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Senate Bills

[SB2](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB2/bill.pdf) [/ AA](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB2/AA.pdf) (BR437) - [J. Bowen](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S008.htm), [C. Girdler](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S015.htm), [P. Hornback](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S020.htm), [C. McDaniel](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S023.htm), [D. Seum](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S038.htm), [D. Thayer](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S017.htm), [W. Westerfield](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S003.htm), [M. Wilson](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S032.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to retirement.  
     Amend KRS 21.540 to require the Legislators' Retirement Plan and Judicial Retirement Plan to follow the provisions of KRS Chapters 45, 45A, 56, and 57 regarding procurement of services, goods, and property; provide that no funds of the Legislators' Retirement Plan or Judicial Retirement Plan shall be used to pay placement agents; amend KRS 61.645 to require Senate confirmation of, and modify the minimum requirements for, gubernatorial appointees to the Kentucky Retirement Systems board of trustees and for the executive director; require the Kentucky Retirement Systems to follow the provisions of KRS Chapters 45, 45A, 56, and 57 regarding budgeting and the procurement of services, goods, and property; require the Kentucky Retirement Systems to disclose on its Web site and upon request investment fees in addition to investment holdings and commissions; require the Kentucky Retirement Systems to disclose on its Web site and upon request all contracts and offering documents for services, goods, or property purchased or utilized by the systems; provide that no funds of the Kentucky Retirement Systems shall be used to pay placement agents; amend KRS 61.650 to provide that the Kentucky Retirement Systems board, staff, and investment advisors shall adhere to the CFA Institute's codes of conduct; amend KRS 161.250 to increase by six the number of trustees on the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System board of trustees, two of whom shall have investment experience, to be appointed by the Governor subject to Senate confirmation; require Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System to disclose on its Web site and upon request investment fees in addition to investment holdings and commissions; require the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System to disclose on its Web site and upon request all contracts and offering documents for services, goods, or property purchased or utilized by the systems; amend KRS 161.340 to require the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System to follow the provisions of KRS Chapters 45, 45A, 56, and 57 regarding budgeting and the procurement of services, goods, and property; amend KRS 161.430 to provide that the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System's board, staff, and investment advisors shall adhere to the CFA Institute's codes of conduct; provide that no funds of the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System shall be used to pay placement agents; provide that the amendments in the Act requiring the state-administered retirement systems to be subject to state procurement laws and banning the use of system assets to pay placement agents shall apply to contracts established or renewed on or after July 1, 2016; provide that amendments in the Act requiring Senate confirmation and modifying the requirements for gubernatorial appointments to the Kentucky Retirement Systems' board shall apply to appointments or reappointments made on or after the effective date of the Act; provide that amendments requiring Senate confirmation of executive director and executive secretary shall apply to appointments or employments after the effective date of the Act; provide a transition schedule of appointments of new trustees to the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System board.  
  
 [SB2](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB2/bill.pdf) - AMENDMENTS

[SCS1](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB2/SCS1.pdf)[/AA](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB2/SCS1AA.pdf) - Amends KRS 21.540 to require the Judicial Form Retirement System, who administers the Legislators' Retirement Plan and the Judicial Retirement Plan, to post descriptive and financial information to the system's website; amend KRS 61.645 to specify that investment fee and commission reporting requirements for KRS shall include profit sharing, carried interest, and partnership incentives; provides that KRS may not have to disclose contracts on a website if disclosure would result in competitive disadvantage but requires those contracts to be released to the trustees, State Auditor, and the LRC Govt. Contract Review Committee; makes technical amendments; amends KRS 161.250 to specify that investment fee and commission reporting requirements for KTRS shall include profit sharing, carried interest, and partnership incentives; provides that KTRS may not have to disclose contracts on a website if disclosure would result in competitive disadvantage but requires those contracts to be released to the trustees, State Auditor, and the LRC Govt. Contract Review Committee; declare an EMERGENCY.

[SCA1](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB2/SCA1.pdf)( J. Bowen ) - Make title amendment.

     Jan 06, 2016 - introduced in Senate  
     Jan 07, 2016 - to State & Local Government (S)  
     Jan 27, 2016 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute and committee title amendment  
     Jan 28, 2016 - 2nd reading, to Rules

[SB3](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB3/bill.pdf) (BR1016) - [R. Stivers II](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S025.htm), [R. Alvarado](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S028.htm), [C. Girdler](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S015.htm), [P. Hornback](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S020.htm), [W. Schroder](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S024.htm), [D. Seum](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S038.htm), [D. Thayer](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S017.htm), [M. Wilson](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S032.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to contracts.  
     Amend KRS 336.130 to prohibit mandatory membership in or financial support of a labor organization as a condition of employment and to name this section the "Kentucky Right to Work Act"; amend KRS 336.180 to define "employer"; amend KRS 336.990 to make a violation of the Act a Class A misdemeanor, award damages, and provide injunctive relief; create new sections of KRS Chapter 336 to exempt existing contracts or agreements and other federal agreements and require the Attorney General to investigate complaints and prosecute those who violate Section 1 of the Act.

     Jan 06, 2016 - introduced in Senate  
     Jan 07, 2016 - to Economic Development, Tourism & Labor (S)

[SB33](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB33/bill.pdf)[/FN](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB33/FN.pdf) (BR402) - [M. Wise](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S016.htm), [J. Adams](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S036.htm), [R. Alvarado](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S028.htm), [T. Buford](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S022.htm), [D. Carroll](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S002.htm), [P. Clark](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S037.htm), [C. Embry Jr.](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S006.htm), [S. Humphries](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S001.htm), [C. McDaniel](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S023.htm), [D. Parrett](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S010.htm), [R. Thomas](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S013.htm), [W. Westerfield](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S003.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation training in schools.  
     Create a new section of KRS Chapter 158 to require that students receive CPR training one time while enrolled in grades 7-12.  
 [SB33](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB33/bill.pdf) - AMENDMENTS

[SCS1](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB33/SCS1.pdf) - Retain original provisions, except require public high schools to provide CPR training while students are enrolled in a health, physical education, or Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps course that meets the physical education graduation requirement.

