qualifications to acquire a podiatry license; and amends KRS 311.480 to include podiatric resident and assistant licenses to the licenses the Board of Podiatry can deny, refuse to renew, suspend, place on probation, or revoke.

SB 29

AN ACT relating to property and casualty insurance and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of Subtitle 20 of KRS Chapter 304 to prohibit assignments under a property or casualty insurance policy; amends KRS 304.14-250 to conform; amends KRS 304.20-060 to insert definitions, to modify coverage required for the repair or replacement of damaged motor vehicle glass, and to prohibit requiring an insured's use of a particular motor vehicle glass repair shop; amends KRS 304.39-320 to modify the credit that an underinsured motorist insurer is entitled to when providing underinsured motorist coverage; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 367 to regulate motor vehicle glass repair shop trade practices relating to motor vehicle insurance claims, to establish remedies for violation of the section, and to authorize enforcement of the

section by the Attorney General; and provides that this Act applies to insurance policies issued or renewed on or after the effective date of the Act; EMERGENCY.

SB 45

AN ACT relating to Kentucky Alert Systems.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 16 to require the Department of Kentucky State Police to create and operate the Kentucky Ashanti Alert System to provide public notification through the use of media providers and highway signs when an adult is missing and may have been abducted or kidnapped or may be in physical danger and the Kentucky Ian Alert System to provide public notification through the use of media providers and highway signs when a child is missing and may be in physical danger; and amends KRS 16.010 to define “missing adult” and “missing child.”

SB 46

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles.

Amends KRS 189.110 to permit the application to a windshield of sunscreening material with a light transmittance of not less than 70 percent.

SB 50

AN ACT relating to alcoholic beverages.

Amends KRS 243.0305 to allow a craft distiller to self-distribute up to 5,000 gallons of distilled spirits per year directly to a licensed retailer, to direct the distiller to register, deliver, report, and pay all applicable taxes on self-distributed distilled spirits, to allow a distiller to extend credit to a retailer for up to 30 days from the invoice date, and to establish distiller reporting requirements to both wholesalers and the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; and amends KRS 243.710 and 243.884 to require a distiller to pay wholesale taxes on any self-distributed distilled spirits.

SB 58

AN ACT relating to property tax rates.

Amends KRS 132.017 to reduce the number of qualified voters needed to form a petition committee, to allow each sheet of the petition to contain the names of voters from more than one voting precinct, to remove the requirement that petition signees put their Social Security number or the name and number of their designated voting precinct on the petition, and to require that petition signees put their birth year on the petition.

SB 65

AN ACT relating to deficient administrative regulations and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 13A to nullify three emergency administrative regulations relating to Medicaid services after those administrative regulations were found deficient during the 2023 legislative interim; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 13A to nullify 201 KAR 23:170, relating to social workers, after that administrative regulation was found deficient during the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly; EMERGENCY.

VETOED

VETO OVERRIDDEN

SB 70

AN ACT relating to charitable donor intent protection.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 273 to define terms, to establish that charitable organizations that accept contributions pursuant to an endowment agreement must abide by the terms of the agreement, to establish that a donor or a donor's legal representative may bring a civil action against a charitable organization that violates the terms of the agreement, to limit relief to declaratory and injunctive, and to prohibit seeking a judgment awarding monetary damages.

SB 71

AN ACT relating to health services.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 31 to define "alternative sentencing worker," "qualified treatment program," and "treatment program," to allow a court to issue an order for pretrial release pending an assessment for a mental health or substance use disorder and to allow the prosecution to object, to require that a needs assessment be conducted within 48 hours and to establish who may conduct the assessment, to require that a treatment plan be developed by a qualified health professional who is employed by a treatment program, to allow a court to approve the treatment plan without a hearing or allow the court to schedule a hearing, to allow the court to put conditions on pretrial release, to require that the Department of Public Advocacy and defense counsel consider all appropriate and competent facilities and not discriminate against any facility based on religious content, and to allow that facilities or programs be recommended if they are consistent with a client's personal religious belief; amends KRS 31.030 to require that the Department of Public Advocacy submit a report, and to require that alternative sentencing workers complete continuing education related to substance use disorder and comply with kickback provisions; amends KRS 202A.011 to define "contract mental health evaluator"; amends KRS 202A.041 to replace "qualified mental health professional" with "contract mental health evaluator" and to set forth state compensation requirements when a sheriff or other peace officer must remain with a person after requesting evaluation by a contract mental health evaluator; amends KRS 205.200, relating to residency requirements for Medicaid, to prohibit relocation to Kentucky solely for receiving medical services using Medicaid, and to allow an individual to submit proof of residency; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 222 to require any substance use disorder program authorized or regulated under the chapter, or substance use disorder program that holds a chemical dependency treatment services license under KRS 222.231 that was issued in accordance with KRS 216B.042, or recovery residence as defined in KRS 222.500 to obtain agreement from the resident's family member, guardian, or emergency contact to personally transport the resident or make available transportation services for any resident who wishes to leave the treatment program, except where prohibited by federal law; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 222 to outline transportation service responsibilities; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 222 to allow treatment facilities to notify the court, Commonwealth's attorney, county attorney, local law enforcement, emergency contact, or court-designated individual if a resident leaves a facility prior to court approval or prior to completing the conditions of the court order if permitted by state and federal law; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 222 to require the facilities to provide full disclosure of the services they provide to potential patients and in any advertisements or other solicitations; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 222 to prohibit substance use disorder facilities or recovery residences from knowingly recruiting into their facilities any out-of-state resident who is enrolled in Medicaid, or recruiting with the purpose of enrolling the out-of-state resident in Medicaid in Kentucky to the extent allowed by federal law; creates new sections of KRS Chapter

222 to require that the facilities submit to the Department for Medicaid Services a recipient's proof of Kentucky residency when submitting an initial request for Medicaid reimbursement if the facilities are aware that the recipient resided in another state within the past month, to establish fines for facilities to the extent allowed by federal law, to require that any out-of-state resident found to be ineligible for Medicaid in Kentucky reimburse the Department for Medicaid Services any fees paid by Medicaid if the out-of-state resident fails to establish Kentucky residency, and to allow the Office of the Attorney General to enforce actions for fines assessed; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 222 to define "department," "qualified treatment program," and "treatment program," to require that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services publish a list of all qualified treatment programs, post the list on its website, and send the list to the Department of Public Advocacy and the Administrative Office of the Courts, to require that state employees who make recommendations to a court for an alternative sentence prioritize referrals to qualified treatment programs, and to require that the cabinet promulgate administrative regulations; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 222 to prohibit any person from receiving kickbacks for referrals into treatment facilities; establishes protections, exemptions, and penalties; and includes a severability clause.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 74

AN ACT relating to public health.

Amends KRS 18A.225 and 164.2871 to require the state employee health plan and self-insured state postsecondary education institution group health plans to comply with special enrollment and maternity coverage requirements; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to require the Department for Medicaid Services and any managed care organization with which the department contracts for the delivery of Medicaid services to provide coverage for lactation consultation and breastfeeding equipment, to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to apply for a Medicaid waiver if potential cost defrayment or loss of federal funds is identified, and to require the cabinet to study doula certification programs nationally; amends new sections of KRS Chapter 205 and KRS 304.17A-145 to define "in-home program" and "telehealth" and to establish health insurance coverage for an in-home program and telehealth services; amends KRS 205.522 to require Medicaid coverage of maternity services; amends KRS 205.592 to allow that the Medicaid income limit for certain women and children be increased under certain circumstances; amends KRS 205.6485 to require that the Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program provide maternity coverage; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 211 to establish the Kentucky Maternal Psychiatry Access Program (also known as the Kentucky Lifeline for Moms), to establish duties and responsibilities of the program, and to direct that the program be operated by the Department for Public Health, Division of Maternal and Child Health; amends KRS 211.122 to rename the collaborative panel related to maternal and infant health as the Kentucky Maternal and Infant Health Collaborative, to establish formal membership of the collaborative, and to require that the collaborative annually review the operations of the new Kentucky Maternal Psychiatry Access Program; amends KRS 211.575 to change the date of the required annual report of the statewide system for stroke response and treatment to September 1 of each year; amends KRS 211.684 to delete the definitions of "local child and maternal fatality response team" and "state child and maternal fatality review team," to permit the Department for Public Health to establish a separate state child fatality review team, to provide that the team may include representatives of law enforcement agencies with investigation responsibilities for child fatalities

and the Commonwealth's and county attorney offices, to permit rather than require the development of local child fatality response teams, to delete inclusion of "maternal" in local teams, to require that state review teams cooperate with the External Child Fatality and Near Fatality Review Panel, to require that the department establish a state maternal fatality review team, to provide that the state maternal fatality review team may include representatives of public health, social services, law enforcement, coroners, health care providers, and other agencies or professions deemed appropriate, to establish the duties of the state maternal fatality review team, to permit separate reports for the state child fatality review team and the state maternal fatality review team, and to add protections for proceedings, records, opinions, and deliberations of the state child fatality review team and the maternal fatality review team; amends KRS 211.686 to delete the inclusion of "maternal" in local teams, to require that the cabinet use health data collected pursuant to KRS 216.2920 to 216.2929 for annual delivery reports, and to permit the use of other sources if necessary; amends KRS 211.689 to change the definition of "home visitation" and "home visitation program," and to make technical changes; amends KRS 211.690 to allow submission of an electronic agreement for the Health Access Nurturing Development Services (HANDS) program, to require that the program provide information related to lactation consultation, breastfeeding, and safe sleep for babies, and to establish that program participants shall participate in the home visitation program through in-person face-to-face methods or through teleservice delivery methods; amends KRS 213.046 to change the reference from "local registrar" to "state registrar" and to change a timeline for submission from 10 days to five days related to birth certificates; amends KRS 216.2929 to require that the cabinet report methods of delivery by hospital annually on its website beginning December 1, 2024; creates a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require that insurers and any exchange provide a special enrollment period for pregnant individuals, to specify requirements for the coverage, and to require that group plan insurers provide notice of special enrollment rights; amends KRS 304.17A-145 to require health benefit plans that provide coverage for dependents to provide coverage for maternity care; amends KRS 304.17A-220 and 194A.099 to conform with the special enrollment requirement; and amends KRS 387.540, related to individuals who compile an interdisciplinary report, to add an employee of the cabinet with relevant expertise; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2025.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 81

AN ACT relating to higher education finance and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 164.746 to modify the membership of the governing board of the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority; amends KRS 164A.050 to modify the membership of the governing board of the Kentucky Higher Education Student Loan Corporation (KHESLC); and amends KRS 164A.055 to authorize the Asset Resolution Corporation to engage in student loan activities and to remove references to administration by KHESLC; EMERGENCY.

SB 91

AN ACT providing funding and establishing conditions for state government agencies and institutions, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Amends enacted 2024 RS HB 1, HB 6, and HB 265 to provide additional appropriations and provisions for various programs and projects, to make stand-alone supplemental appropriations, and to establish conditions for supplemental appropriations; amends KRS 45A.100 to increase the threshold for small purchases by the Finance and Administration Cabinet, state

institutions of higher education, and the legislative branch of government; amends KRS 45A.190 to increase the performance bond threshold for certain construction contracts to conform; and amends KRS 56.491 to increase the threshold for approval required for certain capital construction projects; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

SB 107

AN ACT relating to transportation and making an appropriation therefor.

Amends KRS 186.040 to direct \$30 of the registration fee for vehicles in excess of 44,000 pounds to the county clerk of the county in which the truck is registered; amends KRS 186.050 to set registration fees for vehicles in excess of 44,000 pounds; creates a new section of KRS 186.400 to 186.640 to direct the state police to engage in a pilot project to provide operator's license skills testing in five counties where testing is not currently offered, to set requirements for the state police, and to require that the state police report to the Legislative Research Commission by October 31, 2025, regarding program data, effect on existing testing efforts, and recommendations; amends KRS 186.480 to require that the Department of Kentucky State Police (KSP) include information about the organ donor program in educational materials for driver training; amends KRS 186.560 to require revocation of an operator's license for certain highway work zone violations; amends KRS 189.010 to define "highway work zone"; amends KRS 189.221 and 189.2325 to conform; amends KRS 189.222 to provide a weight limit allowance of 400 pounds for any vehicle with an auxiliary power unit; amends KRS 189.2327 to increase fines for highway work zone traffic offenses; amends KRS 189.270 to limit the fee that the Transportation Cabinet may set for overdimensional permits to transport farm equipment; amends KRS 189.271, 189.2713, 189.2716, and 189.2717 to require that the Transportation Cabinet promulgate administrative regulations to set fees for overweight and overdimensional permits; amends KRS 189.290 to prohibit a person from operating a vehicle in or near a highway work zone in a manner that endangers persons or property and to provide that violators shall be subject to revocation of their operator's license; amends KRS 189.340 to prohibit the operation of a truck tractor, trailer, or semitrailer in the far left lane of any roadway that has been divided into three or more clearly marked lanes for travel; amends KRS 189.930 to expand the requirement to move over or slow down when approaching an emergency or public safety vehicle to include any disabled vehicle displaying a warning signal; amends KRS 189.960 to require that operators of motor vehicles yield to workers in or near a highway work zone; amends KRS 189.990 to establish fines for causing physical injury or death to a person while operating a vehicle in or near a highway work zone; amends KRS 281.926 to require that towing companies submit their rate schedules to the nearest KSP post and all local law enforcement agencies in the companies' service area in addition to making them available to the public upon request, and to direct that the KSP and local law enforcement agencies remove companies that do not comply with these requirements from their wrecker logs for a period of six months for the first violation and one year for any subsequent violation; and amends KRS 281.990 to allow the Transportation Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to set penalties for violations of KRS 281.920 to 281.936; APPROPRIATION; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2025.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 111

AN ACT relating to coverage for the treatment of stuttering.

Amends KRS 18A.225, 164.2871, 205.522, 205.6485, and 304.17C-125 to require limited health service benefit plans, Medicaid, self-insured employer group health plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution, and the state employee health plan to comply with the speech therapy coverage requirement, to make technical amendments, and to provide that various sections apply to health insurance policies, certificates, plans, or contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025; creates a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to require health insurance coverage for speech therapy as a treatment for stuttering; establishes the construction of Section 1 for purposes of federal law and requires state officials to comply; and requires the Department of Insurance and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to seek federal approval, if necessary; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2025.

SB 118

AN ACT relating to trespass.

Amends KRS 511.070 to allow notice of trespass to be given through the placement of identifying purple paint marks on property.

SB 125

AN ACT relating to off-highway vehicles.

Amends KRS 189.281 to extend the ability for local governments to start off-highway vehicle (OHV) pilot programs to July 1, 2027, and to expand the definition of “local government” to include any local government that operates a public OHV trail system.

SB 127

AN ACT relating to aerospace infrastructure, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to define terms; establishes the Kentucky Aerospace, Aviation, and Defense Investment Fund Advisory Committee; establishes the membership of the committee; establishes the Kentucky aerospace, aviation, and defense investment fund to be administered by the Council for Postsecondary Education for the purpose of funding public and private partnerships to provide aviation training scholarships and aviation and aerospace equipment grants; requires that the portion of the fund expended toward the council’s administrative costs shall not exceed 0.5 percent of all gross moneys in the fund or \$75,000 annually, whichever is less; directs the council to promulgate administrative regulations to carry out this Act; requires those administrative regulations to be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission for comment prior to filing; requires advisory committee members to abstain from voting on a matter involving a conflict of interest; requires that the council shall reserve at least 65 percent of all net moneys in the fund for partnership proposals between aviation and aerospace programs and aviation and aerospace industry partners to provide aviation training scholarships to Kentucky residents enrolled in aviation and aerospace programs; directs the council to prioritize accepting partnerships to proposals targeted to reduce the workforce demand of a specific eligible aviation or aerospace credential the council determines to be among the highest in demand in the Commonwealth; directs that a partnership shall require a written partnership contract and establishes the minimum contract requirements; directs that disbursements of moneys from the fund to support aviation training scholarships be made directly to an aviation program pursuant to the terms of the partnership contract; requires that an aviation program that enters a partnership contract solicit, accept, and review aviation training scholarship applications submitted

by students enrolled in the aviation program; directs that an aviation training scholarship issued by an aviation program pursuant to a partnership contract be made directly to a recipient pursuant to a written scholarship contract between the recipient and the aviation program, and sets minimum contract requirements; directs that a grantor may place restrictions upon a contribution to the fund requiring specific criteria for an aviation training scholarship or scholarships funded by the grantor's dedicated funds; directs that the aviation training scholarship contract grant the aviation program, the Commonwealth, or the aviation industry partner the authority to initiate recoupment proceedings for the recovery of the total amount of all aviation training scholarships awarded to an individual who fails to complete the terms of a scholarship contract; directs that the council reserve up to 35 percent of all net moneys in the fund for aviation equipment partnership contracts between public aviation training programs and aviation industry partners to provide aviation and aviation equipment grants; requires that an aviation equipment partnership require a written partnership contract between a public aviation program, aviation industry partner, and the council, and establishes minimum contract requirements; directs the council to collaborate with the advisory committee to select proposals for partnership contracts; directs that the council may prioritize designated contracts; provides that the council shall require the public aviation program to submit proof that the entire amount of the aviation equipment grant is invested in the maintenance, acquisition, or lease of aviation or aviation training equipment used by students enrolled in a public aviation training program; requires the council to submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission, and establishes minimum report requirements; sunsets the bill on June 30, 2030; and provides that this Act may be cited as the Aerospace Education Reinvestment Opportunity (AERO) Act; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 128

AN ACT relating to youth employment programs.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 339 to allow a nonprofit organization to apply to the Department of Workplace Standards to create a work program for minors 12 or 13 years of age, to require that the primary benefit of the work performed provide vocational and educational value to the minors, to establish requirements and prohibitions for participation, to establish minimum wage requirements for youth participants, to require employment to not operate on student attendance days, to provide an exemption to allow a nonprofit that currently operates or has previously operated a program to apply to the department to allow a minor to work on school attendance days but not during regular school hours, to prohibit a minor from working if the nonprofit organization was aware that the minor missed school that day, to require that the nonprofit bear the burden of proof to justify the necessity of a program on school attendance days, to require that the department be the sole decision maker in the approval or denial of any work program under this Act, and to require the department to promulgate administrative regulations; and amends KRS 339.210 to conform.

SB 139

AN ACT relating to investment advisers.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 292 to establish a registration exemption for private fund advisers, to establish requirements for the exemption, to direct where filings shall be made, to require that investment advisers comply with registration requirements within 90 days of becoming ineligible for exemption, and to permit the commissioner of the Department of Financial

Institutions to waive certain provisions; and amends KRS 292.330 to conform and to make technical amendments.

SB 140

AN ACT relating to unemployment insurance benefits and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 341.413 to require the secretary of the Education and Labor Cabinet to waive overpayments that were not the fault of the recipient for claims between January 27, 2020, and September 6, 2021, and to remove the limiting provisions to ensure the waiver request time frame is unlimited; EMERGENCY.

SB 143

AN ACT proposing to amend Sections 145 and 155 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to persons entitled to vote.

Proposes to amend Sections 145 and 155 of the Constitution of Kentucky to prohibit persons who are not citizens of the United States from being allowed to vote in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and provides ballot language and submission to voters for their ratification or rejection.

SB 145

AN ACT relating to health care.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 216 to allow health facilities or health care providers enrolled in the Kentucky Medicaid program to submit a current or prospective employee to a check of the child abuse and neglect or adult abuse registries maintained by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and to require the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations; and amends KRS 209.032 to direct the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to establish a process of notification by which the cabinet shall notify a vulnerable adult services provider if a prospective or current employee has appealed a substantiated finding of adult abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

SB 151

AN ACT relating to relative and fictive kin caregivers.

Amends KRS 620.140 to allow a child to submit to the District Court the names of possible relative or fictive kin caregivers with whom the child could be placed if the court removes the child from his or her home; and amends KRS 620.142 to establish when a relative or fictive kin caregiver can apply to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to be certified as a child-specific foster home.

SB 155

AN ACT relating to the Uniform Commercial Code.

