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## **Legislative Report No. 9**

### ***2018 Kentucky General Assembly***

Today marked the thirty-six legislative day of the 2018 session of the Kentucky General Assembly. The last day to file new House bills is February 27 and the last day to file new Senate bills is March 1.

The House continues to work on their version of the State Budget ([HB 200](#)), and it is anticipated that the full House will take up the budget next week.

This week the Senate filed [SB 1](#), the pension reform bill. This bill has been assigned to the Senate State and Local Government Committee.

Below are some of the bills we are monitoring:

**[HB 200: S. Rudy - 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.](#)**

Kentucky Farm Bureau has been meeting with key members to ensure that Kentucky's agricultural funding needs are included in the state budget.

**[HB 10: K. Imes, S. Wells, C. Morgan, J. Tipton, K. Upchurch - AN ACT proposing to amend Section 29 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to administrative regulations.](#)**

This bill would propose to amend Section 29 of the Constitution of Kentucky to permit the General Assembly or an agency or committee it creates to review, approve, or disapprove any administrative regulation of the executive branch during or between regular sessions of the General Assembly. This bill has passed the House and has been assigned to the Senate State and Local Government Committee.

**HB 55: J. Tipton, D. Bentley, A. Gentry, M. Prunty, J. Richards, J. Sims Jr, R. Webber - AN ACT relating to drug education.**

This bill would require the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations to require physical and health education instruction in drug abuse prevention and the connection between abuse and addiction to other drugs and require the Office of Drug Control Policy to develop recommendations for the instruction in drug abuse prevention to be published on the website of the Department of Education. This bill has passed the House and has been assigned to the Senate Education Committee.

**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 and direct the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations establishing academic standards for the financial literacy course. This bill has passed the House and has been assigned to the Senate Education Committee.

**HB 133: J. Tipton, D. Bentley, J. Blanton, M. Castlen, M. Hart, R. Heath, DJ Johnson, M. Meredith, J. Petrie, P. Pratt, B. Reed, B. Rowland, S. Rudy, J. Sims Jr, W. Thomas - AN ACT relating to the transportation of agricultural commodities and supplies.**

This bill would exempt drivers of vehicles transporting agricultural commodities and farm supplies for agricultural purposes within a 150 air-mile radius from a farm or distribution point during the planting and harvesting season from any provisions of 49 C.F.R. pt. 395, relating to hours of service of drivers. This bill has passed the House and has been assigned to the Senate Transportation Committee.

**HB 146: D. Hale, M. Castlen, M. Hart, R. Heath, DJ Johnson, B. Reed, R. Rothenburger, B. Rowland, W. Thomas, J. Tipton - AN ACT relating to reorganization.**

This bill changed the name of the Office for Agricultural Marketing and Product Promotion to the Office of Agricultural Marketing and rename the divisions within that office; change the name of the Office for Strategic Planning and Administration to the Office of Administrative Services and rename the divisions within that office; establish the Office of Communications and the Office of Legal Services and amends KRS 246.130 to clarify meeting requirements of the State Board of Agriculture. This bill has passed both the House and Senate.

**[HB 153: R. Heath, D. Bentley, M. Castlen, M. Dossett, J. Gooch Jr., D. Hale, M. Hart, K. Imes, S. Miles, R. Mills, J. Petrie, P. Pratt, M. Prunty, R. Rothenburger, B. Rowland, D. Schamore, J. Sims Jr, W. Stone, W. Thomas, J. Tipton, T. Turner - AN ACT relating to overweight vehicles.](#)**

This bill would amend KRS 189.222 to allow for a ten percent weight variance for vehicles transporting feed for livestock or poultry. This bill passed the Senate on Wednesday with [Senate Floor Amendment #2](#). This floor amendment would establish an annual permit for vehicles, engaged exclusively in the transportation of feed for livestock or poultry to a farm or facility housing livestock or poultry, in loads up to 96,000 pounds and set the fee for a permit at \$150. HB 153 as amended passed the full Senate on a vote of 32-5. The House did not concur with the Senate amendment and now the bill is back in the Senate.

**[HB 222: S. Miles - AN ACT relating to liability for damage to property adjacent to Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission-managed lands.](#)**

This bill would waive the sovereign immunity of the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and establish the department's liability when the operations of commission-managed lands results in damages to property of an adjacent landowner. This bill was assigned to the House Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee.

**[HCR 7: B. Reed, M. Castlen, M. Hart, R. Heath, DJ Johnson, K. King, M. Prunty, R. Rothenburger, B. Rowland, S. Rudy, J. Shell, W. Thomas, J. Tipton](#)**

This resolution would urge the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to issue more migratory bird depredation permits and sub-permits to allow Kentucky farmers to legally take black vultures that are depredating their livestock. This resolution has passed the House and has been assigned to the Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee.

**[HCR 180: J. Tipton](#)**

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 was filed on February 21 and has yet to be assigned to a committee.

**[SB 119: P. Hornback, R. Girdler - AN ACT relating to cervid meat processors.](#)**

This bill would require cervid meat processors to dispose of waste or unused material produced from processing cervid meat in the same manners as required for livestock, poultry, and fish carcasses under KRS 257.160. This bill has passed the Senate and now heads to the House for their consideration.

### **REMINDER:**

This year we will again combine our **Legislative Drive-In Day** with our annual **Food Check-Out Day** activities on **March 7, 2018**. This will allow those of you visiting with your legislator(s) the opportunity to present them with a basket of Kentucky grown agricultural products to celebrate the safest most affordable food in the world.

**The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, located at 200 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky.**

We encourage you to contact your senator and representative in advance to let them know you will be in Frankfort that day and to set up a meeting with them to discuss issues affecting agriculture and to present them with a Food Check-Out Day basket.

### **Special Election:**

The candidates for the special elections to fill the vacancy in state House District 89 which includes Jackson, parts of Laurel, and Madison Counties are:

- Republican Robert Goforth and Democrat Kelly Smith

The special election for the **89<sup>th</sup> District** will be held on **February 27**.

### **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.

**[Click here](#) to view the 2018 Standing Committee Schedule.**

**[Click here](#) for a complete list of leadership and standing committees.**

**[Click here](#) to view the updated 2018 Regular Session Calendar.**

## **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**

February 27..... Last Day for New House Bills  
March 1.....Last Day for New Senate Bills  
March 7.....KFB Legislative Drive-In/Food Check-Out Day  
March 27 & March 28..... Concurrence Only  
March 29 - April 9..... Veto Period  
April 13.....General Assembly, Sine Die