

Legislative Action for Friday, February 26 - Monday, March 1, 2021

Government Overreach:

- HB 4** – Amend Constitution to allow legislature to extend session, longer sessions never good
- SB 181** – Provides more pay for legislators for a longer session.
- HB 217** – Modifies KRS39A and reins in the powers of the Governor during an emergency.
- SB 213** – End Governor's current Executive Order for Declaration of Emergency
- HB 272** – Allow water/sewer districts to charge 10% late fees and PSC can't intervene
- HB 302** – Allow prop owners with functioning sanitation system to opt out of municipal sewer system and associated fees
- HB 439** – Require vision testing (with new fees) every time you renew your driver's license
- SB 188** - Require safe boating certification for boat operators, penalties – more gov not needed
- HB 582** – Waives the immunity of the state when it burdens the people's freedom of religion

Vaccination:

- SB 8** – (In House) Provides for med & religious exemptions for a gov mandated vax
- HB 36** – Prevents state from mandating a vaccine
- SB 37** – Prevents an employer from requiring a vaccination for employees
- SB 98** – Prevents an employer from discriminating against an employee that refuses a vaccination.
- SB 117** – Provides for medical and religious exemptions to mandated vaccines in independent institutions and post-secondary education institutions.

Health:

- SB 158** – Prohibits the mandating of facial coverings during disease or virus emergencies.
- SB 109** – Allows municipalities/water districts to decide whether or not to fluoridate public water supply
- SB 83** – Medical professionals can refuse to perform medical services for reasons of conscience

Elections:

- HB 133** – Lowers the number of signatures required to allow citizens to vote on a school tax levy
- HB 400** – Require Gov to call an election to fill vacant US Senate seat
- HB 425** – Create more paper trail and other election integrity improvements
- HB 574** – Various positive improvements to voting systems.
- SB 50** – Gov and SOS cannot change voting procedures during an emergency
- SB 244** – Voting machines cannot be connected to the internet nor have that capability
- HB 63** - Voting machines cannot be connected to the internet
- SB 228** – Gov can appoint to fill US Congress vacancy, but some very bad terms
- HB 268** – Would increase State Representative terms from 2 to 4 yrs. by constitutional amendment

Education:

- HB 145** – Provides additional appeals process for college students with disciplinary actions
- HB 149** – Establish Education Opportunity Accounts
- HB 208** – Allows public schools to count more NTI days, but this will encourage remaining NTI
- HB 253** – Require FAFSA be completed for HS graduation, very invasive financial aid application
- SB 106** – Only like biological sex can compete in state-regulated athletics

Business:

HB 10 – (In Senate) Limits liability for businesses if someone gets COVID. Sounds good but it's bad because businesses that don't follow rules like mask-wearing will automatically be liable. Allows federal interference in business. Opens up liability doors never opened for other illnesses.

SB 5 – Similar to **HB 10** with same problems.

HB 142 – Labor unions, etc, cannot withhold dues from employees who opt out in writing

HB 143 – Protects businesses from having licenses revoked during emergency, restores any fines

HB 360 – **Restores licenses & fines to businesses penalized due to Governor's COVID response**

HB 190 – Allow food services to sell grocery items without extra fees

SB 264 – Prohibit govt from disallowing landlords to evict during an emergency

Firearms and Military:

HB 337 – Repeal law that disallows the carrying of firearms at universities and some government properties

HB 361 – Nullify federal firearms regulations

SB 254 – Nullify federal firearms regulations

SB 173 – Prevent the KY Nat Guard from being called out of state unless Congress declares war or to put down immediate violence or insurrection

SB 229 – Red flag law: remove a person's firearms rights without due process of law

Taxation:

HB 513 - County sheriffs can add 4.5% of prop taxes for themselves. Will increase prop taxes.