Amends sections of Articles 1, 2, 2A, 3, 5, 7, 8, and 9 of KRS Chapter 355 to make definitional revisions and conforming amendments; amends sections of Articles 2, 2A, 4A, and 9 of KRS Chapter 355 to remove writing requirements; repeals and reenacts KRS 355.2-102 to establish transactions subject to provisions of article; amends KRS 355.2A-102 to establish when article applies to hybrid leases; amends definition of “negotiable instrument” in KRS 355.3-104; amends KRS 355.3-105 and 355.3-604 to accommodate electronic transactions; amends KRS 355.3-417 and 355.4-208 to specify that expenses include reasonable attorney’s fees; amends KRS

355.4A-201 to modify security procedure requirements relating to funds transfers; amends KRS 355.5-116 to establish governing law standards for letters of credit; amends KRS 355.7-106 and 355.8-106, repeals and reenacts KRS 355.9-105, and creates new sections of Article 9 of KRS Chapter 355, to establish control requirements for electronic documents of title, security entitlements, records evidencing chattel paper, electronic money, controllable electronic records, controllable accounts, and controllable payment intangibles; amends governing law standards for certain securities transactions in KRS 355.8-110; creates new sections of Article 9 of KRS Chapter 355 to establish certain perfection and priority jurisdictional rules for chattel paper, controllable electronic records, controllable accounts, and controllable payment intangibles; amends KRS 355.9-104 to expand when a secured party has control of a deposit account; amends KRS 355.9-203, 355.9-207, 355.9-208, 355.9-209, 355.9-310, 355.9-312, 355.9-314, 355.9-316, 355.9-317, 355.9-330, 355.9-331, 355.9-332, 355.9-406, 355.9-408, 355.9-605, and 355.9-628, and creates new sections of Article 9 of KRS Chapter 355, to govern security interests in controllable electronic records, electronic money, controllable accounts, controllable payment intangibles, electronic documents, and chattel paper; amends KRS 355.9-204 to establish exception to after-acquired property clause limitation; amends governing law standards for banks and securities and commodity entities in KRS 355.9-304 and 355.9-305; amends KRS 355.9-323 to remove exception for buyers and lessees in the ordinary course of business relating to certain future advances clauses; amends notification of disposition of collateral requirements in KRS 355.9-613 and 355.9-614; creates new sections of Article 11 of KRS Chapter 355, titled “Transitional Provisions for Uniform Commercial Code Amendments (2022),” which establishes definitions and transitional provisions for transactions, liens, and interests entered, created, or acquired before the effective date of this Act; establishes a new Article 12 of KRS Chapter 355, titled “Controllable Electronic Records,” which establishes definitions, scope, purchaser rights, control requirements, debtor discharge obligations, and jurisdictional rules relating to controllable electronic records, controllable accounts, and controllable payment intangibles; and amends KRS 367.976 and 369.116 to conform, to make technical corrections, and to provide a construction clause relating to a national digital currency; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025.

SB 158

AN ACT relating to settlements with minors and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 387.278, relating to certain settlements with minors, to establish provisions relating to the opening of restricted accounts and issuance of annuities on behalf of minors entering into settlements; EMERGENCY.

SB 162

AN ACT relating to vehicle accident reports.

Amends KRS 189.635 to define “law enforcement agency” and “department,” to allow law enforcement agencies to retain copies of accident reports filed with the Kentucky State Police, to allow law enforcement agencies access to vehicle accident reports and to contract with third parties to provide the reports to other entities that are eligible to receive them under the statute, and to specify that vehicle accident reports held by law enforcement agencies are exempt from the provisions of KRS 61.870 to 61.884, the Open Records Act, but are subject to the provisions of KRS 189.635; amends KRS 61.870 to conform; and makes technical corrections.

SB 164

AN ACT relating to building trade professions.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 198B to allow articulation agreements between licensed proprietary schools and public school districts or state area technology centers to establish academic or training equivalencies needed to obtain licensure, and to require that the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction recognize and honor the articulation agreements toward licensure in the professions regulated by the department, including electricians, plumbers, and HVAC.

SB 167

AN ACT relating to public school students' communication skills.

Amends KRS 156.160 to require that cursive writing be included as a course of study in all elementary schools beginning in the 2025-2026 school year; and amends KRS 158.6453 to distinguish basic handwriting or penmanship from the definition of "writing."

SB 174

AN ACT relating to underground facility damage prevention.

Amends KRS 367.4903 to add definitions for "communications network," "communications service provider," and "communications terminal"; amends KRS 367.4909 to require that if damage is done to an underground gas or hazardous liquid facility and no attempt to locate the underground facility was made, the operator shall include in its report to the Public Service Commission the distance from the communications terminal that the damage occurred, and to require that the Public Service Commission submit a report to the Legislative Research Commission on or before December 1, 2025, detailing the number of damage reports from communications service providers that occurred in the area where they are allowed to use nonintrusive excavation; and amends KRS 367.4915 to exempt from the underground facility damage prevention requirements nonintrusive excavating of a depth not greater than 12 inches and within 12 inches of a communication service provider's own communications network.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 188

AN ACT relating to patient access to pharmacy benefits.

Amends KRS 18A.2254 to require that the state employee health plan and state agencies comply with certain pharmacy-related insurance laws; creates new sections of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to define terms for pharmacy-related insurance practices, to require that insurers, pharmacy benefit managers, and other pharmacy benefits administrators establish reasonably adequate and accessible pharmacy networks, to require the filing of an annual report, to require that the insurance commissioner review pharmacy networks, to provide that information and data acquired by the Department of Insurance be considered proprietary and not subject to disclosure under open records laws, to establish requirements for certain contracts between a pharmacy or pharmacist and an insurer, a pharmacy benefit manager, or any other pharmacy benefits administrator, to establish prohibited conduct and requirements for certain pharmacy-related insurance practices, and to establish a complaint process for insureds, pharmacies, and pharmacists impacted by a violation of certain pharmacy-related insurance laws; creates a new section of Subtitle 99 of KRS Chapter 304 to authorize the insurance commissioner to order reimbursement to persons who incurred a monetary loss as a result of a violation of certain pharmacy-related

insurance laws; amends KRS 304.9-053 to require certain filings; amends KRS 304.9-054 to establish requirements for pharmacy benefit manager licensure; amends KRS 304.9-055 to require that the insurance commissioner promulgate certain administrative regulations relating to pharmacy benefit managers; amends KRS 304.14-120 to require that the insurance commissioner review certain health plan filings; amends KRS 304.17A-712 to conform; amends KRS 304.17C-125 to apply certain pharmacy-related insurance laws to limited health service benefit plans, including limited health service contracts; amends KRS 304.38A-115 to apply certain pharmacy-related insurance laws to limited health service organizations; repeals KRS 304.38A-120, relating to assignment of certain benefits under limited health service organization plans, to consolidate provisions; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 315 to require reporting by ambulatory pharmacies to the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy; amends KRS 367.828 to establish certain requirements for health discount plans relating to prescription drugs; makes technical corrections to existing statutes throughout; applies various sections to contracts issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025; and requires the insurance commissioner and the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy to promulgate implementing administrative regulations by certain dates; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2025.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 191

AN ACT relating to postsecondary education funding and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 164.092 to define “nontraditional age students,” to remove all references to “minority,” to require that any formula not include race-based metrics or targets, to increase the percentage of public university funding based on student success outcomes produced from 35 percent to 40 percent, to decrease the percentage of public university funding for student credit hours earned from 35 percent to 30 percent, to include in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System’s student success outcomes weighting for credentials aligned with the economic needs of the state and recognize credentials earned by nontraditional-age students, to require that the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) promulgate an emergency or amended administrative regulation to implement the amended funding formula, to require that the Postsecondary Education Working Group convene during the 2024 Interim for the sole purpose of considering how to define “underrepresented students” for the comprehensive funding model for the public postsecondary education system, to require that the recommendations be reported to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2024, and to require that CPE distribute allocable resources based on first-generation college students receiving bachelor’s degrees and low-income students; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 194

AN ACT relating to electronic delivery of health plan communications.

Creates a new section of Subtitle 18 of KRS Chapter 304 to authorize insurers to provide electronic communications to persons covered under an employer-sponsored group health insurance policy, plan, or contract.

SB 198

AN ACT relating to nuclear energy development.

Creates a new section of Subchapter 12 of KRS Chapter 154 to require that the Cabinet for Economic Development create and implement a financial assistance program to support the nuclear energy ecosystem; provides for the staggering of initial appointments; requires that the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Authority conduct a study to identify the workforce needs to develop and support the nuclear ecosystem and submit its findings to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission on or before December 1, 2024; requires that the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority contract for services to produce a site suitability study to identify the best potential locations for nuclear facility sites in the Commonwealth and report its findings to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission on or before December 1, 2025; requires that the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority contract for services to develop and implement a nuclear marketing and education plan; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to establish the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority; declares that the mission of the authority is to serve as the nonregulatory, trusted state government agency on nuclear energy issues and to support and facilitate the development of the nuclear energy ecosystem; establishes the membership and responsibilities of the advisory board to govern the authority; requires that the advisory board hire a director of the authority; establishes the purposes of the authority, which are to assist interested communities in understanding advanced nuclear opportunities, provide information to the public, develop the capacity for nuclear energy development in the Commonwealth, seek clarity on early nuclear site permitting, work with energy communities that have hosted nuclear-related or fossil fuel activities to assist in exploring nuclear energy opportunities, strengthen engagement with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission, build the organizational capacity to convene a consortium of nuclear stakeholders to share best practices, engage with United States Department of Energy National Laboratories and private companies to develop technologies to reprocess or recycle spent nuclear fuel, and maintain awareness of potential events that could initiate or accelerate the development of new nuclear technologies in the Commonwealth; requires that the authority, with the approval of the advisory board, propose and adopt bylaws for the management and operation of the authority, develop and adopt a strategic plan for carrying out the purposes of the authority, create and update at least once every two years a nuclear energy economic impact analysis, and beginning December 1, 2025, and every December 1 thereafter, submit a report to the Governor and the Legislative Research Commission; and requires that the Kentucky Nuclear Energy Development Authority develop criteria for a nuclear-ready community designation.

MANDATED REPORT

APPOINTMENT

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SB 199

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles and making an appropriation.

Amends KRS 138.513 to correct a statutory reference; amends KRS 138.555 and 186A.520 to replace references to the National Automobile Dealers Association valuation manual with references to a vehicle valuation manual adopted by the Department of Revenue; amends sections of KRS 138.660 to 138.7291 to streamline application and tax filing procedures for motor carriers; amends KRS 174.990 and 224-43.350 to conform; amends KRS 186.018 to require that the Transportation Cabinet indefinitely keep driving history records of holders of commercial driver's license (CDLs) and commercial learner's permits; amends KRS 186.040 to set a reinstatement fee

of \$40 for a suspended or revoked registration, and to divide the fee evenly between the county clerk and the Transportation Cabinet; amends KRS 186.050 to specify that motor vehicles in excess of 10,000 pounds are commercial vehicles, to set registration fees for these vehicles, and to allow county clerks to retain \$1 of the electric vehicle fee assessed under KRS 138.475; amends KRS 186.060 to streamline procedures for application and issuance of registration for vehicles owned or leased by units of government; amends KRS 186.1911 to establish a \$5 fee for a replacement vehicle identification number plate; creates a new section of KRS 186.400 to 186.640 to require the Transportation Cabinet to report annually to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Transportation on identity document activity at each regional licensing office; amends KRS 186.410 to eliminate the stand-alone moped license; amends KRS 186.4122 to prohibit individuals from having more than one operator's license or personal identification card; amends KRS 186.4123 to make technical corrections; amends KRS 186A.035 to apply the year-round vehicle registration system to motor vehicles with a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less, to provide exceptions, and to require owners to supply their birth date during registration; amends KRS 186A.120 to allow that a transfer involving a motor vehicle sale from an individual in one county to an individual in a different county be processed by the county clerk of either county; amends KRS 281.720 to exempt vehicles operating on a peer-to-peer certificate from the requirement to display a motor carrier license plate; amends sections of KRS Chapter 281A regarding CDLs to define terms, to change references from "commercial driver's instruction permit" to "commercial learner's permit" throughout the chapter, to streamline procedures for application and testing of CDL applicants who are not residents of Kentucky, to specify the need for federally mandated entry-level driver training, to eliminate references to a moped license, to expand the testing exemption for CDL applicants who have military driving experience to include the knowledge test, to establish a lifetime CDL revocation penalty for any individual who uses a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of human trafficking, and to allow the Transportation Cabinet to adopt Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regulations in 49 C.F.R. pt. 383; and repeals KRS 174.450, which relates to a license to operate a municipal solid waste transportation vehicle, and KRS 281A.310, which relates to CDLs for nonresidents enrolled in instruction programs; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2025.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 215

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles.

Creates a new section of Subchapter 20 of KRS Chapter 224 to prohibit the Transportation Cabinet or any other state agency or political subdivision of the Commonwealth from adopting or enforcing emissions standards on new motor vehicles that are identical to the standards established by the State of California pursuant to the Clean Air Act.

SB 229

AN ACT relating to municipal utilities.

Amends KRS 42.747 to replace the member serving on the Blockchain Technology Working Group representing the Kentucky Municipal Utilities Association with a member representing municipal utilities and designated by the Kentucky League of Cities; amends KRS 96.780 to increase from \$20,000 to \$40,000 the maximum that a superintendent employed by an electric plant board contracting with the Tennessee Valley Authority may spend on behalf of the board without board approval; and amends KRS 224A.030 to replace the member serving on the

Kentucky Infrastructure Authority board representing the Kentucky Municipal Utilities Association with a member representing a municipal utility that provides water and wastewater services and is designated by the Kentucky League of Cities.

SB 240

AN ACT relating to child care.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 199.892 to 199.896 to allow the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to give child-care benefits to foster parents who work outside the home or telework inside the home, and to require the cabinet to apply for a waiver if deemed necessary by the cabinet.

SB 249

AN ACT relating to sex offenders.

Creates a new section of KRS 17.500 to 17.580 to define “social media platform,” to require sex offenders who have committed a criminal offense against a victim who is a minor to display their full legal name on social media platforms, and to provide penalties.

SB 255

AN ACT relating to social work.

Amends KRS 335.158 to establish requirements and standards for the provision of social work services via telehealth.

SB 259

AN ACT relating to the board of the West End Opportunity Partnership.

Amends KRS 65.503, relating to the board of the West End Opportunity Partnership, to stipulate that the board has the authority to set its own procedures to determine successors, to allow more than one nominee from the institutions from which members are appointed by the Governor listed in paragraph (f) of subsection (1) of the section, and to allow successor members to be appointed to the board if an institution refuses to comply with the board procedures for successor determination, in which event the institution is deemed to have forfeited its membership.

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SB 265

AN ACT relating to teacher certification and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 161 to establish a teacher induction and mentor program, to require that the Education Professional Standards Board develop standards and guidance for the program, develop evaluations for new teachers, and submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission; amends KRS 161.030 to direct that an individual who completes a preparation program and passes the required assessments shall receive a five-year professional certificate, to provide that an out-of-state teacher who passes the required assessments shall receive a five-year professional certificate, to remove the provisions for a teacher internship requirement, and to direct that teacher certification be awarded upon successful completion of an educator preparation program or alternative certification pathway and passing of the required assessment and not be dependent on employment except for emergency certificates; amends KRS 161.048 to modify the Option 7 alternative teacher certification pathway, to remove some initial

candidate requirements, to allow provisional certification upon qualifying and enrolling in an approved institute, and to establish conditions for receiving a professional certificate; repeals KRS 161.1222 relating to the pilot teacher internship program; and amends sections of KRS Chapter 161 to conform.

MANDATED REPORT

SB 280

AN ACT relating to health facilities.

Creates new sections of KRS 205 to define terms and to direct that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services develop a Medicaid directed payment program to improve Medicaid reimbursement rates for qualifying hospitals located in counties with a Medicaid population greater than statewide median Medicaid enrollment percentage; amends KRS 205.6405 to revise the definition of “qualifying hospital” for the hospital rate improvement program; and amends KRS 216B.065 to require that the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville, and any medical system or college or school of medicine affiliate thereof receive approval from the General Assembly before acquiring or constructing an acute care hospital.

SB 285

AN ACT relating to name, image, and likeness activities of intercollegiate student-athletes and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 164.6945 to provide that specified subsections apply to name, image, and likeness agreement activities only to the extent that a national intercollegiate athletic association may lawfully regulate or restrict a student-athlete’s agreements to receive compensation in exchange for his or her name, image, or likeness, including as modified, currently or in the future, by a court of competent jurisdiction and to the extent that the intercollegiate athletic association chooses to do so; EMERGENCY.

SB 297

AN ACT relating to programs of all-inclusive care for the elderly.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 216B to define “National Background Check Program” or “NBCP,” “PACE,” and “PACE service provider,” to exempt PACE service providers from obtaining a health facility license to provide PACE services, and to provide that a PACE service provider shall be eligible to participate and enroll in the NBCP.

SB 299

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and declaring an emergency.

Repeals and reenacts KRS 230.210, 230.225, 230.230, and 230.260 to replace the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission with the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation, to establish definitions, to grant the corporation jurisdiction over all forms of horse racing, horse breed integrity, sports wagering, charitable gaming, and pari-mutuel wagering and exclude the state lottery established under KRS Chapter 154A, to set the corporation and president’s powers and duties, to direct the Governor to appoint the corporation president from a list of three names provided by the board, to abolish the racing commission and the Department of Charitable Gaming on July 1, 2024, and July 1, 2025, respectively, and to transfer all personnel, equipment, and funding to the corporation; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 230 to provide that the president may establish offices run by office managers to address corporation topics, to establish a board of

directors to administer the corporation, to set up board appointments and composition, to create the powers and duties of the board and its members, to require a criminal background check for board members and staff, to make the board, president, managers, and staff of the corporation subject to KRS Chapter 11A but exempt from KRS Chapters 18A and 64, and to maintain employee participation in state employee retirement, health insurance, life insurance, and deferred compensation; amends KRS 230.215 to establish a policy to strictly regulate charitable gaming; amends sections of KRS Chapters 138, 230, and 238 to conform with the transfer to the corporation; amends KRS 11A.010, 11A.040, 12.020, 12.252, 15.380, 15.728, 18A.115, 68.182, 91.202, 92.282, 137.170, 139.200, 243.262, 243.500, 247.220, 257.196, 257.472, 321.185, 528.010, and 528.110 to conform; repeals KRS 230.250; makes sections applying to the racing commission effective on July 1, 2024, and amendments related to charitable gaming effective on July 1, 2025; transfers records, files, and documents for racing and charitable gaming on those same dates; keeps the executive director of the racing commission serving on January 1, 2024, as the interim president of the corporation for two years starting on July 1, 2024; requires that the Public Protection Cabinet assist in the transitions of the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and the Department of Charitable Gaming into parts of the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation; establishes a charity game ticket moratorium from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2025, that applies only to playing electronic charity game tickets at additional locations beyond a charity's office, at licensed bingo locations, and at pre-approved charitable fundraising event locations; and prevents any changes to names of agencies and officers from voiding amendments in other bills enacted during the 2024 Regular Session; EMERGENCY.

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SB 319

AN ACT relating to victims of crime.

Amends KRS 49.280 to expand definitions relating to crime victims compensation; amends KRS 49.300 to specify duties of the Crime Victims Compensation Board; amends KRS 49.310 to allow family members and caregivers of a victim to file claims; amends KRS 49.330 to increase access for victims to file claims; amends KRS 49.340 to limit the time for an investigation; amends KRS 49.350 to allow a claim in default to be revived; amends KRS 49.360 to increase the allowable amount of emergency awards; amends KRS 49.370 to raise award limits and expand the types of claims eligible for payment; amends KRS 49.390 to remove the requirement of financial hardship for the victim; amends KRS 49.400 to limit the penalty to the intentional filing of false information; amends KRS 216B.400 to increase the medical services eligible for reimbursement, amends KRS 216B.990 to require an online portal for reporting violations of KRS 216B.400 to aid in penalty enforcement; and amends KRS 49.380 to conform and to make technical corrections.

SB 349

AN ACT relating to energy policy and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to make findings and declarations; defines terms; establishes the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission and administratively attaches it to the University of Kentucky Center for Applied Energy Research (UK CAER); provides for membership of the commission board and executive committee; provides for gubernatorial appointments of members of the commission board and executive committee and requires Senate confirmation of those appointments; requires the election of two of the executive committee

members by the commission board from the board membership; provides for commission and executive committee terms; prohibits the compensation of members; makes members subject to the requirements of the executive branch code of ethics; provides for the election of the commission chair and vice chair; allows the executive committee to adopt bylaws governing the conduct of the commission's business; prohibits direct financial relationship between a member of the executive committee and a utility; prohibits a member from serving if it would cause a conflict with or result in the disclosure of confidential information relating to any research projects at UK CAER; requires recusal and replacement of an executive committee member to prevent disclosure of confidential information; prohibits the Governor from reorganizing the commission or executive committee; allows the commission to employ an executive director, subject to confirmation by the Senate; provides for the duties of the commission, which shall include the examination and study of energy generation related topics and review of the decommissioning notices given by utilities as required by the Act; requires that the commission submit annual reports on December 1 to the Legislative Research Commission, the Governor, and the Public Service Commission to make recommendations based on the issues that the commission has examined; requires any utility seeking to retire any existing coal, oil, or natural gas-fired electric generating plant to give notice to the executive committee no later than 180 days before submitting a retirement application to the Public Service Commission as required under KRS 278.264; provides for the requirements of the notice; prohibits the disclosure of confidential information as part of the notice; requires that, within 90 days of receiving a notice, the commission hold a public hearing in the county where the retirement is proposed to occur; requires that, within 135 days of receiving notice and after the public hearing has occurred, the executive committee submit a final report with written findings and recommendations regarding the retirement to the Public Service Commission; provides for inclusion of the executive committee's written report and any dissenting findings in any retirement application made to the Public Service Commission, which shall consider the findings before approving a retirement under KRS 278.264; requires that the executive committee or executive director, if authorized by the executive committee, have standing to intervene in any case or proceeding before the Public Service Commission; allows the executive committee to employ administrative staff or third-party consultants if funding is available; requires that the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission cease to exist on December 31, 2035; creates a new section of KRS 278.010 to 278.450 to require the Public Service Commission to issue final orders within eight months of the filing of an application by a utility; amends KRS 278.110 to require that final reports of investigations or special inquiries be filed within the public record for the case for which it was prepared; requires that the contracted person be subject to written information requests and cross-examination in any public hearing for the case in which the report was prepared; amends KRS 278.264 to require that an application for the retirement of an electric generating unit include a statement certifying compliance with the requirements of Section 1 of this Act; requires that the Public Service Commission find, in order to overcome the rebuttable presumption against the retirement, that a utility seeking to retire an electric generating unit will replace it with new electric generating capacity that has the same or higher capacity value and net capability, unless the utility can demonstrate that it is not necessary; requires that the Public Service Commission find, in order to overcome the rebuttable presumption against the retirement, that the retirement will not commence until the replacement generating capacity is fully constructed, permitted, and in operation, unless the utility can demonstrate that it is necessary to commence the retirement earlier; defines "dispatchable" and "intermittent"; and provides for the staggering of initial appointments to the Energy Planning and Inventory Commission; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT
APPOINTMENTS
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SB 376

AN ACT relating to reorganization of the Department of Law and declaring an emergency. Amends KRS 15.010, relating to the Office of the Attorney General, to rename and restructure units within the office; and amends various statutes to conform and make technical corrections; EMERGENCY.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 58

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating honorary names for various roads and bridges. Directs the Transportation Cabinet to designate memorial highways and bridges throughout the state and erect appropriate signage; and directs the Transportation Cabinet to honor individuals with signs on the Country Music Highway, United States Route 23.

