



# Weekly Legislative Report

## KACP KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 18

Friday marked the 51st 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.

### LEGISLATIVE ALERTS!

KACP is sending out legislative alerts for two important bills.

#### **HB565, Virtual Training**

Sponsored by Rep. Kim Moser, R-Taylor Mill, the virtual training bill is KACP's top legislative priority. It has passed the House and last week, was passed 9-1 by the Senate State & Local Government Committee. KACP 1st. Vice-President, Chief William Hunt joined Independence Mayor Chris Reinersmen, Rep. Moser, KLC's Bryanna Carroll and KSA's Colonel Pat Morgan in testifying in favor of the bill. The bill now awaits action by the full Senate, which could happen early in the week of March 21.



### **HB239, Constable Training**

Sponsored by Rep. Adam Koenig, R-Erlanger, the bill has passed the House and awaits action by the Senate State and Local Government Committee. It requires constables elected in 2022 and after to receive valuable law enforcement training. HB239 does not stop constables from serving their community. The bill only prevents untrained newly elected constables from using peace officer powers, such as making arrests and investigating crimes.

[Look for a KACP Legislative Alert email for messaging and instructions on how to engage Senators on two these two important bills.](#)

### ***LATEST LEGISLATION NEWS***

#### **SB206, Employment Contracts**

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. We are also exploring other options to move this bill.

#### **HB206, Certification**

Sponsored by Rep. Rachel Roberts, D-Newport, would not allow law enforcement officers convicted of various crimes - including rape, sodomy, sexual abuse, or sexual misconduct - to be certified as a police/law enforcement officer in Kentucky. The bill passed the House 96-0 and last week was passed by the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs & Public Protection Committee. KACP Executive Director Shawn Butler testified in favor of the bill. It now awaits action by the full Senate.

### ***LEGISLATION UPDATE***

With the legislative session nearly completed, it is apparent many bills that KACP has been supporting, opposing, and following will not be heard this session. Most of those bills have been removed from the weekly report. Following are bills that still could be considered this year.

## **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. Awaiting action by the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee.

### **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, which could take up the bill this week.

### **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 Senate Education Committee, awaiting action by the full Senate.

### **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. Awaiting final action in the Senate.

### **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.

### **HB335, KLEC Appointments**

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. The bill has passed the House and Senate State & Local Government Committee and could be considered in the Senate as early as Monday.

### **HB414, Public Personnel**

Filed by Rep. John Blanton, R-Salyersville, 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. could be voted on this week by the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs & Public Protection Committee.

### **[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 the House, awaiting action in Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee.

## **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 action by House Judiciary Committee.](#)

## **BUDGET**

The House and Senate have passed separate budget bills. A conference committee has been formed to work out the differences in the two bills.

## ***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***

As always, questions, suggestions, comments or concerns can be directed to Executive Director Shawn Butler, who can be reached at 859-743-2920 or [sbutler@kypolicechiefs.org](mailto:sbutler@kypolicechiefs.org) or KACP lobbyist Patrick Crowley, who can be reached at 859-462-4245 or [pcrowley@strategicadvisersllc.com](mailto:pcrowley@strategicadvisersllc.com)

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