



February 17, 2023

Legislative Report No. 4

2023 Kentucky General Assembly

Today marks the twelfth legislative day of the 2023 Session of the Kentucky General Assembly. There has been a total of 258 senate and 425 house bills and resolutions filed.

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 has passed the House and Senate and has been delivered to the Governor for his 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 4: J. Branscum – AN ACT relating to merchant electric generating facilities and making an appropriation therefor.](#)

This bill would require solar development companies to establish a decommissioning plan in an application for construction of a merchant electric generating facility. It would also require a decommissioning bond or similar security to complete the decommissioning plan. This bill would require Energy and Environment Cabinet oversight and that the bond be reviewed at least every five years. This bill would also clarify that an ordinance, permit, or license issued by a local government shall have primacy over all requirements. For more information on HB 4 please [click](#)

[here](#). This bill has been referred to the House Appropriation and Revenue Committee.

2023 KFB State Priority Issues:

"Support a decommissioning bond on all commercial solar projects. These bonds should be reviewed at least every three years."

"Support oversight of ownership and control for energy infrastructure."

Action Request

Please contact your State Representative and ask them to **co-sponsor** and **support** [HB 4](#).

SB 54: J. Carpenter – 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. This bill has been referred to the Senate Education Committee.

HB 85: W. Lawrence – AN ACT relating to Kentucky educational excellence scholarships.

The bill would define "proprietary school" and "qualified proprietary school program" and allow use of KEES funds for enrollment in a qualified proprietary school program. This bill has been referred to the House Education Committee.

2023 KFB State Priority Issue:

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

SB 46: J. Howell – AN ACT relating to the reorganization of the Office of State Veterinarian.

This bill would update the Office of State Veterinarian's Division of Animal Health to the Division of Regulatory Field Services by changing the Division of Producer Services to the Division of Animal Health Programs, and would establish the Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response. This bill has been assigned to the Senate Agriculture Committee.

KFB Policy:

"We recommend the KDA Office of the State Veterinarian have adequate amount of funding for trained subject matter experts for prompt disease response."

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.

KEEP ALL LEGISLATIVE REPORTS FOR FUTURE USE

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

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| 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 |

The Legislative Report and KFB's Priority Issues are also on KFB's website at kyfb.com and the KFB app.