SJR 132

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Council on Postsecondary Education to conduct a feasibility study on transforming the Hazard Community and Technical College into a four-year, residential university.

Directs the Council on Postsecondary Education to conduct a study on transforming the Hazard Community and Technical College into a four-year, residential university; and requires that the results of the study be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission by December 1, 2024.

MANDATED REPORT

SJR 140

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Public Service Commission to make all staffing, organizational, and administrative preparations necessary to be ready to discharge its regulatory duties relating to applications for the siting and construction of nuclear energy facilities in the Commonwealth.

Directs the Public Service Commission to make all staffing, organizational, and administrative preparations necessary to be ready to discharge its regulatory duties relating to applications for the siting and construction of nuclear energy facilities, including but not limited to conducting a survey of nuclear regulatory staff in other states, contracting with personnel with expertise in nuclear regulatory matters to be available to assist immediately with any nuclear siting or construction applications that may be filed with the commission, providing for the training of existing staff on nuclear siting and construction issues, amending the administrative regulations promulgated by the commission to require that electric utilities consider all generation resources, including nuclear resources, when developing their triennial integrated resource plans, and reviewing all other administrative regulations promulgated by the commission to ensure that there are no impediments to the effective regulation of nuclear facilities or any obstructions to the development of the nuclear ecosystem in the Commonwealth.

SJR 149

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Energy and Environment Cabinet to provide guidance and consultation on best management practices for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to entities that discharge directly or indirectly into Kentucky's waterways.

Directs the Energy and Environment Cabinet to provide guidance and consult on the best management practice for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) with entities that discharge into the waters of the Commonwealth.

SJR 170

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Council on Postsecondary Education to conduct a feasibility study on expanding postbaccalaureate program offerings at comprehensive universities.

Directs the Council on Postsecondary Education to conduct a study on expanding postbaccalaureate program offerings at comprehensive universities; and directs the council to consult with each president of a comprehensive university to consider a regional economic development or workforce development need that may be met by a postbaccalaureate program.

SJR 175

A JOINT RESOLUTION facilitating the deployment of broadband internet service to unserved and underserved citizens in the Commonwealth and declaring an emergency.

Directs the Public Service Commission to promulgate emergency administrative regulations on utility pole attachments for broadband service providers that will address the backlog of pole attachment requests; establishes parameters for preventing delays and backlogs of requests; requires the Public Service Commission to open a docket to receive comments and requests from affected parties; and requires the Public Service Commission to issue a quarterly report to the Legislative Research Commission beginning September 30, 2024; EMERGENCY.
MANDATED REPORT

SJR 176

A JOINT RESOLUTION establishing a Workforce Attraction and Retention Task Force to study how Kentucky can attract and retain skilled workers to address workforce needs throughout the state and declaring an emergency.

Establishes the Workforce Attraction and Retention Task Force; lists duties and members of the task force; requires the task force to meet monthly during the 2024 Interim of the General Assembly; requires the Cabinet for Economic Development to hire the consulting and strategic firm and provide a report to the task force by November 1, 2024; and requires the task force to submit a report by December 1, 2024, for referral to the appropriate committee or committees by December 31, 2024; EMERGENCY.

VETOED

SJR 179

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to determine and report findings and actions to improve and advance the existing system.

Directs the Kentucky Community and Technical College System to report findings and present action steps on improving and advancing the system to the Legislative Research Commission by December 10, 2024.

MANDATED REPORT

House Bills

HB 1

AN ACT relating to government agencies, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Appropriates General Fund moneys from the Budget Reserve Trust Fund Account in fiscal years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 to various state agencies for miscellaneous projects and programs, and appropriates Restricted Funds from the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program Fund to Criminal Justice Training and State Police for various projects and purchases; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED IN PART

HB 2

AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to education funding.

Proposes a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky to authorize the General Assembly to provide for financial support for the education of students outside of the public school system; provides ballot language; and provides for submittal to voters for ratification or rejection.

HB 3

AN ACT relating to human trafficking.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 15 to permit the Attorney General to establish a working group to study and discuss human trafficking in the Commonwealth; amends KRS 15.706 to include forced labor in reporting data on human trafficking from the Prosecutors Advisory Council; amends KRS 176.415 to require that the Department of Highways post signs or window clings containing contact information for assistance for victims of human trafficking; amends KRS 183.075 to require that airports post signs or window clings containing contact information for assistance for victims of human trafficking, to establish penalties for noncompliance, and to require that penalties be paid to the human trafficking victims fund; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 219 to require that hotels post signs or window clings containing contact information for assistance for victims of human trafficking, to establish penalties for noncompliance, and to require that penalties be paid to the human trafficking victims fund; amends KRS 281.767 to require that truck stops and bus stations post signs or window clings containing contact information for assistance for victims of human trafficking, to establish penalties for noncompliance, and to require that penalties be paid to the human trafficking victims fund; amends KRS 529.110 to expand the definition of promoting human trafficking; amends KRS 529.140 to conform; and amends KRS 620.029 to require that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services include additional information regarding human trafficking in its annual report to the Legislative Research Commission.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 5

AN ACT relating to crimes and punishments.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 15A to require a local juvenile restorative justice advisory committee in each county or judicial district and to establish membership and duties; amends KRS 16.220 to allow purchase of a confiscated firearm by a person under the condition

that the person leaves the firearm with the Department of Kentucky State Police for destruction, to prohibit government agencies from purchasing the firearm, and to make technical corrections; creates new sections of KRS Chapters 65, 198A, and 511, to establish the offense of criminal street camping and provides exceptions; amends KRS 158.155 to require that school employees report certain enumerated crimes to law enforcement; amends KRS 186.417 to include felony offenders released from county jails and local correctional facilities among those who may be issued personal identification cards or operator's licenses under certain conditions; amends KRS 196.031 to require that the annual report include the percentage of offenders who commit new offenses within two years; amends KRS 202C.050 to reduce requirements for finding a person subject to involuntary commitment pursuant to KRS Chapter 202C; amends KRS 218A.1412 to provide increased penalties for certain trafficking offenses; amends KRS 431.510 to define terms, to prohibit any charitable bail organization from posting bail of \$5,000 or more, to prohibit any charitable bail organization from posting bail for any offense of domestic violence and abuse or dating violence and abuse or for any offense under a civil court order or warrant under KRS 222.430 to 222.437 or for a person who has previously received bail from a charitable bail organization, to establish that any bond ordered forfeited following a new criminal offense shall be distributed to the victim of the new offense, and to require publication of records and annual reporting to the General Assembly; amends KRS 433.236 to limit liability for shopkeepers; amends KRS 439.320 to provide that members of the Parole Board shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, that panels of the board shall consist of not less than three and not more than six members, and that all members of the panel must agree on a decision or the matter shall be referred to the full board; amends KRS 439.330 to require that parole be granted upon a two-thirds vote of the full board; amends KRS 439.340 to allow the Parole Board to order participation in a specific violence reduction program as a condition of parole; amends KRS 439.3401 to add to the definition of "violent offender" persons convicted of or entering a plea of guilty to the attempted commission of a capital or Class A felony offense, or the commission of robbery in the first degree, robbery in the second degree, arson in the first degree, strangulation in the first degree, carjacking, promoting contraband under certain circumstances, wanton endangerment under certain circumstances, burglary in the first degree under certain circumstances, or any felony resulting in death or serious injury, to require all violent offenders to serve 85 percent of their sentence before being eligible for parole, and to eliminate all earned sentence credits for violent offenders; amends KRS 500.080 to define "fentanyl derivative," and to include family members, members of an unmarried couple, and persons in a dating relationship in application of a particular definition of serious physical injury; amends KRS 506.010 to establish higher penalties for attempted murder of a first responder; amends KRS 506.040 to provide increased penalty for a person over 18 years of age who engages in a criminal conspiracy with a minor; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 507 to create the offense of murder of a first responder and to establish penalties; amends KRS 507.030 to expand offense of manslaughter in the first degree; amends KRS 507.040 to expand offense of manslaughter in the second degree; amends KRS 508.060 to make wanton endangerment in the first degree a Class C felony when it involves the discharge of a firearm; amends KRS 508.075 and 508.078, relating to terroristic threatening, to include any workplace or any gathering of three or more persons; amends KRS 512.020 and 512.030 to lower the threshold for criminal mischief in the first degree to \$500; amends KRS 514.020 to reduce the time required to establish prima facie evidence of theft by deception of rented or leased property that is not returned to the owner from 10 days to four days; amends KRS 514.030 to lengthen the time period for aggregating theft offenses and to establish venue; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 515 for a new offense of

carjacking; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 520 to create the offense of fleeing or evading police in the third degree; amends KRS 520.015 to expand the offense of attempting to escape from the penitentiary; amends KRS 520.050 to enhance promoting contraband to a Class C felony if the contraband is fentanyl, carfentanil, or a fentanyl derivative; amends KRS 520.095 to enhance fleeing or evading police in the first degree to a Class C felony and to provide that a defendant shall not be released on probation, shock probation, conditional discharge, or parole without serving at least 50 percent of the sentence imposed; amends KRS 520.100 to enhance fleeing or evading police in the second degree to a Class D felony; amends KRS 524.040 to include harassing communications as conduct constituting intimidation of a participant in the legal process; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 532 to define “violent felony,” to enhance sentencing for a person convicted of a third violent felony, and to prohibit probation, parole, or other form of release for a person who commits a crime using a stolen firearm, or a firearm possessed after having been convicted of a felony; amends KRS 532.025 to include the murder of first responders as an aggravating circumstance for the death penalty; amends KRS 532.036 to allow restitution following a conviction for murder of a first responder; amends KRS 532.110 to provide that sentences for two or more felony sex crimes shall run consecutively and to provide that the defendant shall not be released on probation, shock probation, conditional discharge, or parole without serving at least 50 percent of the sentence imposed; amends KRS 533.030 to allow a court to require participation in a specific violence reduction program as a condition of probation or conditional discharge; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 610 to establish penalty; amends KRS 610.070 to require that a parent, legal guardian, or custodian be present at court proceedings involving a child in the juvenile justice system; amends KRS 149.410, 158.148, 218A.133, 218A.1402, 503.080, 506.160, 525.045, and 525.220 to conform; and repeals KRS 158.154, which deals with discipline in schools, and KRS 512.040, which establishes the crime of criminal mischief in the third degree; EFFECTIVE, in part, August 1, 2025.

VETOED

VETO OVERRIDDEN

HB 6

AN ACT relating to appropriations measures providing funding and establishing conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, cabinets, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, subdivisions, agencies, and other state-supported activities.

The State/Executive Branch Budget: Details Part I, Operating Budget; details Part II, Capital Projects Budget; details Part III, General Provisions; details Part IV, State Salary/Compensation, Benefit, and Employment Policy; details Part V, Funds Transfer; details Part VI, General Fund Budget Reduction Plan; details Part VII, General Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; details Part VIII, Road Fund Budget Reduction Plan; details Part IX, Road Fund Surplus Expenditure Plan; details Part X, Phase I Tobacco Settlement; and details Part XI, Executive Branch Budget Summary; APPROPRIATION.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED IN PART

VETO OVERRIDDEN

HB 7

AN ACT relating to autonomous vehicles.

Creates various sections of KRS Chapter 186 to establish a regulatory framework for the operation of fully autonomous vehicles on public highways, to define terms, to establish requirements for autonomous vehicles and automated driving systems, to provide that from the effective date of the Act until July 31, 2026, any fully autonomous vehicle for which the declared gross weight is more than 62,000 pounds shall be required to have an appropriately credentialed human driver in the vehicle to monitor the automated driving system and intervene if necessary, to require submission of a law enforcement interaction plan with the Transportation Cabinet and the Kentucky State Police, to identify required elements of the plan, to establish requirements for proof of insurance or self-insurance in the amount of \$1 million for death or bodily injury and property damage for personal and commercial fully autonomous vehicles, to require titling and registration of fully autonomous vehicles, to establish the Transportation Cabinet as the sole agency responsible for administering statutes and regulations regarding fully autonomous vehicles, and to limit the regulatory authority of local governments in regard to the operation of fully autonomous vehicles; amends KRS 186.410 to establish that, when an automated driving system is installed and engaged on a motor vehicle, the owner of a fully autonomous vehicle shall be considered operator of the vehicle for the purpose of assessing compliance with traffic or motor vehicle laws, and that the automated driving system is considered to be licensed to operate the vehicle; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 189 to exempt fully autonomous vehicles designed to be operated exclusively by an automated driving system from any vehicle equipment requirements of KRS 189.020 to KRS 189.205 that relate to vehicle operation by a human driver; amends KRS 189.635 to establish responsibility for the filing of accident reports and notification of law enforcement after accidents involving fully autonomous vehicles; amends KRS 281.010 to define terms relating to the operation of fully autonomous vehicles as motor carriers; amends KRS 281.630 to establish that any administrative regulations promulgated by the department that apply only to a human driver shall not apply to a fully autonomous vehicle; amends KRS 281.655 to establish minimum insurance requirements for fully autonomous vehicles operating under a certificate issued under KRS Chapter 281 in the amount of \$1 million for death or bodily injury and property; and amends KRS 281.764, effective August 1, 2026, to require only the lead vehicle in a truck platoon to have a human driver behind the wheel; EFFECTIVE, in part, August 1, 2026.

VETOED

VETO OVERRIDDEN

HB 8

AN ACT relating to fiscal matters, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 68.200 to define “gross receipts” and to apply the license fee to gross receipts derived from transportation network company services; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 131 to require that the Department of Revenue submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission and the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue pertaining to tax law changes and actions taken by the department; amends KRS 131.010 to define “administrative writings” and “tax form”; amends KRS 131.020 to establish requirements for the Office of Tax Policy and Regulation within the Department of Revenue to publish administrative writings, tax forms, and instructions to the tax forms on its website; amends KRS 131.030, 131.081, 131.130, and 131.131 to conform; amends KRS 131.190 to allow reporting of information by the Department of Revenue; amends KRS 131.400, 131.420, 131.435, 131.440, and 131.445 to require that the Department of Revenue offer a tax amnesty program, to provide various revenue measures

for the operation of certain state agencies, to allow the Executive Branch Ethics Commission to increase the registration fee to provide funding for a new online filing system, to require that the Office of the State Budget Director submit reports on tax expenditure recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission and the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue, and to apply specified provisions to 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026 fiscal years; amends KRS 138.472 to define terms and to allow a bad debt deduction for the motor vehicle rental and ride share excise tax; amends KRS 138.475 and 186.050 to remove hybrid vehicles from the electric vehicle ownership fee; amends KRS 138.510 to redistribute up to \$250,000 per fiscal year in historical horse racing pari-mutuel tax revenues to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission for the benefit of Thoroughbred, standardbred, and American quarter horse aftercare facilities in Kentucky and up to \$250,000 per fiscal year to the Kentucky equine management internship program, to eliminate distributions of the excise tax on historical horse races to the Kentucky Thoroughbred and standardbred breeders incentive funds, to include the Bluegrass Community and Technical College in the distribution of pari-mutuel tax revenues that are required to be used for construction, expansion or renovation of facilities or the purchase of equipment for equine programs, and to require the host track to grant the Tourism, Arts, and Heritage Cabinet a race title sponsorship and promotional package at multiple-day international harness racing event with purses and awards over \$5 million; amends KRS 138.513 to make a technical correction; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 139 to allow a sales and use tax exemption for a preliminarily approved company or an approved company; amends KRS 139.470 to increase the sales and use tax de minimis filing threshold to \$12,000; amends KRS 139.480 to exempt the sale, use, storage, or consumption of currency and bullion from sales and use tax; amends KRS 140.040 to define “power of appointment” to mean only a general power of appointment; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to allow an income tax credit for the sales and use tax paid on a qualified broadband investment in this state; amends KRS 141.010 to update the Internal Revenue Code reference date to the Internal Revenue Code in effect on December 31, 2023, for income tax purposes; amends KRS 141.020 to further define “GF appropriations” to exclude any appropriation from the budget reserve trust fund account that is supported solely by moneys from the budget reserve trust fund account and specifically identified in the appropriation language as not being a GF appropriation; extends the sunset date to January 1, 2027, in relation to the exclusions from income tax earned by nonresident disaster response employees and disaster response businesses; amends KRS 141.0205 to order the qualified broadband investment tax credit; amends KRS 141.039 to delay the deferred tax deduction until January 1, 2026; amends KRS 141.040 to extend the sunset date to January 1, 2027, in relation to the exclusions from income tax earned by disaster response businesses; amends KRS 143.022 to allow refunds of tax paid on coal transported directly to a market outside of North America until July 1, 2026; creates new sections of Subchapter 20 of KRS Chapter 154 to establish an economic development program for data centers, to define terms, to make declarations and state purposes for the sales and use tax incentive, to provide a process for companies to apply, to prohibit the rehabilitation or replacement of existing data centers, and to require a memorandum of agreement between the Cabinet for Economic Development and an eligible company; amends KRS 154.30-010 to allow modified new revenues for income tax to be used for calendar years 2023 to 2026; amends KRS 186.010 to eliminate the definition of “hybrid vehicle”; amends KRS 186.162 to require the Transportation Cabinet to identify the cost of issuing a child victims’ trust fund special license plate and to require the transfer of revenues received in excess of the cost to the child victims’ trust fund; amends KRS 186.531 to eliminate fees for obtaining certain personal identification cards; amends KRS 224.50-868 to extend the fee currently

imposed for each new motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer tire sold in Kentucky to July 1, 2026; amends KRS 224.60-130 to extend the date for reimbursements of corrective action projects using moneys in the petroleum storage tank account; amends KRS 224.60-142 to extend the date of registration for owners of petroleum storage tanks containing motor fuels in order to be eligible to participate in the fund and extends the date allowing owners and operators to submit affidavits and applications through July 15, 2031, relevant to current petroleum storage tank accounts; amends KRS 224.60-145 to extend the small operator assistance and small operator tank removal accounts to July 15, 2031; amends KRS 230.400 to require that \$100,000 each fiscal year be transferred from the Kentucky Thoroughbred development fund to the Kentucky problem gambling assistance account; amends KRS 230.445 to require that \$25,000 each fiscal year be transferred from the Kentucky quarter horse, paint horse, Appaloosa, and Arabian development fund to the Kentucky problem gambling assistance account; amends KRS 230.770 to require that \$75,000 each fiscal year be transferred from the Kentucky standardbred development fund to the Kentucky problem gambling assistance account, to require the racing commission to account for all moneys within the standardbred development fund by separating those moneys as required for distribution, to establish an international harness racing event reserve account for a Kentucky track that hosts an international harness racing event spanning several days and distributes at least \$5 million in purses and awards, and beginning July 31, 2024, to provide that \$300,000 from the standardbred development fund be transferred annually to the international harness racing reserve account until the reserve account reaches \$900,000; RETROACTIVE; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY; EFFECTIVE, in part, August 1, 2024, and January 1, 2025.
VETOED IN PART

HB 11

AN ACT relating to nicotine products.