     Jan 06, 2016 - introduced in Senate  
     Jan 07, 2016 - to Health & Welfare (S)  
     Jan 13, 2016 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute   
     Jan 14, 2016 - 2nd reading, to Rules  
     Jan 27, 2016 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Thursday, January 28  
     Jan 28, 2016 - 3rd reading, passed 32-6 with Committee Substitute (1); received in House

[SB43](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB43/bill.pdf)[/FN](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB43/FN.pdf) (BR473) - [T. Buford](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S022.htm), [C. Embry Jr.](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S006.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to emergency medical services.  
     Amend KRS 61.315 to make the survivors of emergency medical services providers who are killed in the line of duty on or after July 1, 2014, eligible for the state lump-sum death benefit; designate as the John Mackey Memorial Act.  
  
     Jan 06, 2016 - introduced in Senate  
     Jan 07, 2016 - to Appropriations & Revenue (S)

[SB45](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB45/bill.pdf) (BR824) - [C. McDaniel](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S023.htm), [J. Bowen](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S008.htm), [D. Carroll](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S002.htm), [P. Clark](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S037.htm), [C. Embry Jr.](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S006.htm), [C. Girdler](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S015.htm), [M. Wilson](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S032.htm), [M. Wise](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S016.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to the disclosure of public retirement information and declaring an emergency.  
     Amend KRS 61.661, 161.585, and 21.540 to require the disclosure, upon request, of the retirement benefit information of current and former members of the General Assembly, including their name, status, and projected or actual retirement benefit payments and benefits of the same from Kentucky Retirement Systems, Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, Legislators' Retirement Plan, and the Judicial Retirement Plan.

     Jan 06, 2016 - introduced in Senate  
     Jan 07, 2016 - to State & Local Government (S)  
     Jan 13, 2016 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar  
     Jan 14, 2016 - 2nd reading, to Rules  
     Jan 15, 2016 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Tuesday, January 19  
     Jan 19, 2016 - 3rd reading, passed 38-0; received in House

     Jan 25, 2016 - to State Government (H)

[SB46](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB46/bill.pdf)[/LM](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB46/LM.pdf) (BR267) - [C. McDaniel](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S023.htm), [J. Bowen](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S008.htm), [D. Carroll](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S002.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to local government pension plans.  
     Amend KRS 65.156 to allow local government retirement systems created pursuant to KRS 67A.320, 67A.340, 67A.360 to 67A.690, 79.080, 90.400, 90.410, 95.290, 95.520 to 95.620, 95.621 to 95.629, 95.767 to 95.784, 95.851 to 95.884, or KRS Chapter 96 to perform an actuarial valuation once every 5 years instead of every 3 if the system or fund has less than 6 active and retired members; make technical changes; amend KRS 67A.320 to provide that once all liabilities have been satisfied to all persons owed benefits from the pension fund covered by this section, then the board of the fund shall liquidate and distribute to the urban-county government any residual assets of the fund and shall provide a report of the actions taken by the fund to liquidate the residual assets; provide that elected members of the fund's board may also be retirees; make technical and conforming amendments; amend KRS 90.400 and 90.410 to provide that once all liabilities have been satisfied to all persons owed benefits from the pension fund covered by this section, then the board of the fund shall liquidate and distribute to the city any residual assets of the fund and shall provide a report of the actions taken by the fund to liquidate the residual assets; make technical and conforming amendments; amend KRS 95.290, 95.530, 95.622, and 95.869 to provide that once all liabilities have been satisfied to all persons owed benefits from the pension fund covered by this section, then the board of the fund shall liquidate and distribute to the city any residual assets of the fund and shall provide a report of the actions taken by the fund to liquidate the residual assets; provide that if there are fewer than 6 active and retired members of the fund, the board shall be composed of the mayor, city treasurer or chief financial officer, and employees from the city police or fire department appointed by the mayor; make technical and conforming amendments; amend KRS 95.761 and 95.767 provide that if there are fewer than 6 active and retired members of the fund, the board shall be composed of the mayor, city treasurer or chief financial officer, and employees and members of the city legislative body appointed by the mayor; amend KRS 95.783 and 96.180 to provide that once all liabilities have been satisfied to all persons owed benefits from the pension fund covered by this section, then the board of the fund shall liquidate and distribute to the city any residual assets of the fund and shall provide a report of the actions taken by the fund to liquidate the residual assets; amend KRS 67A.655, 78.531, 95.010, 95.580, 95.590, 95.610, 95.620, 95.628, 95.762, 95.765, 95.768, 95.769, 95.771, 95.772, 95.777, 95.778, 95.779, 95.859, 95.868, 95.872, 95.875, 95.890, and 427.125 to make technical and conforming amendments; repeal 95.785.  
 [SB46](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB46/bill.pdf) - AMENDMENTS

[SCS1](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB46/SCS1.pdf)[/LM](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB46/SCS1LM.pdf) - Retain original provisions except to require a majority vote rather than unanimous vote of the city legislative body to begin the distribution process of residual assets of a closed locally administered pension fund that has paid all benefits owed; amend KRS 67A.320 to provide that any residual assets that would be distributed from the Employees' Pension Fund from an urban-county government shall be deposited into the urban-county government's Policemen's and Firefighter's Retirement Fund as a supplemental contribution.

