



Weekly Legislative Report

KACP KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 11

Friday marked the 46th day of the 60-day regular session.

A NOTE ON LEGISLATION: The session has hit a point where it is apparent many bills will not move or be voted on this session. Those include bills KACP supports, opposes and has been monitoring. For the sake of brevity, those bills have been removed from the report. If any of those bills begin to move, they will be returned to the legislative report.

LEGISLATION KACP SUPPORTING

KLEFPF INCREASE

The budget passed Thursday by the Senate includes a \$4,300 KLEFF stipend, an \$300 increase. KACP will continue to work with Senate budget committee chairman Chris McDaniel, R-Ryland Heights, to keep the increase in the budget as it weaves through the final approval process. KACP thanks Sen. McDaniel for keeping his commitment to law enforcement.

VIRTUAL TRAINING

The KACP-supported virtual training bill - HB565, sponsored by Rep. Kim Moser, R-Taylor Mill - passed the House Tuesday by a vote of 61-31 and is waiting on Committee assignment

CONSTABLE BILL

The Senate State and Local Government Committee could also on Wednesday hear legislation regarding constables, [HB239](#). The bill, which has passed the House, is sponsored by Rep. Adam Koenig, R-Erlanger, requires constables elected in 2022 to receive law enforcement training.

PUBLIC PERSONNEL

[HB414](#), filed by Rep. John Blanton, R-Salyersville, could be voted on this week by the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs & Public Protection Committee. The bill would make it easier for cities to recruit and retain public's safety personnel by making changes to current law, including removing the age limit for new hire and limitations to the number of retired police officers a city is allowed to employ. It would also allow agencies to operate under an 80-hour, 14-day work period instead of a 40-hour, seven-day period.

EMPLOYMENT CONTRACTS

[SB206](#), filed by Sen. Johnny Turner, R-Harlan, the bill will extend law enforcement contracts to four years. Sen. Phillip Wheeler, R-Pikeville, who has been a staunch KACP supporter, co-sponsored the bill. Adjustments are being made to include university and airport officers. Hopefully, the bill will be heard this week by the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs & Public Protection Committee.

KLEC APPOINTMENTS

[HB335](#), Filed by Rep. Adam Bowling, R-Middlesboro, the bill gives the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC) and Kentucky Assoc of Counties (KACO) the ability to submit names to the Governor for consideration on KLEC. Passed out of House Local Government Committee. Passed House; awaiting action in the Senate; Assigned to Senate State & Local Government Committee, which could hear the bill on Wednesday.

ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION KACP IS SUPPORTING

[HB48](#), False reporting of crimes

Filed by Rep. Phillip Pratt of Georgetown, the bill increases the penalties for falsely reporting an incident that results in an emergency response and creates a new law to allow law enforcement to seek civil damages arising from the false reporting of a crime. Passed House and Senate committee, awaiting action by the full Senate

[HB56](#) First responder COVID-19 death benefits

Sponsored Rep. Thomas Huff, R-Shepherdsville, the bill which would be retroactive, would amend the current statute on death benefits to include COVID-19 on the list of illnesses that can qualify a deceased first responder's family – including the families of law enforcement – for death benefits of \$80,000. The bill is retroactive, meaning any first responders who have died due to COVID-19 complications since March 2, 2020, would qualify. Passed House, assigned to Senate Appropriations & Revenue Committee

[HB137](#), KLEFPF payments

Filed by Rep. Melinda Gibbons Prunty, R-Belton, the bill would allow the following to receive KLEFPF training stipend: An officer serving on a joint task force; and investigator employed by a county attorney; a process server for juvenile courts within a consolidated local government. Passed House, awaiting action in Senate Appropriations & Revenue Committee

[HB154](#), DUI blood tests

Filed by Rep. Patrick Flannery, the bill would remove the penalty enhancement for refusal of a blood test. Passed House and Senate committee; awaiting action by the full Senate.

[HB479](#), Related to Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund

Filed by Rep. Chris Fugate, R-Chavies, the bill deletes reference to the payment made from the fish and game fund under definition of a "police officer" for fish and wildlife conservation officers and makes the funding source the Kentucky Law Enforcement Foundation Program. Assigned to House Committee on Committees.

[HB562](#), First responders

Filed by Rep. Ashley Tackett Laferty, D-Martin, the will would allow a law enforcement officer to take 48 hours leave after being involved in a critical incident. Passed committee, awaiting action by the full House.

SENATE

[SB63, Personal information](#)

Filed by Sen. Danny Carroll, R-Benton, would exempt records revealing a law enforcement officers address from Open Records requests; would also allow officers to request that their personally identifiable information be designated as confidential and not publicly posted. Passed by the Senate, awaiting House committee assignment.

LEGISLATION KACP TRACKING/MONITORING

HOUSE

[HB29, Firearms regulation](#)

Filed by Rep. Josh Bray, R-Mt. Vernon, the bill would prohibit the enforcement of a federal ban or regulation of firearms. Passed the House 75-20, awaiting Senate committee assignment.

[HB63, School Resource Officers \(SROs\)](#)

Filed by Rep. Kevin Bratcher, R-Louisville, the bill would require school districts that can afford a school resource officer at each school to have them in place by Aug. 1. If funds or personnel are not available, the bill directs the school district to work with the state Center for School Safety to address those issues. Passed the House, awaiting action in the Senate Education Committee.

SENATE

[SB176, Facial recognition technology](#)

Filed by Sen. Whitney Westerfield, R-Crofton, the bill requires the KLEC to adopt a model facial recognition technology by Jan. 1, 2023, to govern the use of facial technology recognition technology. Awaiting action by the full Senate.

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

March 31 to April 12 – 10-day veto recess

April 13 and 14 – Final two days of session

Click [here](#) to see the 2022 session calendar

FOR MORE INFO

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