Amends KRS 241.060 to allow the State Alcoholic Beverage Control Board to conduct hearings and appeals; amends KRS 438.305 to define terms, to require the Secretary of State to create and publish a list of certain tobacco product retailers, to require the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control to create and maintain a tobacco noncompliance database and reporting system, to require wholesalers to verify a retailer's presence in the database prior to transactions, to establish and impose fines for wholesalers that unlawfully sell to a retailer that is in the noncompliance database, to make any retailer with unpaid fines that are more than 60 days overdue ineligible to sell Tobacco Control Act covered products until the fines are paid, to direct manufacturers of Tobacco Control Act covered products to provide safe harbor certification to wholesalers and retailers of their products, and to prohibit a retailer from selling Tobacco Control Act products to persons under 21 years of age; and amends KRS 438.340 to create new civil penalties and appeals process; effective January 1, 2025.

HB 13

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Product Development Initiative and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of subchapter 21 of KRS Chapter 154 to establish the Kentucky Product Development Initiative of 2024; amends KRS 154.21-015 to define "county population ranking," "population density," and "ten (10) year percentage change in population" and to redefine other terms; amends KRS 154.21-020 to designate reporting requirements and to restrict

the Kentucky Product Development Initiative of 2022 to fiscal years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024; and amends KRS 154.21-035 to make technical corrections; EMERGENCY; June 1, 2024.
MANDATED REPORT

HB 15

AN ACT relating to consumer data privacy and making an appropriation therefor.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 367 to establish consumer rights relating to personal data; defines terms; exempts certain persons or entities from the statutory provisions of this Act; establishes certain consumer rights relating to personal data, including the rights to confirm whether data is being processed, to correct any inaccuracies in the consumer's personal data, to delete personal data provided by the consumer, to obtain a copy of the consumer's personal data that was previously provided, and to opt out of targeted advertising, the sale of data, or profiling of the consumer; sets forth requirements for persons or entities that control and process consumer data; establishes that the Attorney General has exclusive authority to enforce the consumer data privacy rights; creates a consumer privacy fund to be administered by the Office of the Attorney General; and provides that the Act may be cited as the Kentucky Consumer Data Protection Act. EFFECTIVE January 1, 2026.

HB 17

AN ACT relating to ophthalmic dispensers.

Amends KRS 326.080 to require that the license renewal fee for practicing ophthalmic dispensing be established by the Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers through promulgation of administrative regulation.

HB 18

AN ACT relating to the rights of property owners and declaring an emergency.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 65 to prohibit local governments from adopting or enforcing ordinances that prohibit owners of housing accommodations from refusing to lease or rent the housing accommodation to a person whose source of income to pay rent includes funding from a federal housing assistance program, and to prohibit local governments from requiring an owner of property occupied by an individual other than the owner to pay an emergency response fee that arises out of the actions of a person for which the owner has no control; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 383 to prohibit local governments from adopting or enforcing any ordinance relating to landlord or tenant laws that conflicts with state law; EMERGENCY.

VETOED

VETO OVERRIDDEN

HB 22

AN ACT relating to automated external defibrillators.

Amends KRS 311.667 to remove the requirement for medical oversight of an automated external defibrillator program.

HB 29

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles.

Amends KRS 189.503 to allow local governments to apply to the Transportation Cabinet for permission to include segments of state-maintained highways in racing events permitted by a local government; and amends KRS 189.505 to conform.

HB 30

AN ACT relating to veterans.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 40 establishing the Kentucky Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Suicide Prevention Program; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 337 requiring the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs to create and distribute a veterans' benefits and services document to employers and to allow employers to keep copies of the document in a conspicuous and accessible place.

HB 31

AN ACT relating to Medicaid coverage for at-home anticoagulation management.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to require the Department for Medicaid Services and any managed care organization contracted for the delivery of Medicaid services to provide coverage and reimbursement for at-home prothrombin time or international normalized ratio (INR) testing, including but not limited to coverage and reimbursement for education and training, INR monitors or testing devices, and all necessary testing supplies; authorizes the department to promulgate administrative regulations; requires the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or the department to seek federal approval if it is determined that such approval is necessary; and requires the cabinet to comply with KRS 205.525.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 40

AN ACT relating to water and wastewater systems.

Creates a combined Kentucky Board of Certification of Water and Wastewater System Operators; provides for board duties and membership; requires that on or before December 31, 2024, the board, in conjunction with the Drinking Water Advisory Workgroup and the Clean Water Advisory Workgroup, make recommendations for the establishment of a voluntary certification program for supervisors of certified operators of water or sewage treatment plant systems; requires that the recommendations include suggestions for the establishment of a voluntary shared services certification program for supervisors or certified operators of combined water or sewage treatment plants or systems and suggestions for the establishment of a program or strategy for recruiting applicants to work in the operation of water treatment plants or distribution systems who are not currently participating in apprenticeships or certification programs administered by the cabinet; amends KRS 223.160, 223.170, 223.200, 223.210, and 224.73-110 to conform; provides for the staggering of the terms of initial appointments to the Kentucky Board of Certification of Water and Wastewater System Operators; and provides for the transfer of documents and the continuity of actions from the Kentucky Board of Certification of Wastewater System Operators and the Kentucky Board of Certification of Water Treatment and Distribution System Operators to the Kentucky Board of Certification of Water and Wastewater System Operators.

HB 43

AN ACT relating to fire protection.

Creates a new section of KRS 75.100 to 75.260 to require a fire protection district, volunteer fire department district, or subdistrict to host a public hearing and provide notice of the hearing when making a change to fire protection services involving communications, firefighting resources, or water supply that will likely downgrade fire service ratings.

HB 44

AN ACT relating to elections.

Amends KRS 30A.145 to require that the Administrative Office of the Courts prepare, on the first Tuesday of each month, a list of all persons who were excused from jury duty for not being a United States citizen; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 116 to require the Secretary of State, in cooperation with the State Board of Elections, to issue a comprehensive status report regarding voter registration records cleanup and maintenance on or before July 1 of each year, to establish information to be included in the report, to require that the report be issued to the Legislative Research Commission and made available to the public on the Secretary of State's and board's official websites, to require that persons be contacted about their voter registrations only by mail, and to provide that anomalies and discrepancies may be reported via a publicly available web link; amends KRS 116.113 to require that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services provide a lifetime copy of the Kentucky death records to the board on or before July 1 each year, and to require that the board remove from voter registration records the name of a person who has been excused from jury duty for not being a United States citizen; amends KRS 116.0452 to conform; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 117 to prohibit a ranked-choice voting method.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED

VETO OVERRIDDEN

HB 52

AN ACT relating to coverage for cancer detection.

Creates a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to define "cancer screening, test, or procedure," and to require coverage for certain cancer screenings, tests, and procedures; and amends KRS 18A.225, 164.2871, and 205.522 to require Medicaid, self-insured employer group health plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution, and the state employee health plan to comply with the cancer coverage requirement, to provide that various sections apply to health benefit plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025, to establish the construction of certain provisions for purposes of federal law and to require state officials to comply, to require that the Department of Insurance determine whether the coverage requirement for cancer detection would be in addition to essential health benefits required under federal law, and to require that the Department of Insurance and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services seek federal waivers, if necessary; EFFECTIVE, in part, January 1, 2025.

HB 53

AN ACT relating to elections and making an appropriation therefor.

Amends KRS 117.001 to remove the definition of "risk-limiting audit" and to remove language from the defined term of "voting machine" or "machine" regarding a direct recording electronic voting machine; amends KRS 117.383 to require that the Secretary of State or his or her designee randomly select at least one ballot scanner and one race tabulated on that scanner for a hand-to-eye recount, to require that the hand-to-eye recount be performed by each county board

of elections or its designee, and to establish the process for the hand-to-eye recount; appropriates to the State Board of Elections \$1.2 million in fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$1.2 million in fiscal year 2025-2026 to reimburse each county clerk up to \$5,000 for actual expenses incurred for each election in which the clerk conducts a hand-to-eye recount; and amends 117.295 to conform; APPROPRIATION.

HB 56

AN ACT relating to licensed professionals.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 335.010 to 335.170 to declare the purpose of the Social Work Licensure Compact, to define terms, to set requirements for member states, to establish provisions for active duty military personnel or their spouses, to recognize a multistate licensure privilege to practice for regulated social workers in any member state, including practice via telehealth, to designate procedures for adverse actions against a social worker, to create the Social Work Licensure Compact Commission, to establish and elect an executive committee, to provide immunity for party states, officers, employees, or representatives of the commission acting within the compact, to require the commission to create, maintain, operate, and use a coordinated database and reporting system containing licensure, adverse actions, and investigative information on all member state licensees, to establish rulemaking procedures, to authorize the commission to attempt to resolve compact disputes that arise among member states and between member and nonmember states, to create member state compact withdrawal procedures, to include severability for any unconstitutional or misapplied compact provision, and to describe Kentucky state procedures that affect the applicability of the compact; amends KRS 319.050 and 319.064 to extend the grace period from 60 days to 180 days, allowing temporary licensure while applications are pending, and to remove outdated language; and amends KRS 319.053 to reduce the five-year supervision requirement to two years for a licensed psychological associate to qualify as a licensed psychological practitioner.

HB 57

AN ACT relating to emergency medical services and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 311A.030 to remove the classifications of ambulance services, mobile integrated healthcare programs, and medical first response providers; amends KRS 311A.142 to permit an emergency medical responder, emergency medical technician, advanced emergency medical technician, or paramedic in good standing in another state to be eligible for reciprocity at the same level of certification or licensure; amends KRS 142.301, 205.5602, 211.9523, 311A.010, 311A.170, and 405.075 to conform; and repeals KRS 311A.185, relating to determination of death by a paramedic; EMERGENCY.

HB 68

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle license plates.

Amends KRS 186.162 to set fees for personalized license plates for recreational vehicles and to change extra fees for additional special license plates to match their initial fee upon renewal; and amends KRS 186.174 to allow issuance of personalized vehicle license plates to recreational vehicles registered under KRS 186.050(11), and to eliminate fees for a personalized standard-issue license plate in excess of those identified in KRS 186.162; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025.

HB 87

AN ACT relating to adoption records.

Amends KRS 199.572 to permit the child, grandchild, or sibling of a deceased birth parent or deceased adoptee to be given the right to inspect adoption papers and records, to establish new language that allows the court to determine who has access to adoption records on a case-by-case basis, to establish that both birth parents have to be deceased or provide consent before the adoption records can be inspected, and to provide that the court shall authorize an adult adopted person to inspect his or her adoption records; and amends KRS 199.570 to conform.

HB 88

AN ACT relating to unlawful trade practices and declaring an emergency.

Repeals, reenacts, and amends KRS 286.2-685 as a new section of Subtitle 3 of KRS Chapter 286 to make technical amendments, to remove prohibition against use of financial institution names in certain marketing and solicitations, and to establish a civil penalty for violation; amends KRS 324.160 to establish that regulating real estate service contracts by real estate licensees is improper conduct and to provide that the provisions of the Act are severable; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 367 to prohibit the use of financial institution names in the marketing and solicitations of persons who are not financial institutions in certain circumstances; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 367 to regulate certain real estate service agreements, to make recording of certain real estate service agreements a crime, to provide penalties for violation of recording prohibition, to make an unfair, false, misleading, or deceptive trade practice a violation of KRS 367.170, to authorize enforcement of the section by the Attorney General, and to authorize the Attorney General to promulgate administrative regulations; and makes an unfair, false, misleading, or deceptive trade practice a violation of KRS 367.170, authorizes enforcement by the Attorney General and any trade organization representing one or more financial institution industries, and establishes remedies for violation; RETROACTIVE, in part; EMERGENCY.

HB 99

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority.

Amends sections of KRS Chapters 16, 61, and 78 to make technical and housekeeping changes relating to the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority's (KPPA's) administration of the systems governed by the Kentucky Retirement Systems and the County Employees Retirement System boards of trustees, including: amends KRS 16.505, 61.510, and 78.510 to make changes and additions to definitions; repeals, reenacts, and amends KRS 16.652, 61.546, and 61.692 in response to a Kentucky Supreme Court decision and makes technical changes; amends KRS 61.505 to rename the position of internal auditor to chief auditor and to conform with prior legislation; amends KRS 61.525 and 78.540 to remove outdated language and to comply with federal law regarding membership in the retirement plans; amends KRS 61.552 to require Tier 3 members to remit employee contributions before receiving military service credit; amends KRS 61.569 to provide process for repayment of employee contributions after a member's employment is reinstated by order of a court or tribunal; amends KRS 61.615 to permit KPPA to employ vocational experts to review and evaluate employment information in disability review cases and to remove review of physical exertion requirement when disability is due solely to a mental illness; amends KRS 61.625 regarding procedures for members who receive a refund in error or who have taken a refund and subsequently have their reemployment reinstated; amends KRS 61.637 and 78.5540 to conform to the process for repayment of employee contributions after a member's

employment is reinstated by order of a court or tribunal; amends KRS 61.645 and 78.782 to permit voting by telephone in trustee elections and to extend the deadline for posting board minutes from 72 hours to three business days; amends KRS 61.665 to change the process for the review of disability applications to permit one medical examiner to review initial applications and approve a member for disability with no additional reviews required, but if disability is denied, implement up to two more examiners to achieve majority consensus for approval or disapproval of disability; amends KRS 61.705 and 78.5538 to provide that the death benefit of \$5,000 is payable to a beneficiary of the member, not the member, and is not subject to garnishment, unless the beneficiary is the member's estate or there is an overpayment of benefits or outstanding balance owed to the system; and amends KRS 61.685, 61.702, 78.530, 78.5528, 78.5536, 78.640, and 78.852 to make conforming and technical changes.

HB 100

AN ACT relating to birth certificates.

Amends KRS 213.141 to establish that a homeless individual as defined in KRS 198A.700, or a homeless youth, as defined in 42 U.S.C. sec. 11434a(2), who is under the age of 25 does not have to pay a fee to get a copy of his or her birth certificate.

HB 109

AN ACT relating to swimming pools and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 211 to define terms, to establish lifeguard requirements for Class A and Class B pools, to allow swimming coaches or instructors providing instruction to count as lifeguards, to allow Class A and Class B pools to submit an alternative lifeguard staffing plan, to require that all Class A and Class B pools be equipped with an emergency shut-off switch that is accessible to lifeguards and other pool staff, to exempt single-family residences not used in connection with a home occupation or business, and to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to promulgate administrative regulations; EMERGENCY

HB 115

AN ACT relating to coverage for breast examinations.

Amends KRS 18A.225 and 164.2871 to require the state employee health plan and self-insured employer group health plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution to comply with breast examination coverage requirements; amends KRS 304.17-316 to define terms, to make technical corrections, to prohibit cost-sharing requirements for any covered diagnostic breast examination or supplemental breast examination, to provide for additional coverage if required under federal law, and to provide exemption to Health Savings Account-qualified High Deductible Health Plans under certain circumstances; and amends KRS 304.17A-096, 304.17A-133, 304.18-098, 304.32-1591, and 304.38-1935 to conform; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025.

HB 122

AN ACT relating to revenue and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 132.010 and 136.010, relating to certain property taxes, to include certain mains, pipes, pipelines, and conduits in the definition of "real property"; amends KRS 132.590 to declare that property valuation administrators (PVAs) are officers whose jurisdiction and duties are coextensive to that of the Commonwealth as stated in Section 246 of the Constitution of

Kentucky, to update the PVA salary schedule, to prohibit PVA salaries from exceeding limits in the Constitution and adjusted for inflation by statute, and to provide that certain PVAs who did not receive an eight percent raise in July 2022 and who are still in office receive a lump-sum payment of eight percent of the sum received for the time between the effective date of the Act and July 1, 2022; amends KRS 138.477 to exempt charging stations with a charging capacity of less than 20 kilowatts from the electric vehicle power tax; and applies Section 1 of the Act retroactively to January 1, 2024; EMERGENCY.

HB 130

AN ACT relating to soil and water conservation and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 147A.029 to allow soil and water conservation districts and watershed conservancy districts to use funds appropriated for the Local Match Participation Program for flood-related projects with federal government agencies, including the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service; amends KRS 262.240 to provide immunity to a supervisor serving on a soil and water conservation board; creates a new section of KRS 262.700 to 262.795 to establish the procedure for the discontinuance of watershed conservancy district boards, to allow any soil and water conservation district or fiscal court where the watershed conservancy district lies to initiate the discontinuance if the watershed conservancy board fails to meet over the course of one year or longer or fails to adopt and fund a budget, to provide for public notice requirements, to allow for a public hearing to be requested, to require a vote on the discontinuance to be held by the body proposing the discontinuance within 30 days of the public hearing or, if no public hearing is requested, within 30 days of the expiration of the time period in which the public hearing could be requested, to require that if the proposing body votes in favor of discontinuance, then all soil and water conservation districts and fiscal courts where any portion of the watershed conservancy district lies shall hold discontinuance votes within 30 days, to provide that if all voting entities vote in favor of discontinuance or fail to vote, then the watershed conservancy district board shall be discontinued, to provide that if the watershed conservancy district board is discontinued, then the watershed conservancy district shall remain intact and the landowners within the district shall continue to pay the watershed conservancy district tax to the soil and water conservation district or districts in which the watershed conservancy district lies, to require the soil and water conservation district board or boards where the discontinued watershed conservancy district lies to assume all of the rights and responsibilities of the watershed conservancy district board, and to allow that a discontinued watershed conservancy district board be reestablished; amends KRS 262.740 to provide immunity to a director serving on a watershed conservancy district board; amends KRS 262.742 to require that if a vacancy occurs on a watershed conservation district board, the board shall give public notice of the vacancy in the watershed conservancy district; amends KRS 262.760 to provide that if a watershed conservancy district fails to prepare and fund a budget within the first quarter of the year, the soil and water conservation district board or boards where the watershed conservancy district lies may prepare and fund a budget for the watershed conservancy district; repeals KRS 262.791 relating to district discontinuance; and amends KRS 262.793 to allow soil and water conservation board or boards that inherit funds and taxing authority from a discontinued watershed conservancy district board to make periodic adjustments to the revenues they collect and to spend the funds collected on the same works of improvement that are within the watershed conservancy district, even if they are outside of the soil and water conservation district collecting the revenue; EMERGENCY.

HB 135

AN ACT relating to solid waste management service companies.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 109 to define “confidential business information” and to provide that no county or waste management district shall compel the production or submission of confidential business information from a solid waste management service company.

HB 136

AN ACT relating to environmental audits.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 77 to define “environmental audit” and to provide that a person or facility subject to the requirements of KRS Chapter 77 that performs an environmental audit according to the requirements of KRS 224.1-040 shall be entitled to all of the benefits, privileges, and protections afforded by that section; and amends KRS 224.1-040 to allow facilities regulated by air pollution control districts established under KRS Chapter 77 to avail themselves of the same environmental audit process available to facilities regulated by the Energy and Environment Cabinet under KRS Chapter 224, to allow owners or operators of facilities regulated by air pollution control boards under KRS Chapter 77 to make voluntary disclosures as a result of the findings of an environmental audit, to create an environmental audit privilege to protect the confidentiality of communications relating to voluntary internal environmental audits of facilities regulated under KRS Chapter 77, and to prohibit an air pollution control district from seeking civil penalties against a facility for a violation of KRS Chapter 77 or the rules, orders, or administrative regulations promulgated thereunder if certain conditions are met.

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HB 137

AN ACT relating to assistant county attorneys.

Amends KRS 69.300 to remove the residency requirement for assistant county attorneys.

HB 142

AN ACT relating to products that contain nicotine.

Repeals, reenacts, and amends KRS 438.345 as a new section of KRS Chapter 158; requires local boards of education to adopt policies that penalize students for possessing alternative nicotine products, tobacco products, or vapor products and lists penalties; requires school districts to report annually to the Kentucky Department of Education; requires the department to report to the Legislative Research Commission the number of nicotine-related behavior incidents in schools and the number requiring medical intervention; requires schools to provide evidence-based age-appropriate nicotine prevention and cessation information to all students at the beginning of the school year and access to materials throughout the school year; requires a school to provide nicotine cessation information upon the first incident, requires a school to provide disciplinary action in accordance with the district’s code of acceptable behavior upon the second incident, and allows for in-school or out-of-school suspension and the opportunity to complete a nicotine education program for the third and subsequent incidents; authorizes the department, regional educational cooperatives, and local boards of education to identify and apply for grant opportunities relating to nicotine; and requires by August 1, 2024, that the department, after consultation with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, post nicotine awareness information on the department’s webpage.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 147

AN ACT relating to local property tax rate levies.

Amends KRS 132.017 to define “next regular election,” as it pertains to placing on the ballot the question of whether a local property tax rate shall be levied, to specify that the election may occur in the same or a subsequent calendar year as the levy, to require the question to the voters to be framed to ask whether the voter is for the levy of the property tax rate, and to make technical corrections.

HB 159

AN ACT relating to immunity from criminal liability for health care providers.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 311 to define “health care provider” and “health services,” and to establish that health care providers providing health services are immune from criminal liability for harm arising from a health services-related act or omission other than gross negligence or wanton, willful, malicious, or intentional misconduct.

HB 161

AN ACT relating to elections and declaring an emergency.