     Jan 06, 2016 - introduced in Senate  
     Jan 07, 2016 - to State & Local Government (S)  
     Jan 20, 2016 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute (1)  
     Jan 21, 2016 - 2nd reading, to Rules  
     Jan 25, 2016 - posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Tuesday, January 26  
     Jan 26, 2016 - 3rd reading, passed 35-0 with Committee Substitute (1)  
     Jan 27, 2016 - received in House

[SB71](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB71/bill.pdf)[/LM](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB71/LM.pdf) (BR420) - [R. Alvarado](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S028.htm), [D. Thayer](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S017.htm), [J. Schickel](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S011.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to taxes and fees imposed by special purpose governmental entities.  
     Create a new section of KRS Chapter 65A to require proposed increases in ad avalorem taxes and certain fees, and the levy of new ad valorem taxes or fees by special purpose governmental entities to be submitted to the legislative body of the county or city where the special purpose governmental entity is located for review; amend KRS 132.023 to conform; repeal KRS 65A.100; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2017.  
 [SB71](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB71/bill.pdf) - AMENDMENTS

[SCS1](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB71/SCS1.pdf)[/LM](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB71/SCS1LM.pdf) - Retain original provisions, except establish exceptions to the reporting requirements for fees.

     Jan 06, 2016 - introduced in Senate  
     Jan 07, 2016 - to State & Local Government (S)  
     Jan 27, 2016 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute (1)  
     Jan 28, 2016 - 2nd reading, to Rules

[SB73](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB73/bill.pdf) [/ AA](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB73/AA.pdf) (BR821) - [C. McDaniel](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S023.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to the Legislators' Retirement Plan.  
     Amend KRS 6.525 to allow members contributing to the Legislators' Retirement Plan prior to January 1, 2014, to make a one-time election to have their benefits from the Legislators' Retirement Plan be based solely on their legislative salary and any salary earned in another state-administered retirement system prior to January 1, 2014.

     Jan 06, 2016 - introduced in Senate

Jan 07, 2016 - to State & Local Government (S)

[SB87](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB87/bill.pdf) (BR1116) - [J. Adams](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S036.htm), [M. McGarvey](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S019.htm), [P. Clark](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S037.htm), [J. Higdon](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S014.htm), [D. Seum](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S038.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to work periods within consolidated local governments and declaring an emergency.   
     Amend KRS 337.285 to allow consolidated local governments and collective bargaining units to agree to an 80-hour work period over 14 consecutive days before triggering a rate of pay one and one-half times a peace officer's hourly wage; EMERGENCY.  
  
  
     Jan 07, 2016 - introduced in Senate  
     Jan 12, 2016 - to Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (S)  
     Jan 28, 2016 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar  
     Jan 29, 2016 - 2nd reading, to Rules

[SB94](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB94/bill.pdf) (BR828) - [C. McDaniel](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S023.htm), [W. Schroder](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S024.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to prevailing wage.  
     Create a new section of KRS 337.505 to 337.550 to allow local governments and special purpose governmental entities to opt out of prevailing wage requirements for public works.

     Jan 13, 2016 - introduced in Senate  
     Jan 19, 2016 - to State & Local Government (S)

[SB113](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB113/bill.pdf) [/ AA](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB113/AA.pdf) (BR1285) - [J. Bowen](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S008.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to legislative recommendations from the Judicial Form Retirement System.  
     Amend KRS 6.521, 6.525, 6.577, 21.345, 21.402, 21.405, 21.410, 21.420, and 21.427 to make technical and clerical changes for the Legislators' Retirement Plan and the Judicial Retirement Plan.  
  
     Jan 20, 2016 - introduced in Senate  
     Jan 25, 2016 - to State & Local Government (S)

[SB138](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB138/bill.pdf)[/LM](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/SB138/LM.pdf) (BR1262) - [M. McGarvey](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S019.htm), [C. McDaniel](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/S023.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to firefighters.  
     Amend KRS 61.315 to create a presumption of a death in the line of duty and eligibility for a lump-sum death benefit for firefighters who obtain certain types of cancer; specify that the rebuttable presumption exists if an firefighter is employed for five years or more and has not used tobacco products for ten years.  
  
     Jan 28, 2016 - introduced in Senate

House Bills

[HB1](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB1/bill.pdf) [/ AA](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB1/AA.pdf) (BR1015) - [G. Stumbo](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H095.htm), [L. Belcher](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H049.htm), [M. Denham](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H070.htm), [J. Jenkins](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H044.htm), [M. Marzian](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H034.htm), [R. Meyer](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H039.htm), [C. Miller](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H028.htm), [R. Smart](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H081.htm), [D. Watkins](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H011.htm), [B. Yonts](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H015.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to funding for the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.  
     Amend KRS 56.8605 to redefine "financing agreement" and "funding notes" to include financing or refinancing of pension obligations owed to Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System under KRS 161.550(1)(b); amend KRS 56.868 to authorize the Kentucky Asset/Liability Commission to issue funding notes to finance or refinance pension fund obligations owed to Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System under KRS 161.550(1)(b); authorize the Kentucky Asset/Liability Commission to issue funding notes in an amount not to exceed $3,300,000,000 in fiscal year 2016-2017; amend KRS 161.550 to provide that the state shall pay the additional amount needed to fund the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System pension fund on an actuarially sound basis beginning on July 1, 2015, and continuing for each year thereafter; provide that any funds used to finance statutory benefit improvements under KRS 161.553 that are repurposed and utilized to fund debt service on funding notes authorized under Sections 1 to 3 of this Act shall be included in the additional state appropriation required and to adjust the cost schedules of providing statutory benefit improvements for annuitants; establish intent of General Assembly to phase-into the full actuarially required contribution rate for the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System pension fund with direct state appropriations on a pro-rata basis from fiscal year 2016-2017 to fiscal year 2024-2025 and to utilize proceeds from funding notes authorized by Sections 1 to 3 of this Act to provide the additional funding needed to pay the full actuarially required contribution to the pension fund during the phase-in schedule and to pay the actuarially required contribution rate in fiscal year 2015-2016; establish non-codified language to state it is the intent of the General Assembly for biennial budgets occurring on or after July 1, 2016, to use both reductions in debt service due to previously issued bonds for the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System and funding for past statutory benefit improvements under subsections (1) and (2) of Section 5 of this Act as the debt service for funding notes issued on or after July 1, 2016, as authorized by Sections 1, 2, and 3 of this Act.

