



Weekly Legislative Report

KACP KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY LEGISLATIVE REPORT FOR WEEK

ENDING APRIL 1

Wednesday marked the 58th day of the 60-day regular session. The General Assembly is now in what is known as the Veto Period. Gov. Andy Beshear has 10 days to review bills that he can either sign or veto. Legislators are scheduled to return to Frankfort April 13 and 14 to consider overriding gubernatorial vetoes. The legislature could also vote on bills that are far enough along in the process to be considered for final consideration.

KACP PRIORITY BILL – VIRTUAL TRAINING – PASSED BOTH CHAMBERS, AWAITING TO BE SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOV. BESHEAR

[HB565](#), the virtual training legislation sponsored by Rep. Kim Moser, R-Taylor Mill, has passed both the House and the Senate and is now waiting to be signed into law by Gov. Beshear. This is a bill that was two years in the making so there are a lot of people for KACP to thank:

- Rep. Moser, for never giving up on the bill, even in the face of tough opposition.
- Sen. Chris McDaniel, R-Ryland Heights, for carrying the bill in the Senate. In addition, during a meeting earlier in the session with KACP Executive Director Shawn Butler, Sen. McDaniel – who chairs the Senate Appropriations & Revenue Committee – pledged to include money in the final budget to help pay for the training. He was good to his word by including \$240,000 in the final budget bill for the virtual training program.
- JD Chaney and Bryanna Carroll of KLC, who once again partnered with KACP on the herculean task of shepherding the bill through both chambers.
- Colonel Pat Morgan of KSA for assistance with the Sheriff's
- Legislation co-sponsors Reps. Sal Santoro, R-Union, and Ed Massey, R-Hebron.
- All the lawmakers who voted for the bill.
- **The KACP members who called their representatives and senators to ask them to support the bill.**

KACP will issue an alert if and when the bill is signed into law.

BILLS THAT COULD STILL BE VOTED ON

As noted earlier, the legislature could vote on bills when lawmakers return to Frankfort April 13 and 14. However, any bills passed would not be available for overrides of a gubernatorial veto.

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 remains on the Senate Order of the Day for April 14.

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.

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.

STATE BUDGET BILL

Before leaving Frankfort last week, legislators enacted a two-year state budget, which has been delivered to Gov. Beshear. In Kentucky, the governor has line-item veto authority, meaning he could remove some spending provisions.

The final budget includes a \$300 KLEFPF increase, which Sen. McDaniel championed.

OTHER LEGISLATION

HB63, School Resource Officers (SROs)

Filed by Rep. Kevin Bratcher, R-Louisville, the bill calls on local school districts to place a school resource officer at each school by Aug. 1 if funds are available. 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 both chambers, awaiting Governor's 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; vetoed by the Governor

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 both chambers, delivered to the Governor.

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 both chambers, delivered to the Governor.

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

April 13 and 14 – Final two days of session

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FOR MORE INFO

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