HB 85 – Increased taxes on vapor products, regardless of whether you agree with it, more tax is bad

HB 230 – Impose taxes for mining of cryptocurrencies

Here's what to do **EVERY WEEKDAY** for the above day/days:

1. Put the Legislative Hotline number into your speed dial so you can call quickly: 1-800-372-7181. **Call as early as possible in the day.** The line is open 7am to 9pm M-Th and 7am to 6pm F. During inclement weather they close early.
2. When you call them, they are very nice and are just there to take your message. If you give them your name and address, they will tell you who your Senator and Representative are. The next time you call, they will have you on file.
3. Call the Legislative Hotline and say this [add brief reasons anytime you feel moved to – sample reason included here but encourage you to use your own]: “I would like to leave a message for:

All Senators:

- Support **HB 63**. *Election integrity is of the utmost importance.*
- Oppose **SB 5** and **HB 10** *I'm a conservative (and/or Republican) Kentuckian. These bills sound good but they will have unintended consequences for Kentuckians.*
- Oppose **HB 4**. *The session is long enough. You just need to be more efficient.*
- Oppose **SB 181**. *No longer session and you don't need more of our taxpayer money.*
- Oppose **SB 228**. *This change to the filling of a US Congress vacancy is terrible!”*

All Representatives:

- Support **HB 133**. *It should be easier for the people to vote on school tax increases.*
- Support **HB 145, HB 400 and HB 425**.
- Oppose **HB 513**. *This is just a backdoor way to increase our property taxes. Stop it now!*
- Oppose **HB 439**. *We do not need extra burdens and taxation to be able to drive. Stop it now!*
- Oppose **HB 253**. *FAFSA is a highly invasive form and should be optional for students.*

My Senator:

- Support **SB 37, SB 50, SB 98, SB 106, SB 109, SB 117, SB158 and SB173** (and any other green bill you want)
- Support **SB 213**. *The emergency period needs to end now.*
- Support **SB 83**.
- Oppose **SB 5, SB 181, SB 228 and HB 4**.

My Representative:

- Support **SB 8, HB 190, and HB 360**.
- Support **HB 36, HB 217, HB 133, HB 143, HB 337, HB 400**
- Oppose **HB 439**. *We do not need extra burdens and taxation to be able to drive! Stop!*
- Oppose **HB 513**. *This is just a backdoor way to increase our property taxes. Stop it now!*
- Oppose **HB 208, HB 230, HB 253, HB 268 and HB 272.**”

Senate State & Local Government Committee & Senate Leadership:

- Support **SB 213**. *Kentucky must reopen.*”
- Support **SB 254**.

House State Government Committee and House Leadership:

- Support **HB 217**. *We must have relief from government tyranny.*
- Support **HB 361**. *Protect the 2nd amendment rights of Kentuckians.*”

House State Government Committee

- Support **HB 582.**”

House Health and Family Services Committee and House Leadership:

- Support **SB 8**. *We must have freedom of health choice.*
- Support **HB 36**”

Senate Health and Welfare Committee and Senate Leadership:

- Support **SB 37** and **SB 98**.
- Support **SB 158**. *Masking the healthy is an unhealthy and unconstitutional mandate.*
- Support **SB 109** *Communities should be able to choose.*”

Senate State Government Committee

- Support **SB 50** and **SB 244**.

Senate Education Committee:

- Support **SB 117**. *Students need freedom of health choices.*
- Support **SB 106**.
- Oppose **HB 208**. *Students need to be in school in person NOW!*”

House Economic Development Committee:

- Support **HB 143**.
- Support **HB 142**”

House Judiciary Committee:

- Support **HB 337** and **HB 361**.
- Support **HB 145**.”

House Appropriations and Revenue Committee:

- Oppose **HB 85**. and **HB 230**.
- Support **HB 149**.”

House Elections, Constitutional Amendments & Intergovernmental Affairs Committee:

- Support **HB 574**”

House Small Business & Information Technology Committee:

- Support **HB 190** and **HB 360**.”

House Local Government Committee:

- Oppose **HB 272**.
- Support **HB 302**.”

Senate Economic Development Committee

- Support **SB 264**.”

Senate Transportation Committee:

- Oppose **SB 188**.”

Senate Judiciary Committee:

- Support **SB 83**
- Oppose **SB 269**”

EXTRA CREDIT:

4. Go to <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/findyourlegislator/findyourlegislator.html> (or search KY find my legislator and choose the first option). Find your legislator and it will show their phone and email.
5. Call your legislator's **direct phone number** and leave the above message and a brief reason. Be polite and succinct.
6. Email your legislator and leave the above message but put the key points in the SUBJECT line for best impact. Keep it brief and friendly. (Ex: Subject: Co-Sponsor SB 8. I value my bodily autonomy.)
7. Email committee members for the above committees. They can be found here: <https://legislature.ky.gov/Committees/Pages/default.aspx>