     Jan 06, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 07, 2016 - to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

[HB37](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB37/bill.pdf) [/ AA](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB37/AA.pdf) (BR7) - [B. Montell](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H058.htm), [K. Bratcher](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H029.htm), [J. Carney](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H051.htm), [R. Crimm](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H033.htm), [J. DeCesare](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H017.htm), [M. Dossett](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H009.htm), [J. Fischer](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H068.htm), [D. Hale](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H074.htm), [R. Heath](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H002.htm), [J. Hoover](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H083.htm), [K. Imes](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H005.htm), [T. Kerr](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H064.htm), [A. Koenig](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H069.htm), [S. Lee](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H045.htm), [B. Linder](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H061.htm), [D. Meade](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H080.htm) , [M. Meredith](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H019.htm), [S. Miles](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H007.htm), [D. Osborne](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H059.htm), [B. Rowland](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H021.htm), [S. Santoro](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H060.htm), [J. Shell](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H071.htm), [T. Turner](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H085.htm), [K. Upchurch](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H052.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to the Health Insurance Trust Fund and making an appropriation therefor.  
     Amend KRS 18A.2254 to specify how surplus funds from a prior plan year of the Public Employee Health Insurance Program shall be allocated.  
  
     Aug 28, 2015 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).  
     Jan 05, 2016 - introduced in House; to State Government (H)

[HB54](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB54/bill.pdf) (BR91) - [D. Schamore](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H010.htm), [L. Belcher](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H049.htm), [R. Bunch](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H082.htm), [L. Clark](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H046.htm), [D. Hale](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H074.htm), [M. Meredith](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H019.htm), [R. Meyer](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H039.htm), [C. Miller](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H028.htm), [B. Rowland](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H021.htm), [J. Tipton](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H053.htm), [J. York](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H096.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to emergency medical services.  
     Amend KRS 61.315 and 164.2841 to make the survivors of emergency medical services providers and rescue squad members who are killed in the line of duty eligible for the state lump-sum death benefit and exemption of matriculation or tuition fees; amend KRS 164.2842 to include the spouse or child of a permanently and totally disabled emergency medical services provider in the exemption of matriculation or tuition fees.

[HB54](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB54/bill.pdf) - AMENDMENTS

[HCS1](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB54/HCS1.pdf) - Retain original provisions of bill, but extend benefits to the affected individuals having perished in the line of duty on or after June 30, 2015, and add short title.  
     [HFA1](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB54/HFA1.pdf)( A. Koenig ) - Keep original provisions; add to those eligible to receive in the line of duty death benefits under KRS 61.315 any member of a local emergency management agency created under KRS 39B.010; require the Division of Emergency management to promulgate administrative regulations for awarding in the line of duty death benefits; define "emergency management personnel."  
     [HFA2](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB54/HFA2.pdf)( A. Koenig ) - Make title amendment.

     Sep 29, 2015 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).  
     Jan 05, 2016 - introduced in House; to Local Government (H)  
     Jan 19, 2016 - posting waived  
     Jan 27, 2016 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar with Committee Substitute (1)  
     Jan 28, 2016 - 2nd reading, to Rules; floor amendment (1) filed to Committee Substitute, floor amendment (2-title) filed; posted for passage in the Regular Orders of the Day for Friday, January 29  
     Jan 29, 2016 - 3rd reading, passed 95-0 with Committee Substitutes (1) floor amendments (1) and (2-title)

[HB71](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB71/bill.pdf) [/ AA](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB71/AA.pdf) (BR63) - [D. Butler](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H038.htm), [R. Crimm](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H033.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to reemployment of retired police officers.  
     Create a new section of KRS Chapter 95 to define "police officer" and "city"; permit cities to employ retired police officers if the officer: participated in the Law Enforcement Foundation Program or retired as a commissioned State Police officer, retired with at least 20 years of service credit with no administrative charges pending, and met the separation of employment requirements so that retirement benefits from Kentucky Retirement Systems were not voided; specify that retired police officers employed by a city shall continue to receive the benefits they were eligible to receive upon retirement but shall not accrue any additional retirement or health benefits during reemployment; preclude retirement and any health contributions from being paid by the city to Kentucky Retirement Systems or the Kentucky Employees Health Plan on a retired officer who is reemployed under the provisions of this section; permit individuals employed under this section to be employed for a term not to exceed one year which may be renewed at the discretion and need of the city; amend KRS 61.637 to conform.  
  
     Oct 13, 2015 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).  
     Jan 05, 2016 - introduced in House; to State Government (H)

[HB89](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB89/bill.pdf) (BR251) - [M. Denham](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H070.htm), [T. Riner](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H041.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to the public employee health insurance trust fund.  
     Amend KRS 18A.2254 to prohibit any fund transfers from the public employee health insurance trust fund to the general fund, and direct that as part of the annual premium-setting process any surplus determined to exist in the balance for a prior plan year shall be transferred to the plan year for which premiums are being set so as to reduce the cost of employee premiums in that year to the extent prudently and reasonably possible.  
  
     Nov 16, 2015 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).  
     Jan 05, 2016 - introduced in House; to State Government (H)

[HB137](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB137/bill.pdf)[/CI](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB137/CI.pdf) (BR890) - [G. Watkins](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H003.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to criminal attempted murder.   
     Amend KRS 439.3401 to make criminal attempt to commit murder of a peace officer or a firefighter an offense for which at least 85 percent of the sentence must be served before probation or parole.