Establishes that a candidate who has filed nomination papers on or before January 5, 2024, and whose precinct name or number has changed since November 8, 2023, due to reapportionment and precinct establishment shall not be disqualified based solely on precinct name or number designation; RETROACTIVE to November 8, 2023; EMERGENCY.

HB 162

AN ACT relating to mathematics education and making an appropriation therefor.

Amends KRS 158.791 to specify the role of the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) in assisting local school districts with mathematics instruction, supports, and interventions and to require KDE to collaborate with designated agencies on mathematics programming, materials, and activities; amends KRS 158.840 to require students in kindergarten through grade three needing to make accelerated progress in mathematics to receive interventions and to require that the Council on Postsecondary Education submit an annual report on the compliance of teacher preparation programs to this Act; creates a new section of KRS 158.840 to 158.844 to require that KDE promulgate regulations defining and establishing a multitiered system of supports to include mathematics instruction, intervention, and instructional strategies for students through grade three, to require that KDE provide technical support to school districts, to require that school districts select a universal screener for mathematics by January 1, 2026, beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, to require that a universal screener be given to every student in kindergarten through grade three within 30 days of the start of the school year, to require the development of a mathematics improvement plan in the first 60 days for any student in kindergarten through grade three who is identified as needing interventions, to require that KDE report the status of implementation to the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) by November 1, 2027, to require that KDE provide resources to teachers on specific screeners and instructional resources, and to require that KDE establish reading teacher academies or coaching models for teachers of students in grades kindergarten through eight by September 1, 2025; creates a new section of KRS 158.840 to 158.844 to establish the Kentucky numeracy counts fund, to provide that moneys and interest

in the fund shall not lapse, and to provide that the Act may be cited as the Kentucky Numeracy Counts Act; creates KRS 158.8401 to define new terms for KRS 158.840 to 158.844; amends KRS 158.842 to change the composition of the Committee for Mathematics Achievement and to require that the committee report activities and progress to LRC by May 1, 2025; creates KRS 164.3061 to require postsecondary institutions offering teacher preparation programs in elementary education to include evidence-based instructional strategies for kindergarten through grade three beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, to require that the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) develop and maintain a list of approved teacher preparation assessments, to require that the EPSB develop an evaluation rubric for teacher candidates, and to require that the EPSB report data to an external evaluator for analysis and report the results and all data to LRC; and appropriates General Fund moneys in the amount of \$5 million in fiscal year 2024-2025 and \$5 million in fiscal year 2025-2026 to the Kentucky numeracy counts fund; APPROPRIATION.
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HB 166

AN ACT relating to sudden unexpected death in epilepsy.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 211 to define “SUDEP,” to update autopsy requirements, to require the Vital Statistics Branch to forward a copy of the death certificate to the North American SUDEP Registry if sudden unexpected death in epilepsy is found to be the cause or the suspected cause of death, and to provide that the Act may be cited as Jami’s Law.

HB 167

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles.

Amends KRS 190.080, regarding dealer disclosure of previous consumer-owner information to a potential purchaser, to require that the previous consumer-owner give consent to disclose the information, and to make technical corrections; amends KRS 281.926 to require towing companies to submit their rate schedules to the nearest Department of Kentucky State Police (KSP) post and all local law enforcement agencies in addition to making them available to the public upon request, and directs KSP and local law enforcement agencies to remove companies that do not comply with these requirements from their wrecker log for a period of six months for the first violation and one year for any subsequent violation; amends KRS 281.990 to allow the Transportation Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations to set penalties for violations of KRS 281.920 to 281.936; and amends KRS 376.325 to allow for the disposal of towed vehicles by a towing and storage company if a lienholder does not respond to notifications from the company.

HB 169

AN ACT relating to emergency medical preparedness of schools.

Amends KRS 158.162 to require that local boards of education maintain a portable automated external defibrillator in a public, readily accessible, well-marked location in all school buildings, including elementary school buildings, and at school-sanctioned athletic practices and competitions, and to require that an annual report on compliance with portable automated external defibrillator requirements be submitted to the Kentucky Department of Education; and amends KRS 158.1622 to expand the School AED Fund to expand the medical devices the fund can be used to purchase to include medical devices to diagnose, prevent, or treat a medical condition that is harmful to student athletes.

HB 174

AN ACT relating to patient medical records.

Amends KRS 311.6225 to make changes to the medical order for scope of treatment form; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 422 to establish standards and procedures for access to copies of patient medical records for a patient who is under the age of eighteen.

HB 179

AN ACT relating to insurance for loss of income and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 304.3-110 to authorize life and health insurers to transact disability income and paid family leave insurance, and to make technical corrections; creates new sections of Subtitle 5 of KRS Chapter 304 to define “disability income insurance” and “paid family leave insurance” and to specify how each is to be classified and filed; amends KRS 304.9-030 to include paid family leave insurance in life and health lines of authority; establishes Subtitle 53 of KRS Chapter 304 and creates new sections thereof to regulate paid family leave insurance, to establish paid family leave insurance requirements, authorized scope of benefits, disclosure requirements, and authorized limitations, and to authorize the insurance commissioner to promulgate administrative regulations to enforce Subtitle 53 of KRS Chapter 304; creates short title; and amends KRS 304.17A-005, 304.18-010, and 304.36-030 to conform; EMERGENCY.

HB 186

AN ACT relating to fiscal impacts of health insurance mandates and declaring an emergency.

Repeals and reenacts KRS 6.948 to establish a process for health mandate impact statements, federal cost defrayal impact statements, and state employee health plan impact statements to be completed and transmitted; amends KRS 194A.099 to conform; and creates a new section of Subtitle 17A of KRS Chapter 304 to suspend provisions of the Insurance Code that result, or would result, in the state being required to defray the cost of the provision under federal law, to set forth requirements for calculating and making cost defrayal payments, to require that qualified health plan issuers use payments received from the state to provide a rebate or reduce premiums to insureds, and to require that the commissioner of the Department of Insurance promulgate administrative regulations to enforce and effectuate the section; EMERGENCY.

HB 190

AN ACT relating to pharmacy benefits.

Amends 2024 Ky. Acts. ch. 104, sec. 3 (2024 RS SB 188/GA, sec. 3) to define “national average drug acquisition cost,” to temporarily exempt retail chain pharmacies from minimum drug reimbursement requirement, and to make technical amendment; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025.

HB 194

AN ACT relating to workplace violence against healthcare workers.

Amends KRS 508.025 to expand assault in the third degree to include causing or attempting to cause physical injury to a person employed by or under contract with a health clinic, doctor’s office, dental office, long-term care facility, hospital, or hospital-owned affiliate if the event occurs in or on the premises of a health clinic, doctor’s office, dental office, long-term care facility, hospital, or hospital-owned affiliate.

HB 200

AN ACT relating to the military.

Amends KRS 40.010 and 40.400 to include the United States Space Force in the definition of “Armed Forces”; amends KRS 154.12-203 to include the United States Army Reserve Aviation Command in the membership of the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs; amends KRS 156.730, the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children, correcting a citation to federal law; amends KRS 156.735 to include the children of National Guard and Reserve personnel within the rights granted under that compact; amends KRS 186.041 to include the United States Space Force as an eligible branch of the military to request a special military license plate; amends KRS 186.162 to include the Legion of Merit Medal as an eligible status; and amends KRS 186.166 to include the Legion of Merit Medal for perpetual license plate production.

HB 206

AN ACT relating to the Uniform Collaborative Law Act.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 403 to enact the Uniform Collaborative Law Act on the recommendation of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, to regulate the use of collaborative law participation agreements as a voluntary form of alternative dispute resolution, and to provide that the Act may be cited as the Uniform Collaborative Law Act.

HB 207

AN ACT relating to crimes and punishments.

Amends KRS 17.500 to include distribution of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor in the definition of “sex crime”; amends KRS 531.010 to define “child sex doll,” “computer,” “computer-generated image,” and “identifiable person”; creates a new section of KRS 531.300 to 531.370 to provide that in a prosecution where the offense involves material portraying a computer-generated image of a minor, the Commonwealth shall not be required to prove the actual identity or age of the computer-generated minor, or that the minor exists; creates new sections of KRS 531.310 to 531.370 to prohibit the possession, trafficking, importing, and promoting the use of a child sex doll; amends KRS 531.320, 531.335, 531.340, 531.350, and 531.360 to include computer-generated images of a minor as an element of those offenses; and amends KRS 531.330 to provide that in a prosecution where the offense involves a computer-generated image that used an actual minor as the source, the presumption of minority shall be based on the age of the actual minor.

HB 214

AN ACT relating to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 210 to define “developmental disabilities,” to state legislative findings for the rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and to provide that the Act may be cited as the Frank Huffman Act.

HB 220

AN ACT relating to step therapy protocols.

Amends KRS 304.17A-163 to permit insurers to require insureds to try biosimilar biological products prior to providing coverage for the equivalent branded prescription drug under certain circumstances; and makes findings and establishes intent of Act.

HB 244

AN ACT relating to children.

Amends KRS 401.020 to require a court to conduct a hearing and consider the best interests of a child when one parent refuses or is unable to execute a petition for a name change for a minor child; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 403 to define terms, to provide that shared parenting time may be exercised by the consent of the parties, to establish procedures and parenting time credit, and to provide that the court may consider whether a parent has consistently exercised time sharing when considering a child support modification; amends KRS 403.090, 403.212, 403.740, 405.430, and 406.025 to conform; amends KRS 403.211 to establish which parent owes the initial \$250 in medical expenses; and repeals KRS 403.2121.

HB 248

AN ACT relating to reinstatement of police and fire department employees.

Amends KRS 95.440 to remove the requirement that a person shall be eligible for reinstatement to a police or fire department only within one year following separation from employment.

HB 256

AN ACT relating to the promotion of stronger homes to resist losses due to catastrophic weather events and making an appropriation therefor.

Creates a new section of Subtitle 2 of KRS Chapter 304 to establish the Strengthen Kentucky Homes Program, to establish purpose, to create the Strengthen Kentucky Homes Program fund, and to require that the commissioner of insurance promulgate administrative regulations to implement and administer program; creates new sections of Subtitle 13 of KRS Chapter 304 to require that property insurance companies provide a premium discount or rate reduction for properties that have been certified as complying with any applicable FORTIFIED Home or FORTIFIED multifamily construction standards under certain circumstances, to permit the insurance commissioner to promulgate administrative regulations to establish standard discount amounts, targets, or benchmarks for coverage, to require property insurance companies to offer an optional rider, endorsement, or supplemental policy provision to upgrade non-FORTIFIED single-family dwellings under certain circumstances, to provide that Sections 2 and 3 of the Act apply to insurance policies and contracts issued or renewed on or after March 1, 2026, to provide when submissions are required for premium discounts or rate reductions and the optional rider, endorsement, or supplemental policy provision under Sections 2 and 3 of the Act, and to provide that the Act may be cited as the Strengthen Kentucky Homes Act; APPROPRIATION.

HB 258

AN ACT relating to the torture of a dog or cat.

Amends KRS 525.135 to define “serious physical injury or infirmity” and to redefine “torture,” to provide that torture of a dog or cat is a Class D felony in every instance and that each act may constitute a separate offense, and to provide what does not constitute torture of a dog or cat.

HB 263

AN ACT making appropriations for the operations, maintenance, and support of the Legislative Branch of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The Legislative Branch Budget: Details Part I, Operating Budget; details Part II, General Provisions; details Part III, Budget Reduction or Surplus Expenditure Plan; APPROPRIATION.

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HB 264

AN ACT making appropriations for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the Judicial Branch of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, boards, commissions, subdivisions, and other state-supported activities.

The Judicial Branch Budget: Details Part I, Operating Budget; details Part II, Capital Projects Budget; details Part III, General Provisions; details Part IV, Budget Reduction or Surplus Expenditure Plan; APPROPRIATION.

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HB 265

AN ACT relating to appropriations providing financing and conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the Transportation Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The Transportation Cabinet Budget: Details Part I, Operating Budget; details Part II, Capital Projects Budget; details Part III, Funds Transfer; details Part IV, Transportation Cabinet Budget Summary; APPROPRIATION.

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HB 266

AN ACT relating to road projects and declaring an emergency.

Sets out the 2024-2026 Biennial Highway Construction Plan; EMERGENCY.

HB 267

AN ACT relating to providing for the authorization of the Office of Broadband Development to implement the federal Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) Program and declaring an emergency.

Creates new sections in KRS Chapter 224A to establish the Broadband Equity Access and Development Program (BEAD) within the Office of Broadband Development, to define terms, to require that the Office of Broadband Development create and administer the BEAD Program, to establish program application requirements, and to create the BEAD fund; EMERGENCY.

HB 271

AN ACT relating to child abuse.

Amends KRS 600.020 to define “safety plan” and “statewide reporting system”; amends KRS 620.023 to allow a court access to a child’s protection and permanency record; amends KRS 620.030 to allow a person to make a written report of dependency, neglect, or abuse of a child, to allow child dependency, neglect, or abuse reports to be submitted electronically, and to require that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services establish a statewide reporting system for making reports of child dependency, neglect, and abuse via phone call or written report available to the public; amends KRS 620.032 to require that the cabinet report monthly to the General Assembly on child protective services intakes; amends KRS 605.035 to establish requirements related to when a family accountability, intervention, and response team has to refer a case to the cabinet; amends KRS 620.040 to establish new requirements for the cabinet when it is making the initial determination as to the risk of harm and immediate safety of the child; amends KRS 620.050 to require that the cabinet refer families to community-based child and family service agencies for services when it determines that a report of dependency, abuse, or neglect does not meet criteria for an investigation; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 620 to establish requirements for the cabinet related to when a safety plan is put in place for a child.

HB 272

AN ACT relating to abandoned infants.

Amends KRS 405.075 to change the definition of “newborn safety device” related to the continuous staffing requirement; and amends KRS 156.095 to require that information on the Safe Haven Baby Boxes Crisis Line be posted in public schools.

HB 274

AN ACT relating to the practice of pharmacy.

Amends KRS 315.010 and 315.205 to permit pharmacists to administer vaccines to children five years of age or older pursuant to prescriber-approved protocols with the consent of a parent or guardian

HB 277

AN ACT relating to the public defender system and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 15A.020 to add new divisions to the organization of the Department of Public Advocacy (DPA); amends KRS 18A.115 to transfer the employees of the Louisville and Jefferson County Public Defender Corporation (Louisville Metro Public Defender) to the state personnel system; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 31 to transfer employees of Louisville Metro Public Defender to DPA on July 1, 2024, to provide employment and retirement benefits to the transferred employees based on their employment date with the Louisville Metro Public Defender, to define “membership date” for Louisville Metro Public Defender employees transferring to the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS), to transfer leases and contracts in the name of the Louisville Metro Public Defender to DPA, and to waive liability of DPA under any legal theory or for any act, omission, or negligence by or on behalf of the Louisville Metro Public Defender; amends KRS 61.510 to change the definition of “membership date” in KERS as applied to Louisville Metro Public Defender employees transferring to DPA; and provides that the Act be RETROACTIVE to employees of the Louisville Metro Public Defender hired to leadership or supervisory roles within DPA between October 1, 2023, and July 1, 2024; EMERGENCY.

HB 278

AN ACT relating to the protection of children.

Amends KRS 15A.190 to require that the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet include crimes involving childhood sexual assault or abuse on the JC-3 form; amends KRS 160.380 to provide that a superintendent shall not employ any person who has been convicted of an offense that would classify the person as a violent offender, a sex crime, or a misdemeanor offense under KRS Chapter 510, or who is required to register as a sex offender; amends KRS 413.249 to provide that a civil action arising from childhood sexual assault or abuse shall be brought within 10 years of the victim attaining the age of 18 years; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 436 to declare legislative findings relating to pornography, to define terms, to establish a civil cause of action against any commercial entity that publishes matter harmful to minors on the internet without obtaining age verification, to require removal of personal data following review for access, to establish civil causes of action for violations, and to establish limitations on applicability and liability; amends KRS 510.050 and 510.080 to provide an enhanced penalty when the defendant is a person in a position of authority or position of special trust; amends KRS 510.155 to enhance the penalty of unlawful use of electronic means to induce a minor to a Class C felony, and to enhance the penalty to a Class B felony if the minor or perceived minor is under 12 years old, the offender is a person in a position of authority or position of special trust, the offender is a registered sex offender, a person travels into the Commonwealth for the purpose of procuring or promoting the use of a minor, or the child procured or promoted is for human trafficking where the offense involves commercial sexual activity; amends KRS 529.100 to enhance the penalty for human trafficking to a Class B felony, unless the victim is a minor, in which case it is a Class A felony; amends KRS 529.110 to enhance the penalty for promoting human trafficking to a Class C felony unless the victim is a minor, in which case it is a Class B felony; amends KRS 531.340 to enhance the penalty for distribution of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor to a Class C felony if the victim is under 18 years old and a Class B felony if the victim is under 12 years old, and to provide that any person convicted of distribution of matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor shall not be released on probation or parole without serving 85 percent of the sentence imposed; amends KRS 532.060 to require a person who has been convicted of a violation of KRS 529.100, 529.110, 531.320, 531.335, or 531.340 to serve five years of postincarceration supervision; and amends KRS 532.200 to redefine “violent felony offense” as an offense that would classify a person as a violent offender under KRS 439.3401.

HB 280

AN ACT relating to delivery services.

Creates a new section of Subtitle 39 of KRS Chapter 304 to establish certain rights of insurers relating to injury or losses that occur during a delivery available period or delivery service period; creates a range of sections in KRS Chapter 365 to establish definitions, to establish insurance requirements for delivery network companies and delivery network drivers during delivery available periods and delivery service periods, to establish disclosure requirements for delivery network companies, and to establish construction clauses relating to existing insurance laws and delivery or transport of goods laws; and provides that the Act applies to policies issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025.

HB 281

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.

Amends KRS 12.020 to add the Division of Compliance and the Division of Sports Wagering to the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and to remove compliance from the duties of the Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering; and amends KRS 12.252 to make a technical correction.

HB 293

AN ACT relating to kratom.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 217 to define terms related to kratom, to prohibit the sale of kratom products to individuals under 21 years of age, to establish product safety standards, to establish labeling requirements for kratom products, to authorize the Department for Public Health to promulgate administrative regulations related to the regulation of kratom products, to establish penalties, and to declare the supremacy of federal law.

HB 300

AN ACT relating to the profession of education.

Amends KRS 161.120 to establish the process and procedures for the Education Professional Standards Board to receive and process a complaint against a certificate holder, to establish a specific timeline, to establish specific actions the board may take, to require confirmation of receipt of responses or correspondences to the board from a certificate holder, to requires the board to provide confirmation of receipt to superintendents who submit a report to the board and provide specific notices, to establishes a specific timeline for a hearing for admonishment, to removes the option for a hearing to be conducted by the board or a panel of three members of the board, to require that the hearing provide all the due process rights afforded under KRS Chapter 13B, and to allow that an appeal of a final order of the board be filed in the Circuit Court of the county in which the certificate holder was employed when the incident occurred.

HB 320

AN ACT relating to civil procedure.

Amends KRS 337.385 to establish a statute of limitations of three years for wage and hour violations; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 413 to establish a statute of limitations of three years for actions against an employer for wrongful discharge in violation of public policy and for a violation of KRS 344.030 to 344.110 or KRS 344.372; and amends KRS 454.210 to expand personal jurisdiction of courts over nonresidents.

HB 323

AN ACT relating to cancer detection in firefighters, and making an appropriation therefor.

Amends KRS 95A.262 to permit the Kentucky Fire Commission to establish a reimbursement program for cancer screenings for firefighters.

HB 333

AN ACT relating to prosecution proceedings.

Amends KRS 69.210 to establish that any prosecution by attorneys for the Cabinet for Health and Family Service under KRS Chapter 620 shall occur only upon written consent of the county attorney and presiding judge.

HB 335

AN ACT relating to animals.

Amends KRS 258.335 to make unlawful the misrepresentation of a dog as an assistance dog to obtain public accommodation; amends KRS 258.500 to define “person” as a person who has an ongoing therapeutic relationship with a health care provider and to stipulate who can be a health care provider under the definition, to define additional terms, to exclude from therapeutic relationship fee-based transactions for disability documentation absent a face-to-face consultation with a health care provider, to establish requirements for an assistance dog to be granted public accommodation, to provide that emotional support animals are not required to be admitted where assistance dog are not allowed, to provide that the rights, privileges, and exemptions afforded to assistance dogs do not extend to emotional support animals, to affirm certain rights and privileges of public establishments as nondiscriminatory, and to allow additional rights for those providing accommodation in situations of tenancy; amends KRS 258.991 to set the penalty for interference with use of an assistance dog at \$500 to \$1,000 and to delete jail time, to make the misrepresentation of a dog as an assistance dog to obtain public accommodations unlawful, and to provide for a fine of up to \$1,000; and amends KRS 525.010 to redefine “assistance dog.”

HB 354

AN ACT relating to retiree health insurance reimbursements for school district employees.

