



Weekly Legislative Report

KACP KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 25

Friday marked the 56th day of the 60-day regular session. The General Assembly will meet Tuesday and Wednesday of this week then break until April 13 and 14, which will mark the end of the session. During the break, which is known as the veto period, the Governor often vetoes bills that the legislature can then attempt to override during the session's final two days.

LEGISLATIVE ALERTS! KACP PRIORITY BILLS ON THE MOVE

HB565, Virtual Training

Sponsored by Rep. Kim Moser, R-Taylor Mill, the virtual training bill is KACP's top legislative priority. The bill passed the Senate this week on a resounding vote of 36-1; it has previously passed the House. But since the Senate made some slight changes, the bill must return to the House for approval – a process known as concurrence. The vote is scheduled Tuesday. If the House concurs with the Senate version of the bill, HB565 will then be sent to Gov. Beshear for his signature.

HB239, Constable Training

Sponsored by Rep. Adam Koenig, R-Erlanger, the bill has passed both chambers and now awaits being signed into law by Gov. Andy Beshear. Thanks to Somerset Chief William Hunt for traveling to Frankfort this week to testify in favor of the bill, which 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.



We want to give special thanks to the chiefs who received the legislative alerts on both these bills last week and called their legislators. We heard from several lawmakers that the calls from chief helped influence how they voted. **Grassroots activism does makes a difference!**

LATEST LEGISLATION NEWS

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 out of the Senate Veterans, Military Affairs & Public Protection Committee last week. It is scheduled to be heard Tuesday in the Senate.

State budget bill

The legislature will take up the final version of the budget this coming week. We continue to watch to make sure the \$300 KLEFPF increase remains in the two-year spending plan.

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. Appears dead for the session.

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, awaiting concurrence in the House.

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. Passed House and Senate, awaiting concurrence in the House.

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, delivered to the Governor for his signature.

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. Passed House and Senate, delivered to the Governor for his signature.

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. Passed Senate Veterans, Military Affairs & Public Protection Committee, awaiting final action in the Senate.

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 Senate Veterans, Military Affairs and Public Protection Committee, awaiting action by full Senate.

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 out of House Judiciary Committee, awaiting action by full House.

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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