     Dec 11, 2015 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).  
     Jan 05, 2016 - introduced in House; to Judiciary (H)

[HB149](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB149/bill.pdf) (BR35) - [J. Donohue](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H037.htm), [K. Bratcher](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H029.htm), [T. Burch](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H030.htm), [D. Butler](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H038.htm), [L. Clark](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H046.htm), [R. Crimm](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H033.htm), [B. DeWeese](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H048.htm), [D. Horlander](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H040.htm), [J. Jenkins](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H044.htm), [M. Marzian](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H034.htm), [R. Meeks](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H042.htm), [C. Miller](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H028.htm), [J. Miller](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H036.htm), [P. Moffett](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H032.htm), [S. Riggs](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H031.htm), [G. Watkins](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H003.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to work periods within consolidated local governments and declaring an emergency.   
     Amend KRS 337.285 to allow consolidated local governments and collective bargaining units to agree to an 80-hour work period over 14 consecutive days before triggering a rate of pay one and one-half times a peace officer's hourly wage; EMERGENCY.

     Dec 11, 2015 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).  
     Jan 05, 2016 - introduced in House; to Local Government (H)  
     Jan 08, 2016 - posted in committee  
     Jan 20, 2016 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar  
     Jan 21, 2016 - 2nd reading, to Rules; posted for passage in the Consent Orders of the Day for Tuesday, January 26  
     Jan 26, 2016 - 3rd reading, passed 92-0  
     Jan 27, 2016 - received in Senate  
     Jan 29, 2016 - to Veterans, Military Affairs, & Public Protection (S)

[HB153](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB153/bill.pdf) [/ AA](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB153/AA.pdf) (BR33) - [J. Miller](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H036.htm), [M. Denham](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H070.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to volunteer service with an employer participating in Kentucky Retirement Systems.  
     Amend KRS 61.510 and 78.510 to provide that creditable compensation shall exclude nominal fees paid to volunteers of a participating agency who begin participating in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System and the County Employees Retirement System on or after August 1, 2016; define "volunteer" and "nominal fee"; amend KRS 61.637 to provide that retirees of Kentucky Retirement Systems who receive reimbursements of actual expenses or nominal fees for their volunteer services shall not be subject to the required breaks in employment and prohibitions on prearranged agreements prior to retirement if the retired member did not receive creditable compensation prior to retirement from the employer for which they are providing volunteer services, any reimbursements or nominal fees received prior to retirement have not been classified as creditable compensation or used to determine retirement benefits, the retired member has not purchased or received service credit for service with the participating employer for which he or she is providing volunteer services, and the retired member does not become an employee, leased employee, or independent contractor of the employer for which he or she is providing volunteer services for a period of at least 24 months.

     Dec 11, 2015 - Prefiled by the sponsor(s).  
     Jan 05, 2016 - introduced in House; to State Government (H)

[HB167](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB167/bill.pdf)[/LM](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB167/LM.pdf) (BR160) - [A. Simpson](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H065.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to local government pension plans.  
    Amend KRS 65.156 to allow local government retirement systems created pursuant to KRS 67A.320, 67A.340, 67A.360 to 67A.690, 79.080, 90.400, 90.410, 95.290, 95.520 to 95.620, 95.621 to 95.629, 95.767 to 95.784, 95.851 to 95.884, or KRS Chapter 96 to perform an actuarial valuation once every 5 years instead of every 3 if the system or fund has less than 6 active and retired members; make technical changes; amend KRS 67A.320 to provide that once all liabilities have been satisfied to all persons owed benefits from the pension, then the board of the fund shall liquidate and distribute to the urban-county government any residual assets of the fund and shall provide a report of the actions taken by the fund to liquidate the residual assets; provide that elected members of the fund's board may also be retirees; make technical and conforming amendments; amend KRS 90.400 and 90.410 to provide that once all liabilities have been satisfied to all persons owed benefits from the pension fund, then the board of the fund shall liquidate and distribute to the city any residual assets of the fund and shall provide a report of the actions taken by the fund to liquidate the residual assets; make technical and conforming amendments; amend KRS 95.290, 95.530, 95.622, and 95.869 to provide that once all liabilities have been satisfied to all persons owed benefits from the pension fund, then the board of the fund shall liquidate and distribute to the city any residual assets of the fund and shall provide a report of the actions taken by the fund to liquidate the residual assets; provide that if there are fewer than 6 active and retired members of the fund, the board shall be composed of the mayor, city treasurer or chief financial officer, and employees from the city police or fire department appointed by the mayor; make technical and conforming amendments; amend KRS 95.761 and 95.767 provide that if there are fewer than 6 active and retired members of the fund, the board shall be composed of the mayor, city treasurer or chief financial officer, and employees and members of the city legislative body appointed by the mayor; amend KRS 95.783 and 96.180 to provide that once all liabilities have been satisfied to all persons owed benefits from the pension fund, then the board of the fund shall liquidate and distribute to the city any residual assets of the fund and shall provide a report of the actions taken by the fund to liquidate the residual assets; amend KRS 67A.655, 78.531, 95.010, 95.580, 95.590, 95.610, 95.620, 95.628, 95.762, 95.765, 95.768, 95.769, 95.771, 95.772, 95.777, 95.778, 95.779, 95.859, 95.868, 95.872, 95.875, 95.890, and 427.125 to make technical and conforming amendments; repeal 95.785.

     Jan 05, 2016 - introduced in House State Government (H)  
     Jan 07, 2016 - to State Government (H)

[HB172](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB172/bill.pdf) [/ AA](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB172/AA.pdf) (BR487) - [R. Nelson](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H087.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to survivor benefits in the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System.  
    Amend KRS 161.520 to remove marriage as a disqualifying event for a widow or widower that is receiving survivor's benefits from the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System.