Amends KRS 61.637 and 78.5540 to require the Department of Education to pay to the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (KPPA) the health insurance premium reimbursements required for retirees who participated in a hazardous position prior to July 1, 2003, and are reemployed by a local school board; and amends KRS 161.158 to provide that local school board employees who are retirees who participated in a hazardous position prior to July 1, 2003, shall have the cost of their retiree health insurance reimbursed to KPPA.

HB 357

AN ACT relating to firearms.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 237 to prohibit certain entities from requiring, incentivizing, or assigning a merchant category code that distinguishes a firearms retailer from other retailers, to prohibit keeping or causing to be kept any list, record, or registry of private firearm ownership, to requires that the Attorney General enforce provisions, and provide that the Act may be cited as the Second Amendment Privacy Act.

HB 361

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure.

Amends KRS 311.530 to add the chair of the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee to the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, and to allow the commissioner of public health, the dean of the University of Kentucky College of Medicine, the vice dean for clinical affairs of the University of Louisville School of Medicine, and the dean of the University of Pikeville College of Osteopathic Medicine to appoint a designee to sit on the State Board of Medical Licensure; amends KRS 311.601 to allow future practicing pediatricians to apply course curriculum to the pediatric abusive head trauma continuing education requirements; amends KRS 311.842 to change how the physician assistants on the Physician Assistant Advisory Committee are selected, to establish that the chair must be a practicing physician assistant, and to limit members to two consecutive terms; amends KRS 311.844 to remove the HIV/AIDS continuing education

requirement, and to allow graduating physician assistant students to apply course curriculum to the pediatric head trauma continuing education requirements; and amends KRS 311.854 to remove the application requirement to list the name, address, and area of practice of supervising physicians.

HB 371

AN ACT relating to mine subsidence insurance.

Amends KRS 304.44-030 to increase the maximum total insured value to be reinsured by the administrator per structure from \$300,000 to \$500,000, to allow the administrator to establish a different maximum total insured value reinsured per structure when certain requirements are met, to allow an insurer to implement a the maximum total insured value established by the administrator any time after receiving notice, to require that the commissioner of insurance promulgate a regulation to establish a process for notice to insurers, and to increase the coverage amount for living expenses from \$25,000 to \$50,000; amends KRS 304.44-050 to conform; and applies to policies issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2025; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025.

HB 375

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 186A.035, regarding vehicle registration, to apply the year-round registration system to motor vehicles with a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less, to require owners to supply their birth date during the process of registration, and to establish processes for joint ownership of motor vehicles where one owner is not a resident of Kentucky; and amends KRS 186A.060 to conform; EMERGENCY.

HB 377

AN ACT relating to teacher recruitment and retention, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Creates new sections of KRS Chapter 164 to establish the Teacher Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Pilot Program, to defines eligibility for the program, to direct the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to administer the program, to provides monetary awards for student loan repayment for eligible students who complete qualified teaching service, to establish the Teacher Recruitment Student Loan Forgiveness Pilot Program fund, to establish the Student Teacher Stipend Program; defines eligibility for the program, to direct the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to administer the program, and to provide an award of up to \$5,000 to an eligible student teacher; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

HB 378

AN ACT relating to state symbols.

Amends KRS 2.091 to designate coal as the official rock of Kentucky; amends KRS 2.092 to designate Kentucky agate as the official gemstone of Kentucky; and amends KRS 2.094 to designate calcite as the official mineral of Kentucky.

HB 385

AN ACT relating to mental capacity.

Amends KRS 311.631, relating to living wills and advance directives, to include an adult friend as an individual authorized to make health care decisions on behalf of a patient who lacks

decisional capacity; amends KRS 504.060 to define “examiner” and “secretary”; amends KRS 504.070 to allow a defendant to introduce evidence of an intellectual disability bearing on the issue of guilt, punishment, or both, and to require, if a court orders an examination of the defendant’s mental condition, that the condition be reported to the court; amends KRS 504.080 to establish reasons the court may order an examination of the defendant’s mental health, to establish criteria for the examination, to establish what the court may order if the examiner concludes the defendant needs an inpatient examination, to establish that the examiner shall submit a report regarding the defendant’s mental health, to establish that the examiner’s report shall be placed under seal with a notice of filing, and to establish that the court shall schedule a status conference or a hearing within 30 days of the filing of the report; amends KRS 504.100 to establish that the court shall order the defendant to be examined for his or her mental condition if the court has reasonable grounds to believe the defendant is incompetent to stand trial and to require that the court schedule a status conference or a hearing within 30 days after the filing of the report; amends KRS 504.110 to conform; and provides that the Act may be cited as Seth’s Law.

HB 386

AN ACT relating to purchase limits for pseudoephedrine.

Amends KRS 218A.1446 to remove annual and package purchase limits for pseudoephedrine.

HB 387

AN ACT relating to education.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 156 to allow the Kentucky Department of Education to enter into an agreement with any building and construction trade organization to develop a training program for school counselors on building and construction trades, to provide professional development credit to school counselors, and teachers if resources allow, who participate in the program, and to require the department to include the training program on the electronic consumer bulletin board; and amends KRS 161.102 to require the Education Professional Standards Board to issue substitute teacher certificates based on education attained, to provide a one-year certificate to an applicant with a high school equivalency diploma, to provide a five-year substitute teaching certificate to an applicant with a bachelor’s degree, to provide a 10-year substitute teaching certificate to an applicant who holds a Kentucky statement of eligibility, previously held a Kentucky teaching certificate, or holds or previously held a valid out-of-state teaching certificate that required completion of a four-year teacher preparation program, and to specify the type of employment each certificate allows.

HB 388

AN ACT relating to local government and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to provide that members of local boards, commissions, committees, and other bodies created by or appointed by consolidated local governments have geographic diversity; amends KRS 67C.103 to require that the election of council members in a consolidated local government be nonpartisan; amends KRS 67C.105 to require that the election of a mayor in a consolidated local government be nonpartisan; amends KRS 67C.111, regarding incorporation and annexation of cities in a county containing a consolidated local government, to adjust the number of signatures required in a petition for mandatory action, to prohibit a mayoral veto of the consolidated local government council, and to

prohibit a city in a county containing a consolidated local government from annexing commercial real estate, as defined, primarily for the purpose of obtaining occupational license, net profits, or gross receipts taxes revenue unless the annexation is consented to by each property owner in the area to be annexed; amends KRS 67C.147, relating to urban service taxing districts in consolidated local governments, to require that the consolidated local government reimburse fire districts operating under KRS Chapter 75 that made emergency medical runs within the area of the urban service tax district, to index that reimbursement to the increase in the consumer price index, to prohibit a consolidated local government from charging a fire district for any expenses it did not charge the district prior to January 1, 2024, and to establish graduated percentages of internal funding for the urban service district for the services it provides from 85 percent to 100 percent running from 2025 to 2034, with increases in the percentage every three years; amends KRS 67C.321, relating to disciplinary procedures of police officers in consolidated local governments, to allow for a pre-disciplinary hearing and establishes procedures; amends KRS 67C.323, relating to disciplinary procedures of police officers in consolidated local governments and disciplinary review by the board, to stipulate that executive session discussions be without the parties to the appeal; amends KRS 67C.326, relating to complaints regarding consolidated local government police officers, to define “citizen,” “complaint,” “disciplinary action,” “interrogation,” and “misconduct,” to make technical changes, to establish procedures for hearings for an officer accused of misconduct by individuals within the officer’s department or by citizens, to set conditions for notices of interrogation of the police officer and requirements for written reports of the alleged incident leading to the complaint, to expand written notice from 72 hours to 12 days for notice to a police officer of a hearing and for the review of documents, to stipulate that the board, rather than an appointing authority, legislative body, or other body as designated by the Kentucky Revised Statutes, has the duty to subpoena for witnesses and the production of documentary evidence, to stipulate that officers who have been suspended without pay and who are found not guilty are reinstated with full back pay and benefits, to allow the hearing to be conducted in a closed session unless the police officer requests otherwise, to specify that the provisions of the section do not affect rights given to the police officer by statute, ordinance, or agreement, to permit a consolidated local government to investigate and charge an officer, to allow the suspension or reassignment of a police officer during an investigation and pending the final disposition of charges, to establish the Property Valuation Review Commission to review assessments in a county containing a consolidated local government, to ensure that the assessments are consistent and uniform, to provide for appointments by the mayor from recommendations of various entities, to require that the commission report to the Legislative Research Commission, the mayor and metro council of the consolidated local government, and the Finance and Administration Cabinet no later than December 31, 2024, to prohibit consolidated local governments from amending their land development code zoning classifications in their land development code to change permitted, conditional, or any other uses involving residential uses or change the characteristics of those uses that could increase the allowable density of residential units per acre or any other unit describing land size or inhabitants of any residential units in any zoning district classifications within the prescribed time limits from the effective date of the Act and prior to April 15, 2025, and to require the mayors of consolidated local governments to conduct a review of planning and zoning statutes relative to consolidated local governments and the governments’ needs relative to housing and their land development code; amends KRS 117.125 to conform; and amends KRS 177.360 to direct consolidated local governments to establish

procedures to prioritize projects undertaken with county road aid funds; Sections 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, and 10 EFFECTIVE January 1, 2025; EMERGENCY, in part.

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HB 397

AN ACT relating to the licensure of military-connected individuals.

Amends KRS 12.245 to include military orders documenting a military assignment transfer to Kentucky as valid proof of military service, and to ensure that occupational licensing compacts in Kentucky take precedence for a United States military service member, Reserves or National Guard member, veteran, or their spouse.

HB 401

AN ACT relating to workers' compensation.

Amends KRS 342.0011 to expand the definition of "physician" to include physicians with a license to practice in any jurisdiction in the United States; amends KRS 342.033 to define "physician" to include retired physicians previously authorized to practice in the Commonwealth, who surrendered a medical license while in good standing and who are not subject to an ongoing investigation for improper practices; and amends KRS 342.140 to include unemployment benefits in the average weekly wage calculation.

HB 403

AN ACT relating to real property boards.

Amends KRS 198B.706 to allow the Kentucky Board of Home Inspectors to promulgate administrative regulations following review of the director of the Division of Real Property Boards; amends KRS 198B.724 to establish continuing education requirements for licensees, and amends the continuing education grace period to reflect the continuing education deadline established by the Kentucky Board of Home Inspectors; amends KRS 324.085 to establish continuing education requirements for licensees, and amends the continuing education grace periods to reflect the continuing education deadlines established by the Kentucky Real Estate Commission; amends KRS 324.281 to require the chair of the commission to submit written recommendations to the secretary of the Public Protection Cabinet regarding staffing needs and relevant experience necessary to carry out the functions of the commission, and requires the secretary of the cabinet to consider the staffing recommendations and requests submitted by the chair; amends KRS 324A.020 to allow the Real Estate Appraisers Board to promulgate administrative regulations following review of the director of the division; amends KRS 324A.045 to establish continuing education requirements for licensees, and amends the continuing education grace period to reflect the continuing education deadline established by the Real Estate Appraisers Board; amends KRS 324A.154 to allow the Real Estate Appraisers Board to promulgate administrative regulations following review of the director of the division; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 324B to create the Division of Real Property Boards within the Public Protection Cabinet, to direct the director of the division and the chair of each board to submit written recommendations to the cabinet regarding sufficient staffing needs, to require the secretary of the cabinet to consider the staffing recommendations and requests submitted by the executive director of the Kentucky Real Estate Authority, the director of the division, and the chair of each board, to require the executive director of the authority and the director of the division to have a minimum

of seven years of experience in the real estate industry within the last 15 years, and to require the secretary of the cabinet to provide the division, the authority, and boards with documentation showing the income and expenditures of all license fees; amends KRS 324B.060 to require that the executive director of the authority have a minimum of seven years of experience in the real estate industry within the last 15 years; amends KRS 330.050 to allow the Board of Auctioneers to promulgate administrative regulations following review of the director of the division; amends KRS 330.070 to establish continuing education requirements for licensees, to amend the continuing education grace period to reflect the continuing education deadline established by the board, to establish the conditions upon which a license may be canceled; and amends other sections to conform.

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HB 418

AN ACT relating to agricultural districts.

Amends KRS 262.850 to decrease the minimum number of acres to qualify as an agricultural district from 250 acres to 50 acres, to add cities that are within one mile of the agricultural district to the list of entities to be notified of the proposal, approval, and withdrawal of property from an agricultural district, and to allow a district board of supervisors to consider possible dissolution of an agricultural district if an owner's withdrawal of property results in the remaining land no longer qualifying as agricultural land.

HB 436

AN ACT relating to guardians ad litem.

Amends KRS 26A.140 to state that the guardians ad litem shall receive a fee fixed by the court and paid by the Finance and Administration Cabinet; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 403.715 to 403.785 to require appointment of a guardian ad litem for any unrepresented minor who is an alleged victim of domestic violence and abuse, or who is named as a respondent or petitioner in a petition for an emergency protective order or domestic violence order, and to provide that a violation of an interpersonal protective order or a domestic violence order may constitute a criminal offense if the offender is an adult or a public offense if the offender is a juvenile; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 456 to require appointment of a guardian ad litem for any unrepresented minor who is an alleged victim of dating violence and abuse, sexual assault, or stalking or who is named as a respondent or petitioner in a petition for an interpersonal protective order.

HB 439

AN ACT relating to alcoholic beverages and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 211.285 to rename the "malt beverage education fund" as the "alcohol wellness and responsibility education fund," to add proceeds from Alcoholic Beverage Control Board distilled spirit auctions to the fund, to issue moneys from the fund to the Alcohol Wellness and Responsibility Education Corporation, to modify membership of the corporation's board of directors, to authorize the corporation to accept grant applications from Kentucky high schools, colleges, universities, and other entities that promote alcohol responsibility, and to increase Project Graduation grants to \$1,000 annually; amends KRS 241.010 to decrease the minimum number of passengers from 100 to 40 in the definition of "riverboat"; amends KRS 241.060 and 243.540 to

allow the Alcoholic Beverage Control board to dispose of alcoholic beverages through public auction when a final order has been issued after all appeals are exhausted, to promulgate administrative regulations to establish auction procedures, and to donate all auction proceeds to the alcohol wellness and responsibility education fund; amends KRS 241.066 to allow one quota retail package license for every 2,000 residents in any wet county or urban-county government with more than 100,000 residents, unless a lower statutory ratio is already established; amends KRS 241.069 and 242.021 to permit a city, county, or urban-county government to petition for an increase in the number of quota retail package licenses at least one year after the certification of the local option election; creates a new section of KRS Chapter 243 to establish requirements for persons delivering alcoholic beverages on behalf of a retail package licensee; amends KRS 243.030 to create a \$300 annual vintage distilled spirits license fee; amends KRS 243.110 to authorize the holder of a primary license to also hold a vintage distilled spirits license; amends KRS 243.200 to remove vehicle requirement provisions from a transporter's license; amends KRS 243.232 to restructure vintage distilled spirits licenses and sales, to allow a licensee who may sell distilled spirits by the drink or package to receive a vintage distilled spirits license as a supplementary license, to require vintage distilled spirits licensees to file a monthly report with the department, to require all purchases to be in-person at the licensed premises, to direct the licensee to conspicuously label the purchase as vintage distilled spirits, to limit a licensee to 24 vintage distilled spirits packages purchased from each seller every 12 months, and to limit any seller to 24 packages total every 12 months; amends KRS 243.360 to give an applicant the option to advertise intent to apply for a license either online or in print and to exempt a vintage distilled spirits license applicant from the public notice advertising requirement; amends KRS 243.990 to establish fines for vintage distilled spirits sellers who exceed the maximum package limit; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 244 to establish procedures for department seizure of alcoholic beverages, including providing notice of violations within 14 days, to return the alcoholic beverages to the licensee if the department fails to provide notice, and to establish licensee administrative hearing and Circuit Court appellate rights; EMERGENCY.

HB 443

AN ACT relating to land use.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 100 to require that local laws dealing with subdivision plats and development plans be set out by objective standards and applied ministerially, and to set out conditions for application of discretion; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2025.

HB 444

AN ACT relating to electricians.

Amends KRS 227A.060 to modify experience and education requirements for an electrician or master electrician license, to require an electrician applicant or master electrician applicant to have 8,000 hours or 16,000 hours of verifiable experience, respectively, which may be reduced by designated education or teaching, to authorize a master electrician or electrician applicant to qualify for licensure through teaching or attending an associate's degree or diploma program at a college within the Kentucky Community and Technical College System or at another accredited college or university, to enable a military veteran to meet master electrician or electrician experience requirements through applicable supervised military occupational specialty experience, to direct the department of Housing, Buildings and Construction to promulgate administrative regulations to establish an application form to allow submission of military

experience, and to accept either a DD-214 form or a signed statement from the applicant's commanding officer to verify relevant military experience; and amends KRS 227A.100 to renew electrician licenses once every two years, to allow the department to establish a system to issue electronic licenses instead of physical licenses, and to increase a \$500,000 general liability insurance requirement to \$1 million.

HB 446

AN ACT relating to public school transportation.

Amends KRS 158.110 to require that local school boards adopt a transportation services policy; amends KRS 158.148, relating to school district discipline guidelines, to require that the Kentucky Department of Education create a model transportation services policy, to detail required provisions of local board transportation services policies, to create process for operators of transportation to report, be heard during proceedings, and receive a response regarding misconduct by students aboard transportation and by parents or guardians, to permit revocation of transportation privileges based on failure to acknowledge transportation services policy, and to require that any action related to students with disabilities be in compliance with applicable federal law; and amends KRS 158.445 to require inclusion of the transportation services policy in district safety plans.

HB 447

AN ACT relating to the transportation of students and declaring an EMERGENCY.

Amends KRS 156.153 to permit school districts to use district-owned, leased, or contracted passenger transportation vehicles to transport students to and from school and approved school activities under an alternative transportation plan approved by the Kentucky Department of Education, to provide that vehicles shall be operated by an employee or contractor of local school district who is licensed to operate a motor vehicle within the Commonwealth, and to provide that the department shall promulgate administrative regulations to establish minimum standards and specifications for an alternative transportation plan, including drug testing requirements that align with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. pt. 40; amends KRS 156.990 to provide that an individual who operates a school bus or non-school bus passenger vehicle to transport a student or students without a current valid license to operate that motor vehicle within the Commonwealth shall be guilty of a Class D felony; and amends KRS 160.380 to require that the driver of any non-school bus passenger vehicle authorized to transport students to and from school pursuant to the alternative transportation plan submit to designated background checks and drug testing and to require certain traffic offenses or arrests to be reported to the superintendent; EMERGENCY.

HB 449

AN ACT relating to local boards of education.

Amends KRS 160.170 to amend the oath of office for local board of education members to be consistent with the requirements set forth in KRS 160.180; amends KRS 160.180 to provide alternative methods for a candidate for a board of education to evidence the candidate's completion of twelfth grade, to provide that a member of a board of education shall be subject for removal from office pursuant to KRS 415.050 and 415.060 if the member is convicted of a felony, performs acts of malfeasance, or willfully misuses public property or funds, to provide the Office of Education Accountability the duty and responsibility of investigating current board of education members for allegations of prohibited conduct, to require local board members to take one hour of

open meetings and open records training within their first twelve months of service and once every four years thereafter, and to remove designated training specifications; and amends KRS 160.570 to remove the limitation on the number of depositories a school district can use.

HB 453

AN ACT relating to assistance for military families.

Amends KRS 620.040 to require that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services determine the military status of any parent or guardian subject to an investigation and notify a Department of Defense family advocacy program of an investigation involving a member of the United States Armed Forces.

HB 456

AN ACT relating to counties and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 337.285 to add sheriff's offices and county police forces to the local government agencies eligible for an exception to overtime compensation, and to list statutory authority for other entities that work with law enforcement departments regarding working hours; EMERGENCY.

HB 459

AN ACT relating to health care workers.

Amends KRS 311.844 to require that physician assistants complete continuing education courses on treating Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, and to allow graduating physician assistants to submit course curriculum on Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia toward the continuing education requirement; amends KRS 314.042 to create the provisional advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) applicant license; amends KRS 314.073 to require nurse licensees to complete continuing medical education courses on treating Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, and allows graduating student practitioners to submit course curriculum on Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia toward the continuing education requirements; amends KRS 314.121 to require APRNs and registered nurses experienced in long-term care to sit on the Board of Nursing, and to explain how appointments to the board are made; amends KRS 314.131 to allow the executive director of the board to hire officers and other personnel with the approval of the board; and repeals KRS 314.193, which creates the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Council.

HB 462

AN ACT relating to recovery residences.

Amends KRS 205.506 to establish the conditions under which a recovery residence may provide on-site clinical services or access to on-site clinical services; amends KRS 222.500 to define terms related to recovery residences; amends KRS 222.502 to permit a recovery residence that provides on-site clinical services or access to on-site clinical services to continue to operate without certification from a certifying organization until December 31, 2024; and amends KRS 222.504 to authorize the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and local governments to impose civil fines on uncertified recovery residences.

HB 469

AN ACT relating to Purple Star Schools.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 160 to define “military-connected student” and “purple star school,” to establish the Purple Star School Program and set requirements for eligibility, and to designate the Kentucky Commission on Military Affairs as the governing body of the program.

