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## **Legislative Report No. 2**

### **2023 Kentucky General Assembly**

Today marks the fourth legislative day of the 2023 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. In the first four days of the session, there have been a total of 90 senate and 152 house bills and resolutions filed. The General Assembly has adjourned from Part I of Session and will not reconvene for Part II until Tuesday, February 7.

During the first week of the session, we met with members of leadership and several new members of the General Assembly to discuss Kentucky Farm Bureau's 2023 state priority issues.

#### **Some bills of interest:**

##### **[HB 1: B. Reed - AN ACT relating to income taxation.](#)**

This bill would reduce the individual income tax to 4.5% for taxable years beginning January 1, 2023, and to 4% for taxable years beginning January 1, 2024. This bill passed the House [79-19](#) and now heads to the Senate for their consideration.

##### **2023 KFB State Priority Issue:**

*"Kentucky's tax code should be reformed based on sound economic principles to create a more competitive business climate."*

##### **[HB 85: W. Lawrence - AN ACT relating to Kentucky educational excellence scholarships.](#)**

This bill would define "proprietary school" and "qualified proprietary school program" and allow use of KEES funds for enrollment in a qualified proprietary school program.

##### **2023 KFB State Priority Issue:**

*"Support the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) Program to allow eligible students to use funds at proprietary schools."*

**HB 76: B. Reed - AN ACT relating to dates of recognition.**

This bill would create a new section of KRS Chapter 2 to annually honor dates of agricultural recognition.

The General Assembly also finalized the various standing committee assignments. **[Click here to view the 2023 Standing Committee Assignments.](#)**

**HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS**

During the week, you may reach your representative and senator in Frankfort by calling 502.564.8100.

If you do not desire to talk to your state legislator immediately or you just want to leave a message, you may dial toll-free 800.372.7181. An answering service will take your message for your representative or senator. The legislative calendar information line is 800.633.9650, the bill status line is 866.840.2835, and the Governor's office number is 502.564.2611.

If you desire to e-mail your representative or senator, [click here](#) for a list of e-mail addresses for members of the Kentucky General Assembly. Find your legislator and click on his or her name to access their e-mail address.

**YOUR LOBBYISTS**

The following are registered to lobby for Kentucky Farm Bureau for the 2023 session: Kyle Kelly, Public Affairs Director, extension 7417, and Drew Graham, extension 5121. If you would like to call your lobbyists during the evening, call 502.495.5000 and key in their extensions.

If you would like to contact one of your lobbyists during the day, please call Katie Weatherholt at 502.493.7669 and she will put you in touch with one of them.

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We suggest that you keep a record of the Legislative Reports on file because, on occasion, we may refer to a previous report as a source of more details regarding an issue.

**FUTURE DATES OF INTEREST**

January 16 .....Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday  
February 7.....2023 General Assembly Part II Convenes  
February 20..... President’s Day Holiday

February 21..... Last Day for New Senate Bills  
February 22..... Last Day for New House Bills  
March 15 & 16 .....Concurrence Only  
March 17-28 ..... Veto Period  
March 30.....General Assembly, Sine Die

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