[HB172](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB172/bill.pdf) - AMENDMENTS

[HFA1](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB172/HFA1.pdf)( B. Montell ) - Amend to define "widow or widower" as one who was married to a deceased contributing member for not less than five (5) years.

     Jan 05, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 06, 2016 - to State Government (H)  
     Jan 26, 2016 - posted in committee  
     Jan 28, 2016 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar; floor amendment (1) filed  
     Jan 29, 2016 - 2nd reading, to Rules

[HB208](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB208/bill.pdf)[/LM](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB208/LM.pdf) (BR494) - [T. McKee](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H078.htm), [M. Denham](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H070.htm), [R. Crimm](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H033.htm), [S. Riggs](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H031.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to the Prescribed Fire Program.  
     Create new sections of KRS Chapter 149 to establish definitions for "cabinet," "certified prescribed fire boss," "division," "prescribed fire," and "prescribed fire program" and require the Energy and Environment Cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations no later than July 15, 2017, to develop a comprehensive prescribed fire program and a training, education, and experience for certified prescribed fire boss; require approval of a prescribed fire plan by the Division of Forestry prior to a burn; provide liability coverage requirements for the certified prescribed fireboss; require the fire boss to be in conduct of the prescribed fire at all times; establish waiver of liability coverage for prescribed fires conducted by state employees as a part of their employment duties; allow for recovery of public damages from the Board of Claims; declare prescribed fire use as in public interest and not a nuisance to the public; amend KRS 149.400 to exempt prescribed fire from the fire seasons and require prescribed fire use be approved by the Division of Forestry; amend KRS 149.401 to exempt prescribed fire use from local ordinances banning all open burning; amend KRS 149.990 to make conduct of prescribed fire by persons who are not certified and do not meet requirements of the act subject to fine, imprisonment, or both.

     Jan 08, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 11, 2016 - to Natural Resources & Environment (H)

[HB214](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB214/bill.pdf)[/LM](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB214/LM.pdf) (BR961) - [A. Koenig](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H069.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to 911 emergency services.  
     Amend KRS 65.750 to update existing and define new terms definitions; amend KRS 65.760 to allow local governments to collect 911 fees from telematics service connections, CMRS service connections, and VoIP service connections.

     Jan 11, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 12, 2016 - to Local Government (H)

[HB215](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB215/bill.pdf) (BR965) - [A. Koenig](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H069.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to surcharges on insurance policies.  
     Amend KRS 136.392 to remove the adjustment of the surcharge on insurance used to supplement both the Law Enforcement Foundation Program fund and the Firefighters Foundation Program fund from the control of the Commissioner of Revenue and allow adjustments to be made only by the General Assembly; RETROACTIVE to July 1, 2016.

     Jan 11, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 12, 2016 - to Banking & Insurance (H)  
     Jan 21, 2016 - posted in committee

[HB219](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB219/bill.pdf) (BR1078) - [J. Short](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H092.htm), [J. Bell](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H023.htm), [M. Meredith](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H019.htm), [W. Stone](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H022.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to a tax credit for volunteer firefighters.  
     Create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to establish a refundable income tax credit for certain volunteer firefighters; declare the purpose of the credit; require annual reporting to the Legislative Research Commission to evaluate the impact of the credit; amend KRS 141.0205 to provide the ordering of the credit and to make technical corrections.

     Jan 11, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 12, 2016 - to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

[HB238](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB238/bill.pdf) [/ AA](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB238/AA.pdf) (BR848) - [B. Yonts](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H015.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to public pension plan reporting.  
     Amend KRS 6.350 to specify that the actuarial analysis required on retirement legislation shall include the impact on funding levels and unfunded liabilities over time; specify the qualification requirements of the actuary completing the analysis; amend KRS 7A.240 to require the state-administered retirement systems to pay the cost of actuarial services required by amendments to KRS 7A.250; amend KRS 7A.250 to require the Public Pension Oversight Board to retain an actuary to perform an actuarial audit of the state-administered retirement systems at least once every 10 years and to review state-administered retirement system budget requests prior to each budget biennium; amend KRS 21.440, 61.670, and 161.400 to provide that all state-administered retirement systems shall include in their actuarial valuation a description of funding methods utilized or required by state law in the development of the valuation, a description of any changes in actuarial assumptions and methods that have occurred since the last valuation, the actuarially recommended employer contribution rates for the upcoming budget period, a 20-year projection of employer contribution rates, funding levels, and unfunded liabilities, and a sensitivity analysis to evaluate the impact of changes in key assumptions on employer rates, funding levels, and unfunded liabilities; require the systems to conduct an actuarial experience study at least once every 5 years and to perform a 20-year impact of the proposed changes to the systems' employer rates, funding levels, and unfunded liabilities; require the systems to perform a 20-year impact on employer rates, funding levels, and unfunded liabilities for any changes in assumptions, funding methods, retiree health subsidies, or other changes enacted by the board of trustees of the systems that impact system liabilities; require the actuary certifying the results of the annual actuarial valuation and the 5 year experience study to be a fellow of the Conference of Consulting Actuaries or a member of the American Academy of Actuaries; require electronic distribution of actuarial valuations, experience studies, or analysis of changes made by the boards of trustees to the Legislative Research Commission (LRC) and require LRC to distribute information to chairs and committee staff of committees with jurisdiction over the systems; make technical amendments; require completion of the actuarial valuations by November 15 following the close of the fiscal year; amend KRS 48.040 to provide that on or before August 15 prior to a budget session, that the state-administered systems shall prepare a preliminary projection of the actuarially required contribution rates for the upcoming budget biennium and to provide updated values by November 15 of the same year once the actuarial valuation is completed; require submission to the state budget director's office and the LRC and require LRC upon receipt to distribute information to chairs and committee staff of committees with jurisdiction over the systems.

