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2018 Kentucky General Assembly

Today marks the fifty-first legislative day of the 2018 session of the Kentucky General Assembly. With only eight legislative days left, there are several key issues yet to be finalized including the state budget, road fund, and potential tax reform.

The General Assembly is scheduled to meet next Monday – Thursday and then reconvene on March 27 and 28 before adjourning for the ten-day veto period. As of now the General Assembly is scheduled to meet for 59 days this session due to a legislative day being cancelled earlier this year for inclement weather, so there remains a possibility a 60th day could be added to the calendar.

The Senate continues to work on the state budget ([HB 200](#)) and they are expected to pass their version early next week. There also continues to be discussions of possible tax reform being considered this session.

As we move through the final days of this session, it could be necessary to send out a specific call to action.

Some bills of interest:

[HB 132: J. DuPlessis, J. Tipton, G. Brown Jr, M. Castlen, A. Gentry, J. Greer, M. Hart, K. Imes, T. Moore, C. Morgan, M. Prunty, S. Riggs, D. Schamore, S. Wells, S. Westrom - AN ACT relating to financial literacy.](#)

This bill would require a financial literacy course as a high school graduation requirement, direct the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations establishing academic standards for the financial literacy courses and programs, and direct the Department of Education to develop curricula, materials, and guidelines which may be used by schools for the financial literacy courses and programs. This bill has passed the full House and the Senate Education Committee and is now awaiting action by the full Senate.

KFB Policy:

"We support "Financial Literacy" being included in Kentucky school curriculum at all appropriate levels."

HCR 180: J. Tipton, J. Carney, D. Hale, M. Hart, R. Heath, K. King, M. Meredith, S. Miles, B. Reed, S. Riley, B. Rowland, S. Rudy, W. Thomas, T. Turner.

This resolution would urge the United States Department of Transportation to increase the distance for the transportation of agricultural commodities and farm supplies for agricultural purposes from a 150 air-mile radius to a 200 air-mile radius. This resolution passed the House Agriculture Committee on Wednesday and now is awaiting action by the full House.

KFB Policy:

"We recommend the maximum driving and on-time-duty-exemption for agriculture purposes be increased to a 200 air-mile radius."

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.

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YOUR LOBBYISTS

The following are registered to lobby for Kentucky Farm Bureau for the 2018 session: Jeff Harper, Public Affairs Director, extension 5104; Tony Sholar, extension 5121, and David S. Beck, extension 5101. If you would like to call your lobbyists during the evening, call 502.352.4280 at the Frankfort headquarters or call 502.495.5000 and key in their extensions.

If you would like to contact one of your lobbyists during the day, please call Sara Stivers at 502.495.5121 and she will put you in touch with one of them.

FUTURE DATES OF INTEREST

March 27 & March 28..... Concurrence Only
March 29 - April 9..... Veto Period
April 13.....General Assembly, Sine Die