HB 470

AN ACT relating to home solicitation sales.

Amends KRS 367.450 to exempt sales of certain service contracts, and goods or services related to insurance or a service contract, if the seller is licensed by, registered with, or otherwise regulated by the Department of Insurance or an affiliate of a person who is licensed by, registered with, or otherwise regulated by the Department of Insurance, and to make technical corrections.

HB 471

AN ACT relating to school pre-enrollment for military-connected students.

Amends KRS 159.075 to allow the use of military orders as proof of residency for enrollment or course registration in a school and to prohibit in-person enrollment or course registration when prevented due to official military duties.

HB 472

AN ACT relating to residential planned communities.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 381 to allow the appointment of a receiver for a planned community when it fails to maintain the infrastructure, common area, storm water detention or retention area, or other facility that it is legally obligated to maintain, and to allow a city to recover funds expended to repair, renovate, maintain, or otherwise bring violations up to code.

HB 475

AN ACT relating to health care for inmates.

Amends KRS 441.053, relating to jail health care operations, to remove the prohibition that an entity that provides medical, dental, psychological, or pharmacy services to the Department of Corrections and local jails cannot also provide claims management or plan evaluation services.

HB 476

AN ACT relating to termination of parental rights.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 625 to allow a parent to voluntarily terminate parental rights during the pendency of a proceeding under KRS Chapter 620, relating to dependency, neglect, and abuse actions, by signing and filing a consent form prescribed by the Administrative Office of the Courts, and to require a finding by the court that termination of parental rights would be in the best interest of the child; and amends KRS 625.020 and 625.041 to conform.

HB 477

AN ACT relating to the diagnosis of sepsis.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 205 to establish diagnosis criteria for sepsis.

HB 478

AN ACT relating to construction or demolition waste disposal.

Amends KRS 224.40-120 to allow an off-site construction or demolition waste disposal permittee to request an increase in the size of the permitted area to no more than two acres total if the applicant is compliant and meets permit requirements for the current and newly permitted areas, including posting an additional bond for the newly permitted area.

HB 482

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.

Amends KRS 15.315 to add the chief of police of the Owensboro Police Department and the director of the Northern Kentucky Police and Sheriff's Training Center to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council.

HB 484

AN ACT relating to emergency medical services.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 311A to establish the emergency medical services education grant program under the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services to be used for student tuition support, agency support, and emergency medical services training or educational institution support.

HB 488

AN ACT relating to legal instruments.

Amends KRS 382.297 to establish when a county clerk shall admit any amendment, renewal, modification, or extension of a recorded mortgage to record, to establish when a county clerk shall admit affidavits of amendment prepared and executed by an attorney to record, and to establish recording requirements and construction of section; and amends KRS 413.100 to establish when a promise, acknowledgment, or payment of money operates as an extension of a lien in a recorded mortgage or deed, and to establish recording requirements for an extended lien.

HB 491

AN ACT relating to instructional programs for school-age children and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 199.896 to change the requirements for when instructional programs for school-age children are exempt from all child-care licensure administrative regulations, and to provide that instructional programs for school-age children that offer recreational, educational, sports training, or vacation programs to children under 18 years of age that a child attends outside the presence of his or her parent or legal guardian, shall be exempt from all child-care licensure administrative regulations if certain criteria are met; EMERGENCY.

HB 492

AN ACT relating to local fiscal administration.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to define "qualified local government," to require that each employee of a qualified local government who has access to federal tax information submit to a criminal background check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, to require that the fee charged by the Department of Kentucky State Police be no more than the actual cost of processing the background check, and to authorize the

Department of Kentucky State Police to promulgate administrative regulations necessary to implement this section; and amends KRS 68.197 to state that occupational license taxing continues to apply in territory annexed pursuant to KRS 81A.415, but that a city shall remit payments to the county to match the revenue the county received prior to the annexation.

HB 493

AN ACT relating to assisted living communities.

Amends KRS 194A.705 to limit the provision of enumerated health and health-related services to assisted living communities and nursing homes.

HB 495

AN ACT relating to deferred deposit transactions.

Amends KRS 286.9-100 to modify requirements for entering into a deferred deposit transaction; amends KRS 286.9-140 to modify fee that the financial institutions commissioner shall impose for each deferred deposit database transaction; and makes technical amendments.

HB 498

AN ACT relating to insurance financial standards.

Amends KRS 304.5-140 to limit the definition of “reciprocal jurisdiction” in certain provisions, and to exempt certain provisions to the extent that the provisions conflict with a covered agreement; amends KRS 304.6-134 to modify exemptions from KRS 304.6-143 and 304.6-151; and amends KRS 304.37-020 to allow the commissioner of insurance to establish a timeframe for insurers to report material changes or additions to registrations.

HB 499

AN ACT relating to career and technical education funding, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Repeals and reenacts KRS 157.069 to define terms, to require the Office of Career and Technical Education (CTE) within the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to identify CTE programs or pathways as high cost or general cost, to provide for a funding calculation from general fund appropriations for CTE based 60 percent upon weighted full-time equivalent enrollment and 40 percent upon specified incentives, to provide that state-operated area technology center operating costs be funded by the general fund appropriation to KDE, to allow funds to be used for CTE programming for students in grades 5-8, to disburse 75 percent of administrative operating funds previously designated to state-operated facility administrative costs that were converted to locally operated facilities to the locally operated facility and 25 percent to the CTE innovation and support fund for innovation and support of CTE programs, to create the CTE support fund, to require the office to provide oversight of fund usage by recipients, to require promulgation of necessary administrative regulations by Kentucky Board of Education, to require that program qualification and funding distribution be posted on KDE’s website, to require that local boards of education provide a one-time award to qualifying employees of a converted CTE center based on raises provided for executive branch employees, to require that KDE calculate the amounts of one-time awards, to allow districts to request reimbursement for payment of one-time awards, and to appropriate funds in the amount of \$170,000 to the Learning and Results Services budget unit to administer the awards; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2024; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

HB 505

AN ACT relating to alcohol and drug counselors.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 222 to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to promulgate administrative regulations to establish requirements for providing alcohol and drug treatment and behavioral health service providers and to require the cabinet to seek federal approval if it determines that such approval is necessary; creates a new section of Chapter 309 to establish criteria for registration as a temporary alcohol and drug peer support specialist; amends KRS 309.080, 309.0805, 309.0813, 309.083, 309.0841, 309.0842, and 309.088 to change references to “associate alcohol and drug counselor I” and “associate alcohol and drug counselor II”; amends KRS 309.081 to make changes to the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counselors; and amends KRS 309.0831 to change registration requirements for alcohol and drug peer support specialists.

HB 512

AN ACT relating to personal service contracts.

Amends KRS 45A.690, relating to the Government Contract Review Committee, to exclude agreements between the Kentucky Horse Park and judges, officials, and entertainers contracted for events promoted by the Kentucky Horse Park from the definition of “personal service contract.”

HB 513

AN ACT relating to the New State Capitol campus.

Amends KRS 11.027 to create a process for the Historic Properties Advisory Commission to submit plans for approval by the General Assembly prior to the installation or removal of statues, monuments, or objects of art on permanent display in the rotunda of the New State Capitol.

VETOED

VETO OVERRIDDEN

HB 517

AN ACT relating to legislative ethics.

Amends KRS 6.611 to exclude from the definition of “lobbying” the action of any person whose official responsibilities do not include lobbying, who is not compensated to lobby, and who is an officer, managerial personnel, or employee with specialized knowledge assisting an entity with a direct interest in legislation on a particular issue; amends KRS 6.681 to require that the Legislative Ethics Commission provide a draft of its response to an advisory opinion or notice of its intention not to issue an opinion to a requestor five days prior to the meeting to consider the opinion; amends KRS 6.686 to allow the commission to dismiss an ethics complaint for failure to state a claim of an ethics violation, to require the commission to determine whether there is a reason to believe a person has committed or is about to commit an ethics code violation, to provide that, if the commission finds by a vote of at least five members that there is reason to believe a violation has been or is about to be committed, it shall initiate a preliminary inquiry into the alleged violations, and to provide that if fewer than five members find reason to believe a violation has been or is about to be committed, then it shall dismiss the complaint; and amends KRS 6.744 to allow a legislator to represent a client on adversarial matters related to previously issued licenses or permits, ministerial functions related to licensing and permitting, or matters related to driver licensing.

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HB 528

AN ACT relating to public safety.

Amends KRS 65.7631 to extend the 5 percent rate of total monthly revenues deposited into the commercial mobile radio services (CMRS) fund for assisting with the adoption and operation of next-generation statewide 911 initiatives to July 1, 2025, with a 2.5 percent rate after that date, and to extend the 7.5 percent rate of total monthly revenues deposited into the CMRS fund for grants, matching money, or funds relating to 911 services to July 1, 2025, with a 10 percent rate after that date; and amends KRS 241.170 to grant full police powers of peace officers to the city administrator and the administrator's investigators.

HB 533

AN ACT relating to economic development and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 103.240 to include the payment of working capital expenditures as an allowable use for moneys received from the sale of bonds; EMERGENCY.

HB 534

AN ACT relating to addiction treatment.

Amends KRS 205.536 to prohibit the Department for Medicaid Services or a Medicaid managed care organization from requiring or using certain utilization reviews for prescription drugs that contains an opioid antagonist; and amends KRS 304.17A-611 to prohibit insurers from requiring or using certain utilization reviews for prescriptions that contain an opioid antagonist, and to provide that the prohibition applies to health benefit plans issued or renewed after January 1, 2025.

HB 535

AN ACT relating to civic education.

Amends KRS 158.141 to require, beginning with the high school freshman class of 2025-2026, either a one-half credit course in civic literacy for graduation, including early graduation, or a score of 70 percent on a 100-question civics test, with local school districts selecting which option to use, to require that school districts submit annual civics testing data to the Kentucky Department of Education and to require that the department report cumulative data to the Legislative Research Commission, to provide a list of required topics to be taught in a civic literacy course, and to require that the Kentucky Board of Education promulgate administrative regulations establishing the academic standards for civic literacy.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 551

AN ACT relating to cold cases.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to allow law enforcement agencies to contract with retired peace officers to assist with homicide cold cases.

HB 553

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky rural veterinary student loan repayment program and making an appropriation therefor.

Establishes the Kentucky Rural Veterinary Medicine Student Loan Repayment Program for an eligible livestock practitioner who engages in veterinary medicine in an underserved rural area or veterinary shortage area for five consecutive years; allows a livestock practitioner in an underserved rural area to practice mixed animal medicine with a minimum of 30 percent work dedicated to livestock; defines “underserved rural area” as a city having a population of less than 25,000 and lying more than 20 miles from a city having a population of more than 50,000; authorizes the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority to promulgate administrative regulations; sets forth program eligibility requirements; authorizes the authority to award loan repayment benefits to applicants selected by the Veterinary Student Loan Repayment Selection Committee; establishes compliance requirements; creates the rural veterinary care trust fund; establishes purposes of the fund; and requires a report to the Legislative Research Commission, Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue, and Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture; APPROPRIATION.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 554

AN ACT relating to insurance coverage of state property.

Creates a new section of KRS 164A.555 to 164A.630 to permit governing boards of public-supported postsecondary educational institutions to elect to terminate the institution’s coverage through the state fire and tornado insurance fund and obtain coverage from an authorized insurer or through a self-insurance pool, to establish requirements for terminating and resuming coverage through the state fire and tornado insurance fund, to require that institutions that obtain coverage under the section have an annual inspection of each state building and its contents, and to establish requirements for insurance obtained by an institution from an authorized insurer or a self-insurance pool; and amends KRS 164A.575 to conform.

HB 561

AN ACT relating to child care.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 199 to define terms, to establish operations and requirements of a Certified Child Care Community Designation Program to be administered by the Cabinet for Economic Development for the purpose of creating new opportunities for local governments to help increase the supply of child care and early childhood education services in their communities through voluntary actions related to zoning reform and programming at the local level, and to require annual reporting to the General Assembly related to the operation of the program; amends KRS 199.881 to remove the pilot program designation of the Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership; amends KRS 199.887 to establish new requirements for an employee and a child care provider who receives child care assistance from his or her employer; amends KRS 199.888 to establish a new requirement of the cabinet to develop and implement strategies and programs to promote awareness of the Employee Child Care Assistance Partnership; and establishes a new requirement in KRS Chapter 199 to require the cabinet to submit by December 1, 2024, a draft standardized application for certification and draft instructions for the Certified Child Care Communities Designation Program to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint Committee on Families and Children.

HB 563

AN ACT relating to public water and wastewater systems, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 65 to define terms, to create a forbearance period of three years for a utility acquiring a public water or wastewater system with existing violations, to require the acquiring utility to correct past violations during the forbearance period, to defer fines and penalties during the forbearance period, to prioritize funding from the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) for projects where the acquiring utility is making improvements to the acquired system, to allow for a waiver of accrued fines and penalties if all deficiencies have been corrected and the public water or wastewater system has been sold to the acquiring utility or if the utility adopts a management and operations agreement handled by a well-operated utility, to require the acquiring utility to make records available to ensure compliance after the expiration of the forbearance period, to allow the Energy and Environment Cabinet and the Public Service Commission to waive fines and penalties, collect fines and penalties, or grant a discretionary extension of the forbearance period not to exceed six months, and to prohibit an acquired water or wastewater system to which a forbearance period applied from being eligible for any additional forbearance periods; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 224A to define terms, to establish the Kentucky Water and Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems Program under the KIA to provide for a funding application and evaluation process for eligible public water and wastewater systems to seek funds from the General Assembly, to require the KIA to make applications available under the program, verify eligibility of proposed recipients, award funding as directed by the General Assembly, enforce compliance with funding conditions, and report quarterly to the General Assembly on the status of all funding awarded under the program, to allow the KIA board to contract or consult with third-party consultants, state agencies, or special purpose governmental entities in discharging its duties, to require that finalized funding applications be made available to the public, to allow eligible public water and wastewater systems to submit applications for regional projects, to provide for forfeiture and repayment of awarded funds, to require that the KIA board evaluate applications according to specified criteria and submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission containing the evaluations and scores of the proposed funding recipients and proposals for the structure of the funding to be awarded, to establish the Kentucky water and wastewater assistance for troubled or economically restrained systems fund, to provide that all moneys in the fund shall be allocated by the General Assembly for eligible projects, to provide that funding may be awarded in the form of grants, loans, no-interest loans, or forgivable loans, to require that interest rates for loans be set in the same manner as the interest rates for loans from the federally assisted wastewater and water supply revolving funds, except that the interest rates shall be one-half percent lower and shall not be below zero percent, to allow the authority to use up to one-half percent of the moneys deposited into the fund for administrative costs, to establish the emergency Kentucky water and wastewater assistance for troubled or economically restrained systems fund, to provide that moneys from the fund be dedicated for capital and non-capital expenses relating solely to restoring or avoiding imminent interruption of utility service provided by a public water or wastewater system after a statewide or local emergency has been declared, to allow the authority to require that a corrective action plan be submitted with a funding application, and to require that interest rates for loans be set in the same manner as the interest rates for loans from the federally assisted wastewater and water supply revolving funds; and amends KRS 224A.316 to require that the KIA prioritize funding for a utility acquiring a public water or wastewater system for the correction of deficiencies in the system

identified in state and federal violations during the forbearance period; APPROPRIATION;
EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

VETOED

VETO OVERRIDDEN

HB 580

AN ACT relating to elections and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 116.112 to allow the Secretary of State to enter into agreements on behalf of the State Board of Elections to further voter list maintenance practices, and to require that a voter confirm that his or her residence has changed; amends KRS 117.035 to provide that appointed members of a county board of elections shall serve four-year terms that expire June 30 of the year following a presidential election, to provide that a member of the county board of elections appointed by the State Board of Elections may be removed for just cause, and to increase the amount of compensation for members of the county board of elections to not less than \$50 for each day the board meets; amends KRS 117.065 to require that the county board of elections establish the voting place for each precinct not later than January 15 of each year, and to allow the county board of elections to designate certain buildings as voting places on election day and early voting days; amends KRS 117.066 to require that petitions to consolidate precincts be submitted at least 120 days before a primary election and to provide that beginning on January 1, 2025, the approved petitions shall apply for the entire year; amends KRS 117.076 to remove language requiring a sworn statement to vote by excused in-person absentee voting for voters in the last trimester of pregnancy, to allow any person prevented from voting in person at the polls on election day and from casting a no-excuse in-person absentee ballot because of absence from his or her county of residence to cast an excused in-person absentee ballot, and to require that tallies or counts of in-person absentee ballots, or any partial results, be transmitted or publicized only to the county board of elections until a certain time; amends KRS 117.085 to require that jail staff allow incarcerated voters to receive assistance from the county clerk to request an absentee ballot, to require that mail-in absentee ballots be mailed to a student's residence or current address at the educational institution where the student is enrolled, to require that mail-in absentee ballots for persons incarcerated in jail who have been charged with but not convicted of a crime be sent to the correctional facility where the person is in custody, to allow voters who are receiving inpatient or residential medical treatment to receive a mail-in absentee ballot at the facility where they are receiving treatment, and to allow certain voters who have left an address to request a second ballot and require the county clerk to cancel the first absentee ballot; amends KRS 117.086 to make technical corrections; amends KRS 117.0861 to allow a caregiver or employee of a caregiving facility, or an employee of a jail, to handle mail-in absentee ballots if ordinarily engaged in mail delivery, as long as the ballot remains private to the voter; amends KRS 117.265 to prohibit any candidate who is disqualified in a primary from running for the same office in the regular election; amends KRS 117.275 to require that the copy of the precinct-by-precinct summary of tabulation showing the results from each precinct include votes cast during all absentee voting; amends KRS 117.295 to allow the county clerk to dispose of video surveillance of voting equipment after 60 days, or upon compliance with the Kentucky Open Records Act or the completion of an investigation or pending litigation; amends KRS 117.389 to remove the 30-day restriction for county clerks to have automatic tabulating equipment tested; amends KRS 117.900 to allow county boards of election to implement annual prize contests for students and teachers and to prescribe

guidelines for these contests; amends KRS 117A.070 to inform voters who have applied for a military-overseas ballot of their ability to use a federal write-in absentee ballot; amends KRS 118.125 to remove the requirement that a candidate's precinct be listed on his or her notification and declaration oath; amends KRS 118.215 to move the candidate certification date to the third Monday after the filing deadline for the primary; amends KRS 118.225 to require that the ballot position for all statewide office candidates or slates of candidates be determined by lot for each congressional district; amends KRS 118.345 to prohibit any candidate who is disqualified in a primary from running for the same office in the regular election; amends KRS 118.415 to remove references to participation by the Attorney General in the formation of a ballot question for a proposed constitutional amendment; amends KRS 118.445 to allow the Secretary of State to publicly designate the location where presidential electors shall convene on the first Tuesday after the second Wednesday in December after their election; amends KRS 118.740 to require that copies of certain proclamations or writs of election be forwarded by mail to the sheriff of a county at least 63 days before an election and that the sheriff shall give notice at least 56 days before the day of an election; amends KRS 118.770 to require that certain certificates of nomination be filed at least 56 days before an election; amends KRS 118A.060 to require that names of judicial candidates be printed on the ballot in accordance with the requirements in KRS 118.129; amends KRS 118A.090 to conform; amends KRS 118A.100 to remove language to provide that this chapter applies to a vacancy in office; amends KRS 119.005 to define "election administration information system"; amends KRS 119.115 to make it a Class D felony to tamper or attempt to tamper with, disarrange, deface, impair, injure, or destroy an e-poll book or election administration information system; amends KRS 160.190 to require that candidates for school board vacancies file nominating petitions not later than the second Tuesday in August preceding the regular election, and file declarations of intent in accordance with KRS 117.265; and requires the State Board of Elections to reappoint appointed members of the county boards of elections whose terms expire on June 30, 2024, for a term of one year to expire on June, 20, 2025; EMERGENCY.

HB 581

AN ACT relating to retail filling stations.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 100 to define "retail filling station" and "electric vehicle charging station"; prohibits local governments from using the zoning process or adopting any measure to prohibit or restrict the ability of a retail filling station from locating in areas in which similar businesses may locate, to discriminate against the use or location of a retail filling station, or to treat retail filling stations differently from electric vehicle charging stations; and allows restrictions on retail filling stations, provided they are similar to those for other businesses, do not prohibit their operation, and are not in conflict with state or federal law.

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VETO OVERRIDDEN

HB 583

AN ACT relating to environmental emergencies.

Amends KRS 224.1-401 to require that the chief executive officers of all forms of local government and mayors receive notification of a declaration of an environmental emergency in their jurisdiction.

HB 586

AN ACT relating to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Amends various sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes to change “conservation officer” to “game warden”; amends KRS 16.065 to remove water safety enforcement from the duties of the Department of Kentucky State Police; amends KRS 150.010 to define terms; amends KRS 150.025 to allow the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources to regulate water safety enforcement; amends KRS 150.175 to establish a resident and nonresident outfitter license and change “commercial guide’s license” to “guide’s license,” and to make changes to conform with the outfitter license; and amends KRS 150.190 and KRS 186.675 to conform.