     Jan 13, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 14, 2016 - to State Government (H)

[HB241](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB241/bill.pdf) [/ AA](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB241/AA.pdf) (BR1050) - [B. Yonts](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H015.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to Kentucky Retirement Systems.  
     Amend KRS 16.505 to clarify that lump-sum payments or nonrecurring payments provided to members of the State Police Retirement System (SPRS) shall, as determined by the board, be credited when earned or classified as a lump-sum bonus and averaged over the career of the member as it relates to "creditable compensation"; clarify that for members entering SPRS on or after September 1, 2008, compensatory time payments excluded from "creditable compensation" shall apply to lump-sum compensatory time payments; amend the definition of "final compensation" to utilize partial fiscal years in determining the final compensation of a member who began participating in SPRS on or after September 1, 2008, but prior to January 1, 2014, in situations where the member does not have three complete fiscal years of service; make technical and clerical amendments; amend KRS 16.582 to remove language which prohibited an injury or disease resulting from military service from being considered a disabling condition for hazardous members of Kentucky Retirement Systems; amend KRS 16.642 to clarify that the board of trustees shall have the power to invest SPRS funds in the same fashion as KERS funds under KRS 61.650; amend KRS 61.510 and 78.510 to utilize partial fiscal years in determining the final compensation of a member who began participating in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS) and the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) on or after September 1, 2008, but prior to January 1, 2014, in situations where the member does not have the required three (hazardous) or five (nonhazardous) complete fiscal years of service; clarify that lump-sum payments or nonrecurring payments shall, as determined by the board, be credited when earned or classified as a lump-sum bonus and averaged over the career of the member as it relates to "creditable compensation"; provide that interim positions in KERS and probationary positions in CERS shall not be renewable by the employer for the same employee unless the employee has not been employed by the agency for 12 months; clarify that for members entering KERS or CERS on or after September 1, 2008, compensatory time payments excluded from "creditable compensation" shall apply to lump-sum compensatory time payments; make technical and clerical amendments; amend KRS 61.542 to remove the requirement that the estate be designated as beneficiary of a member's account when he or she requests a refund of contributions prior to retirement; provide that the member's estate shall be beneficiary of his or her account from Kentucky Retirement Systems if prior to retirement the member fails to designate a beneficiary or the beneficiary designation is found to be void; provide that a beneficiary shall not be changed on or after the first day of the month in which a retired employee begins receiving retirement benefits; provide that reemployed retirees who establish a second retirement account will have their estate named beneficiary if they fail to designate a beneficiary for their new account; amend KRS 61.545 to remove provisions allowing a member who is simultaneously eligible for participation in more than one retirement system administered by Kentucky Retirement Systems to select participation in only one system; make conforming amendments; amend KRS 61.552 to clarify and conform to federal law the payment options available to members for purchasing service credit; remove service purchase provisions no longer applicable to current members; require agencies who fail to report employees to the retirement system to pay penalties and interest on employer contributions from the date the contributions should have been reported to the system; make technical amendments; amend KRS 61.555 to provide that the service credit that is granted without cost to employees who are called to active duty military deployment shall be limited to those whose rights to such benefits have not been terminated under the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA); require employees participating in the hybrid cash balance plan on or after January 1, 2014, who are called to active duty military deployment to pay their employee contributions if they are granted service credit, as required by USERRA, for the period of active duty deployment; require employers to make contributions for service credited to employees who are called to active duty military deployment as required by USERRA; make conforming amendments; amend KRS 61.557 to make technical amendments; amend KRS 61.560 to clarify that retirees reemployed on or after September 1, 2008, shall not pay into the systems and to make conforming amendments; amend KRS 61.590 to make technical changes and to clarify that a retiring employee must separate employment with all participating system employers; amend KRS 61.645 to allow the Kentucky Retirement Systems board to promulgate an administrative regulation to conduct trustee elections by electronic ballot; amend KRS 61.650 to increase the Kentucky Retirement Systems investment committee membership from five to seven trustees and to make technical amendments; amend KRS 61.680 to provide for consolidation of accounts with other state-administered retirement systems only if the member retires simultaneously from all state-administered retirement systems or retires from the other state-administered retirement systems within one month of retiring from the systems administered by Kentucky Retirement Systems; make technical amendments; amend KRS 61.702 to require Medicare-eligible retirees who are reemployed with an employer offering a group health plan to enroll in that plan in lieu of the KRS health plans; define "monthly contribution rate"; require a recipient or the spouse or dependent children of a recipient of a retirement allowance, who is eligible to participate in Medicare to participate in the plans administered by the systems for Medicare-eligible recipients; provide that a member who retired prior to July 1, 2003, who has established a second retirement account shall not receive more than the monthly contribution rate for retiree health benefits: make technical amendments; amend KRS 78.790 to clarify that the board of trustees shall have the power to invest CERS funds in the same fashion as KERS funds under KRS 61.650; amend KRS 16.520, 61.525, 61.526, 61.5525, 61.592, 78.540, 78.610, and 78.615 to make technical and conforming amendments; provide noncodified sections to provide that the successor of the additional board trustee elected by CERS that was added by SB 2 in the 2013 Regular Session shall be elected in the same period as all other CERS trustees in 2017 and shall have a shortened term from 2017 to 2021 to coincide with all other future CERS trustee terms of office; state that amendments to KRS 16.642 and 78.790 are made to conform to amendments made to KRS 61.650 in 2002 to show intent to apply KRS 61.650 changes to SPRS and CERS.

     Jan 13, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 14, 2016 - to State Government (H)

[HB248](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB248/bill.pdf) (BR389) - [M. Meredith](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H019.htm), [J. Short](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H092.htm), [R. Benvenuti III](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H088.htm), [K. Bratcher](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H029.htm), [R. Bunch](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H082.htm), [W. Coursey](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H006.htm), [J. Kay](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H056.htm), [K. King](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H055.htm), [T. Mills](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H024.htm), [D. Schamore](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H010.htm), [J. Shell](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H071.htm), [W. Stone](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H022.htm), [J. Tipton](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H053.htm), [R. Webber](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H026.htm), [J. York](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H096.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to a tax credit for volunteer firefighters.  
     Create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 and amend KRS 141.0205 to establish a refundable tax credit for certified volunteer firefighters.

     Jan 14, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 19, 2016 - to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

[HB255](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB255/bill.pdf) [/ AA](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB255/AA.pdf) (BR930) - [J. Kay](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H056.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to retirement benefits for legislators.  
     Amend KRS 6.505 to close the Legislators' Retirement Plan to new members effective August 1, 2016; prohibit current legislators from participating in the Legislators' Retirement Plan on or after August 1, 2016; provide that current and future legislators shall only participate in the Kentucky Employees Retirement System for any service to the General Assembly occurring on or after August 1, 2016.

     Jan 14, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 19, 2016 - to State Government (H)

[HB263](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB263/bill.pdf) (BR1188) - [B. Yonts](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H015.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Retirement Systems' board of trustees.  
     Amend KRS 61.645, relating to the Kentucky Retirement Systems' board of trustees, to change the definition of "investment experience"; require two members of the Board of Trustees to be chartered financial analysts; provide that each appointment may be made from a list of three applicants submitted by the CFA Society of Louisville; apply to appointments or reappointments on or after the effective date of this Act.  
  
 [HB263](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB263/bill.pdf) - AMENDMENTS

[HFA1](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB263/HFA1.pdf)( B. Yonts ) - Retain original provisions except to modify the definition of "investment experience" to include other areas of financial expertise.

     Jan 15, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 19, 2016 - to State Government (H)  
     Jan 26, 2016 - posted in committee  
     Jan 28, 2016 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar; floor amendment (1) filed  
     Jan 29, 2016 - 2nd reading, to Rules

[HB271](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB271/bill.pdf) [/ AA](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB271/AA.pdf) (BR34) - [J. Miller](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H036.htm), [A. Simpson](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H065.htm), [K. Bratcher](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H029.htm), [R. Crimm](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H033.htm), [J. DeCesare](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H017.htm), [S. Lee](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H045.htm), [P. Moffett](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H032.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to the Public Pension Oversight Board.  
     Create a new section of KRS 7A.200 to 7A.260 to require the state-administered retirement systems to disclose data on each member or recipient of a benefit, including a unique identification number which shall not be the member's Social Security number or personal identification number issued by the systems, information on the retirement status, actual or projected benefits payments, and other retirement information for each member; establish noncodified sections to require the Public Pension Oversight Board to study and provide a report by December 1, 2016, as to whether or not legislative action should be taken to separate the administration of the County Employees Retirement System from the Kentucky Retirement Systems; require the Public Pension Oversight Board to study and provide a report by December 1, 2016, as to whether or not legislative action should be taken to transfer administration of the Judicial Retirement Plan and the Legislators' Retirement Plan to the Kentucky Retirement Systems; require the Public Pension Oversight Board to study and provide a report by December 1, 2016, as to whether or not legislative action should be taken to consolidate administrative and investment functions of all of the state-administered retirement systems, which shall include a review of investment returns, investment expenses, and administrative expenses.

     Jan 15, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 19, 2016 - to State Government (H)

[HB281](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB281/bill.pdf) [/ AA](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB281/AA.pdf) (BR851) - [J. DeCesare](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H017.htm), [J. Richards](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H020.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to retirement benefits for local elected officials.  
     Amend KRS 61.637 to allow a mayor or member of a city legislative body who is not participating in the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) prior to retirement, but who is eligible to retire from the Kentucky Employees Retirement System (KERS) or the State Police Retirement System (SPRS) due to other employment, to retire and draw benefits from KERS or SPRS without resigning from his or her position as mayor or member of the city legislative body.

     Jan 20, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 21, 2016 - to State Government (H)

[HB293](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB293/bill.pdf) [/ AA](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB293/AA.pdf) (BR1067) - [R. Nelson](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H087.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to teacher retirement.  
     Amend KRS 161.630 so that a member who fails to elect a new optional plan of payment within 60 days of marriage or remarriage, or the death of the designated beneficiary from January 1, 2006, until November 1, 2016, may alternatively make that election on or before December 31, 2016.

     Jan 25, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 26, 2016 - to State Government (H)

[HB300](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB300/bill.pdf) (BR1402) - [D. Graham](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H057.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to Kentucky Retirement Systems board of trustees.  
     Amend KRS 61.645 to require that vacancies in an elected position on the Kentucky Retirement Systems board of trustees be filled, for the remaining term of office, by a majority vote of the remaining elected trustees rather than by a majority vote of the remaining full board of trustees.

     Jan 26, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 27, 2016 - to State Government (H)

[HB303](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HB303/bill.pdf) (BR993) - [R. Rand](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H047.htm)  
  
     AN ACT relating to appropriations and revenue measures providing financing and conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, cabinets, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, subdivisions, agencies, and other state-supported activities

     Jan 27, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 28, 2016 - to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

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[HJR24](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/HJ24/bill.pdf) (BR104) - [J. DuPlessis](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H025.htm), [T. Moore](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/legislator/H018.htm)  
  
     Direct the Transportation Cabinet to erect signs designating Kentucky Route 222 from Kentucky Route 1136 to Robey Road in Hardin County the "Firefighter Jonathan French Memorial Highway."

     Jan 06, 2016 - introduced in House  
     Jan 07, 2016 - to Transportation (H)