HB 592

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle dealers.

Amends KRS 190.046 to establish that the compensation of a dealer for vehicles with a federal classification of seven or higher by a manufacturer, component manufacturer, or distributor shall not be less than the amount charged to retail customers for nonwarranty work or the dealer acquisition cost of parts or service.

HB 595

AN ACT relating to elections and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 13B.020 to remove the Registry of Election Finance from the list of agencies exempt from conducting administrative hearings pursuant to that chapter; amends KRS 67C.135 to require that county clerks mail voters a notice informing them of their current legislative council district and member upon the completion of reapportionment; amends KRS 116.085 to require that county clerks mail voters a notice informing them of their current district number, state representative, and state senator upon the enactment of a new redistricting plan; amends KRS 121.015 to include in the definition of “campaign committee” that persons receiving contributions and making expenditures in support of a candidate or slate of candidates must be authorized to do so, to define “independent expenditure-only committee,” to include independent expenditure-only committee and federally registered political committee in the definition of “permanent committee,” and to define “reasonable cause”; amends KRS 121.140 to increase the maximum penalty per day for violations, and to require that the registry conduct administrative hearings pursuant to KRS Chapter 13B; amends KRS 121.150 to prohibit independent expenditure-only committees from certain solicitations and contributions regarding religious, charitable, civic, eleemosynary, or other causes or organizations established primarily for the public good, to allow certain campaign committees to make unlimited contributions to an independent expenditure-only committee, or as allowed by federal law to a federally registered political committee with provisions, to allow that campaign funds be used for the repayment of debt in a previous campaign for the same office, to allow independent expenditure-only committees to accept contributions from a corporation, and to make technical corrections; amends KRS 121.160 to make technical corrections; amends KRS 121.170 to allow a committee campaign treasurer to be a registered voter from any state if the chair of the committee is a registered voter in Kentucky, to replace “federally registered out of state permanent committee” with “federally registered political committee,” and to conform to 52 U.S.C. sec 30101(4)(a) and 52 U.S.C. sec. 30118; amends KRS 121.175 to allow members of the General Assembly to use campaign funds for certain legal fees; amends KRS 121.180 to increase the threshold from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for campaign finance reporting requirements, to change the amount of campaign funds per event or affair that a candidate or slate

of candidates can use to purchase admission tickets for or contribute to another candidate or slate of candidates, to establish deadlines by which candidates and slates of candidates shall file the required spending intent form, to establish a penalty for persons who fail to file the required form, and to replace “unauthorized campaign committee” with “independent expenditure-only committee”; amends KRS 121.180 and 121.210 to conform; amends KRS 121.190 to establish additional guidelines for disclaimers in campaign communications; amends KRS 121.230 to establish permissible expenditures for the administrative costs of maintaining a political party headquarters; and amends KRS 121.990 to establish a penalty for persons who fail to comply with requests from the registry for records for audits; EMERGENCY.

HB 596

AN ACT relating to annexation.

Creates a new section of KRS 65.210 to 65.300 to make interlocal agreements concerning the sharing of occupational or insurance premium tax revenue between a city and a county terminable only with the consent of both parties; amends KRS 65.250 to conform; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 81A to allow a county subject to occupational tax crediting to have standing to challenge a proposed annexation, to require cities that annex territory in counties subject to occupational tax crediting to remit payments to a county or negotiate with a county for investment in a project associated with the annexation in certain circumstances, to require a city that has conducted an annexation that would be subject to the Act to submit information regarding the annexation to the Department for Local Government, to allow counties to establish designated county industrial districts, to define terms, to prohibit annexation by a city of territory within a district without consent of the county, to provide a method to establish a new district or dissolve an existing district, to require certain uses within a district, to set a maximum number and size of districts within a county, and to provide landowners and cities with standing to bring suit against a county concerning a district; amends KRS 81A.412 to require that a city located in a county subject to occupational tax crediting provide written notice to the county in the case of a voluntary annexation; and amends KRS 81A.420 to require that a city provide written notice to a county of annexation, and to eliminate the election in opposition to annexation but allow a petition to defeat annexation proposal.

HB 602

AN ACT relating to authorizing the payment of certain claims against the state which have been duly audited and approved according to law and have not been paid because of the lapsing or insufficiency of former appropriations against which the claims were chargeable or the lack of an appropriate procurement document in place, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Appropriates funds for the payment of claims against the Commonwealth; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

HB 611

AN ACT relating to truancy.

Amends KRS 159.140 to require a director of pupil personnel to report to the county attorney if a parent or guardian has allowed a child in kindergarten to grade five to be absent without an excuse for 15 or more days or if a minor in grade six through 12, who is a habitual truant, is absent without an excuse for 15 or more days; and amends KRS 610.030 to require that

a diversion agreement for a child against whom a complaint alleging truancy has been filed shall require that if the child is absent without an excuse four or more times during the diversion, the child will immediately be considered to have failed diversion and be referred to the county attorney for formal court action, to require that a diversion agreement not exceed 12 months, and to make conforming changes.

HB 619

AN ACT relating to terms of imprisonment.

Amends KRS 532.110 to allow the aggregate of consecutive indeterminate terms to exceed the longest extended term authorized by KRS 532.080 where a person convicted of a felony is convicted of or enters a guilty plea to an additional felony committed while on parole, probation, shock probation, or conditional discharge, or where the person is convicted of or enters a guilty plea to an offense committed while awaiting trial for another offense.

HB 621

AN ACT relating to the State Fair Board.

Amends KRS 247.140 to add the North American Championship Rodeo and the National Farm Machinery Show's Championship Tractor Pull to the list of shows and expositions owned and operated by the State Fair Board.

HB 622

AN ACT relating to elections and declaring an emergency.

Repeals KRS 63.200, which requires the Governor to fill vacancies in the office of United States Senator; amends KRS 118.720 to require that the Governor sign a proclamation for an election to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator and to extend the term of the candidate who wins special election to the remainder of the term; and amends KRS 118.740 and 118.770 to conform; EMERGENCY.

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VETO OVERRIDDEN

HB 635

AN ACT relating to fiscal impact statements.

Amends KRS 6.350 to require that an actuary performing an actuarial analysis clearly describe a new assumption or method and the basis for selecting the assumption or method, including any documentation, studies, written opinions, calculations, or citations, and to require that the actuary certify that the information provided in the analysis is accurate; amends KRS 6.948 to require that the commissioner of the Department of Insurance include in a fiscal impact statement documentation, studies, written opinions, calculations, and citations in support of his or her findings and conclusions and include in the statement an estimate of any potential future cost savings, including an explanation why the bill would or would not provide future cost savings, and to require the commissioner to certify that the information provided in the fiscal impact statement is accurate; and amends KRS 6.949 to require that the commissioner of the Department of Corrections include in a corrections impact statement documentation, studies, written opinions, calculations, and citations in support of the department's findings and conclusions, an estimate of any potential future cost savings, if not already included in a statement, and a certification by the commissioner that the information provided in the statement is accurate.

HB 657

AN ACT relating to transfers of land.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 382 to require that an owner of land comprising a subdivision in a county which has not adopted regulations under KRS Chapter 100, relating to planning and zoning, for the subdivision of land within its boundaries, record a plat of the subdivision in the office of the county clerk, and to establish penalties for violations.

HB 695

AN ACT establishing the Adaptive Kindergarten Readiness pilot project.

Creates a new section of KRS Chapter 157 to make legislative findings and declarations, to establish definitions, to establish the Adaptive Kindergarten Readiness Pilot Project, to establish the duration and terms of the pilot project, to require that the Kentucky Department of Education implement the pilot project through selection of a service provider, to establish the qualifications and duties of the service provider, to require that the department submit a report by December 1, 2025, to the Legislative Research Commission that evaluates the pilot project, to provide the required components of the report, to authorize the department to implement the section to the extent that federal funds are available, and to authorize the Kentucky Board of Education to select an entity that has already entered into a contract to provide substantially similar services to be selected as the provider for the pilot project.

REPORT MANDATED

HB 712

AN ACT relating to economic development.

Amends KRS 147A.090 to provide that area development district boards of directors have the power and duty to cooperate with the Kentucky Ohio River Regional Recreation Authority (KORRRRA); creates new sections of KRS Chapter 148 to promote outdoor recreation and tourism development by establishing the KORRRRA; amends KRS Chapter 241.010 to define terms; creates new sections of KRS Chapter 242 and 243 to authorize a precinct local option election to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages at marinas, to set petition and ballot language, to define “marina” and establish qualifications for a local option election and licensure, and to make marinas eligible for retail package and drink licenses.

HB 715

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky National Guard and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 36.474 removing the post-deployment provision relating to eligibility for the military family assistance trust fund, and to make a technical correction; and amends KRS 36.477 expanding the Kentucky National Guard Adoption Assistance Program to include former members of the Kentucky National Guard, and to allow adoption of stepchildren to qualify; EMERGENCY.

HB 723

AN ACT relating to economic relief for local communities of the Commonwealth and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 147A.154 and 147A.158 to sunset the existing Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT) Program as established in the Department for Local Government and to transfer the moneys in the existing fund to the Cabinet for Economic Development to be used in the GRANT Program of 2024; creates subchapter 14 within KRS

Chapter 154 to establish the GRANT Program of 2024 under the cabinet, to define terms, to establish the duties of the cabinet in the implementation of the program subject to the approval of the GRANT commission, to establish a sunset provision of December 31, 2026, to establish requirements for grant applications, to establish project evaluation and scoring requirements, to create a fund for the program, to establish program reporting requirements, to establish the GRANT commission, and to establish membership and meeting provisions; and amends KRS 12.020 to conform; EMERGENCY.

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VETO OVERRIDDEN

HB 726

AN ACT relating to the regulation of financial institutions.

Amends sections of Subtitles 1, 2, and 3 of KRS Chapter 286 to consolidate statutes, to make technical corrections, and to make revisions to the required banking experience of the financial institutions commissioner, the Financial Institutions Board, prohibited practices of financial institution examiners, application of financial services code to national bank or federal savings association operating subsidiaries, examination of safe deposit boxes, transaction of business by foreign financial institutions, banking definitions, the transaction of banking or trust business in this state, state bank and trust company charter requirements, and state bank investment powers; amends sections of Subtitle 3 of KRS Chapter 286 relating to the definition of a receivership court for an insolvent bank, national bank to state bank conversions, state bank branching powers, bank holidays, pledges of bank assets, bank dividends, bank acquisitions, bank concentration limits, interstate merger transactions, out-of-state bank powers, and banking code penalties; creates new sections of Subtitles 2 and 3 of KRS Chapter 286 to establish rules of application and interpretation, to establish national bank parity regulatory authority of the commissioner, and to amend various sections to conform; repeals sections within Subtitles 1, 2, and 3 of KRS Chapter 286 relating to financial institution commissioner appointments, improperly influencing real estate appraisals, financial institution definitions, foreign financial institutions, banking business powers, bank officers and directors, capital requirements for banks and trust companies, bank branch requirements, installment loans, educational loans to minors, and revolving credit plans; amends KRS 286.3-095 to require reporting for changes in control of bank holding companies that own a state bank; amends KRS 286.3-145 to modify the requirements for state trust companies doing business outside of Kentucky; amends KRS 286.3-146 to modify the requirements for out-of-state trust companies to do business in Kentucky; amends KRS 286.3-690 to permit the commissioner of financial institutions to remove a bank employee from office; repeals Subtitle 5 of KRS Chapter 286, relating to the chartering and regulation of state savings and loan associations, except provision relating to transacting of business by out-of-state savings and loan associations; repeals Subtitles 7 and 10 of KRS Chapter 286, relating to the licensing and regulation of industrial loan corporations and title pledge lending; amends KRS 286.8-034 to modify application fees and annual assessment fees for mortgage loan companies and mortgage loan brokers; and repeals KRS 365.205, relating to printing requirements for personal checks and providing for the initial and staggered appointments to the Financial Institutions Board.

HB 727

AN ACT relating to school district buildings.

Amends KRS 160.160 to authorize a school district to issue general obligation bonds in accordance with KRS Chapter 66, to authorize the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to intercept debt service payments when due for a general obligation bond issue, to make conforming amendments, to add language to suspend the requirement for prior approval for a local board to commence the funding, financing, design, construction, renovation, or modification of district facilities until June 30, 2027, to require a local board to continue to submit BG-1 Project Application forms, to ensure that KDE shall continue to have authority to intercede on bond payments until June 30, 2027, to provide for an expedited process for approval of district facility plans and the acquisition and disposal of property, to require that KDE provide assistance to districts upon request concerning facilities and properties procedures, to ensure current applications are governed by these sections, to include extracurricular facilities as facilities covered by the Act, and to declare that nothing in specified sections waives prior approval of Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds or other federal funds for which federal law requires state authorization; and creates a new section of KRS Chapter 162 to allow school districts to issue general obligation bonds.

HB 752

AN ACT relating to disaster recovery, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Appropriates moneys from the EKSAFE and WKSAFE funds for continuing recovery in eastern and western Kentucky; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

HB 771

AN ACT relating to trusts.

Amends KRS 386B.1-010 to add definitions; creates new sections of Subchapter 5 of KRS Chapter 386B to permit the establishment of spendthrift trusts and to establish rules for spendthrift trusts; amends KRS 386.175, 386B.1-030, 386B.4-110, 390.320, 394.035, and 394.640 to conform; and repeals KRS 386B.5-010 to 386B.5-060.

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HB 779

AN ACT relating to digital precinct boundary requirements.

Amends KRS 117.055, 117.0551, 117.0552, and 117.0557 to update terminology for precinct boundaries from a physical map to a digital file requirement.

HB 782

AN ACT relating to telecommunicators.

Creates a new section within KRS 15.530 to 15.590 to create the Public Safety Telecommunicator Work Group to develop a new delivery format for the public safety telecommunicator academy and to add training provisions for part-time telecommunicators hired before and after July 1, 2026; amends KRS 15.530 to define “public safety telecommunicator” and “public safety telecommunicator academy,” and to remove the “CJIS” and “non-CJIS” designations; amends KRS 15.540 to allow an agency seeking to hire a telecommunicator 120 days to certify the eligibility of an applicant to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council and to require training regarding the Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS); amends KRS 15.560 to require that all telecommunicators complete the academy within 12 months of their hire date and to remove

disparate requirements for CJIS and non-CJIS telecommunicators; amends KRS 15.565 to remove disparate requirements for CJIS and non-CJIS certification and to require that all telecommunicators complete CJIS in-service training recognized by the Kentucky State Police CJIS Services Agency; and amends KRS 15.590 to remove distinction of CJIS and non-CJIS telecommunicator academy and to recognize the public safety telecommunicators academy in its place; EFFECTIVE, in part, July 1, 2026.

HB 804

AN ACT relating to venue and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 452.010, 452.030, 452.050, and 452.090 to establish application for a transfer for a change in venue in specified actions; and amends KRS 452.005 to conform; EMERGENCY.

VETOED

VETO OVERRIDDEN

HB 825

AN ACT relating to an audit of the Kentucky Department of Education.

Requires the Office of the Auditor of Public Accounts to conduct a full fiscal controls and operational performance audit of the Kentucky Department of Education and to provide the report to the Interim Joint Committee on Education by July 1, 2025.

MANDATED REPORT

HB 829

AN ACT relating to medicinal cannabis and declaring an emergency.

Amends KRS 12.020 and KRS 194A.030 to establish the Office of Medicinal Cannabis, the Division of Enforcement and Compliance, and the Division of Licensure and Access within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services; amends KRS 218A.202 to make a technical correction; amends KRS 218B.010 to revise definitions of terms related to the medicinal cannabis program; amends KRS 218B.020 to add a pharmacist appointed by the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy to be confirmed by the Senate to the membership of the Board of Physicians and Advisors and to require the board to assist the cabinet in developing a Medicinal Cannabis Advisory Pamphlet; amends KRS 218B.035 to prohibit the use or consumption of marijuana by vaping while on any form of public transportation or in any public place; amends KRS 218B.045 to require each local board of education, each board of directors of a public charter school, and the governing body of each certified nonpublic school to establish policies related to the use of medicinal cannabis by a pupil who is a registered qualified patient on school property by December 1, 2024, and to establish basic standards for school policies related to medicinal cannabis; amends KRS 218B.050 to establish that a medicinal cannabis practitioner shall believe a patient is likely to receive safe and effective therapeutic or palliative relief from the use of medicinal cannabis before providing the patient with a written certification for the use of medicinal cannabis; amends KRS 218B.055 to require that an application for a registry identification card be accompanied by a written certification for the use of medicinal cannabis issued not more than 60 days prior to the date of application; amends KRS 218B.060 to delete provisions related to a provisional registration receipt system; amends KRS 218B.065 to make a technical correction; amends KRS 218B.070 to require a medical cannabis practitioner to make certain notifications to the cabinet; amends KRS 218B.090 to require that the cabinet prioritize the review of cannabis business licensure

applications submitted by an individual or entity who is an existing Kentucky hemp business in good standing with the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and to establish that a cannabis business licensed by the cabinet must comply with local government zoning and cannabis business regulations; amends KRS 218B.100 to establish the investigation and inspection powers of the Office of Medicinal Cannabis; amends KRS 218B.110 to establish requirements for dispensaries to provide cardholders with a copy of the Medicinal Cannabis Advisory Pamphlet and to prohibit licensed dispensaries from opening to the public or dispensing medicinal cannabis to cardholders prior to January 1, 2025; amends KRS 218B.130 to establish when a local government may act to prohibit cannabis business operations, to make technical corrections, to require that a proposal for a petition to allow cannabis business operations inside the territory of a local government that has prohibited cannabis business operations be initiated by a person or group of persons who have been registered to vote in the affected territory for at least 12 months prior to submitting the proposal, to require that a petition be signed by at least 10 percent of registered voters in the affected territory, and to require a local government that acts to prohibit cannabis business operations in its territory to provide notification of the action to the cabinet; amends KRS 218B.140 to delete the requirement that the cabinet collaborate with the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure, the Kentucky Board of Nursing, and the Kentucky Center for Cannabis to establish a definition of a daily supply, 10-day supply, and 30-day supply of medicinal cannabis and the amount of raw plant material that medicinal cannabis products are equivalent to, and to require that the cabinet develop a Medicinal Cannabis Advisory Pamphlet and an adverse drugs effects reporting system; amends KRS 218B.150 to establish that property and casualty insurance carriers shall not be required to reimburse a person for costs associated with the use of medicinal cannabis; and amends 2023 Ky. Acts ch. 146 (2023 SB 47), sec. 42, to establish a new effective date of July 1, 2024, for KRS 139.480, 218A.1421, 218A.1422, 218A.1423, 218B.015, 218B.030, 218B.090, 218B.095, 218B.100, 218B.105, 218B.110, 218B.115, 218B.120, 218B.125, and 218B.155; EMERGENCY.

HB 833

AN ACT relating to motor vehicle inspectors.

Amends KRS 70.030 to allow a sheriff to appoint nonsworn special inspectors solely to perform motor vehicle inspections; amends KRS 186A.115 to allow sheriffs to appoint up to two employees of a motor vehicle dealer licensed under KRS Chapter 190 and doing business in the sheriff's county as special inspectors solely to complete inspections of motor vehicles to be sold by that dealer if the motor vehicle dealer is a new motor vehicle dealer or a used motor vehicle dealer that makes an average of 100 motor vehicle sales per month for the preceding 12 months, to allow the sheriff to retain fees for conducting motor vehicle inspections in the amount of \$30 for a motor vehicle dealer that has an employee who is appointed as a special inspector, \$15 for a motor vehicle dealer that does not have an employee appointed as a special inspector, or \$15 for an individual, to require that the Transportation Cabinet promulgate administrative regulations to create an electronic certified vehicle inspection form to electronically input all required information for motor vehicle inspections, and to exempt certified inspector numbers from open records requests unless required by a court order; and amends KRS 186A.990 to add intentionally or willfully divulging a certified inspector number as a Class A misdemeanor and selling a certified inspector number as a Class D felony.

House Concurrent Resolution**HCR 81**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION directing the Legislative Research Commission to establish the Efficient and Effective School District Governance Task Force.

Directs the Legislative Research Commission to establish the Efficient and Effective School District Governance Task Force; outlines task force duties; requires the task force to submit any recommendations and changes the task force may adopt by December 1, 2024; establishes membership; requires the task force to meet at least twice per month; and requires the Legislative Research Commission to provide needed staff and authorizes the commission to enter into contracts for consultants to assist the task force in its duties.

VETOED

VETO OVERRIDDEN

House Joint Resolutions**HJR 56**

A JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the release of capital construction funds to the Department of Parks for improvements to Kentucky State Parks and declaring an emergency.

Authorizes the Office of State Budget Director to release capital construction funds totaling \$71 million to the Department of Parks for specific upgrades to state parks; and requires reporting on the status of state park projects by the Department of Parks to the Legislative Research Commission and the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY.

MANDATED REPORT

HJR 91

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to road projects.

Sets out the last four years of the Six-Year Road Plan.

HJR 92

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to road projects.

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