

Career and Technical Education Legislation Before the 2016 Kentucky General Assembly

Compiled by the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) to identify and monitor legislation of interest to its members and other Career and Technical Education (CTE) professionals.

Updated May 23, 2016 -- General Assembly met through April 15, the last day of the 60-day session. Total bills filed: House 632, Senate 309. Total resolutions filed: House 238. Senate 194. Only four of the 23 bills related in some manner to CTE and tracked by KACTE (listed below) passed both the House and the Senate. SB228 and HB158 were signed by the Governor. HB303 was signed by the Governor with line-item vetoes. HB626 was vetoed by the Governor. One line-item veto in HB303 eliminated the 2016-17 funding to implement HB626; however, the 2017-18 funding was included. The Governor indicated more detail was needed legislatively to implement the Work Ready Kentucky scholarship, and that authorizing legislation should be passed in the 2017 General Assembly session.

SB = Senate Bill, HB = House Bill, SR = Senate Resolution, HR = House Resolution, SCR = Senate Concurrent Resolution, HCR = House Concurrent Resolution. (NOTE: Bills must pass both the House and Senate with identical wording in order to be forwarded to the Governor for signing or veto. Resolutions only pertain to the House or Senate in which they were introduced and have no binding effect of law. Concurrent Resolutions must pass the House and Senate with identical wording in order to be forwarded to the Governor for signing or veto, but they do not have the full effect of law.) Summaries and copies of the proposed legislation can be found on the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission website: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/16RS/record.htm>. The legislator listed first following a bill number is the principal sponsor who introduced the legislation. The names that follow are co-sponsors who support the legislation.)

Senate

SB1 (Wilson, Givens, Girdler, Seum, Thayer, West) -- The bill amends several sections of the Kentucky Revised Statutes (KRS) related to education, including redesign of the Professional Growth and Effectiveness System (PGES) as a state-guided but district developed requirement, with teachers evaluated at least every three years, and the results cannot be used for district accountability; Permit a CTE, a foreign language, or a computer technology or programming course to count as arts and humanities graduation requirement; Review standards and assessments; Delete program reviews and audits from statewide assessment system; Prohibit norm-referenced exams to be used as an academic growth measurement; Delete WorkKeys provisions; Include English proficiency, school safety, graduation rates, and postsecondary readiness in accountability system; Require the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) to compile an annual list of recognized industry certifications; and Includes several provisions related to school and state administration. Amended to include integration of standards for social studies, arts and humanities, practical living and career studies, and effective writing into curriculum; delete changes to arts and humanities. **Passed Senate 25-12 with amendments; sent to House, referred to Education Committee. No further action.**

SB32 (Parrett, D. Carroll, Harper-Angel, Thomas) -- Require Kentucky Department of Education to develop a Kentucky financial literacy program; Require completion of instruction within existing curriculum for high school graduation. **No action.**

SB50 (Girdler, Thayer, Adams, Hornback, Webb, West) -- Require local districts begin school year no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26. Amendments to original language specify exceptions. **Passed Senate 34-4; sent to House, referred to Education Committee. No further action.**

SB52 (Wise, D. Carroll, Ridley, Webb) -- Allow veteran with bachelor's degree to receive provisional teaching certificate if other criteria are met. Amended to require content knowledge aligned to offer of employment. **Passed Senate 36-0 with amendment; sent to House, referred to Education Committee. No further action.**

SB75 (Seum, Schickel) -- Freeze public, postsecondary tuition increases for four years; Direct a consultancy process for setting tuition rates in 2019-20 school year. **No action.**

SB107 (Givens, Westerfield) -- Contains various provisions to promote computer science programs in Kentucky public schools. **Passed Senate 33-0; sent to House, referred to Education Committee. No further action.**

SB109 (D. Carroll) -- Failure to meet Professional Growth and Effectiveness System plan for two years reason for teacher termination or suspension. **No action.**

SB127 (Wise, Humphries, D. Carroll, Embry, Givens, West) -- Allow Kentucky Education Excellence Scholarships (KEES) to pay for dual credit courses for high school seniors beginning in 2017-18 school year, and juniors and seniors in 2018-19 school year. **Reported favorably by Education Committee; recommitted to Appropriations and Revenue Committee. No further action.**

SB228 (D. Carroll, Wilson, Ridley, Wise) -- Define bullying, require school board to enforce. **Passed Senate 30-6; passed House 98-1; signed by Governor April 9, 2016.**

SCR8 (J. Carroll) -- Encourage collaboration to align policies and practices to support CTE. **No action.**

SCR75 (Givens) -- Establish Kentucky Workforce Oversight Task Force to recommend workforce education benefits, investment and funding. **Passed Senate 33-0; sent to House, referred to Education Committee. No further action.**

SR101 (Givens) -- Recognize February as Career and Technical Education Month. **Adopted on voice vote.**

House

HB1 (Stumbo, Belcher, Denham, Jenkins, Marzian, Meyer, C. Miller, Smart, D. Watkins, Yonts) -- Permit "funding notes" (sometimes known as bonds) to support the Kentucky Teacher Retirement System (KTRS); Set a payment schedule for legislative fiscal contributions to KTRS. **Passed House 86-11 with amendment; sent to Senate, referred to Appropriation and Revenue Committee. No further action.**

HB60 (Imes) -- Institute statewide election of Commissioner of Education. (NOTE: **HB33** [Imes, Linder] requires Senate confirmation of the Commissioner of Education under the current process.) **No action on either bill.**

HB82 (Belcher, Riner, Westrom) -- Prohibit exceeding established maximum class size. **No action.**

HB107 (Smart, Hale) -- Require teachers receive minimum of 60 minutes daily for non-teaching activities and 120 minutes per week be used by teachers for approved self-directed activities. **Passed House 77-17; sent to Senate, referred to Education Committee. No further action.**

HB122 (Belcher, Rowland) -- Require the state Board of Education to identify as career ready a student who obtains a minimum 36 score on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Test Battery (ASVAB). Amended to identify as career ready a JROTC student who earned a three- or four-year certificate of training and obtained an ASVAB minimum score of 36. **Passed House 84-0; sent to Senate, referred to Education Committee. No further action.**

HB138 (Owens) -- Require in 2017-18 state authorized assessments cannot be more than 5 percent of any student's instructional time. **No action.**

HB139 (Denham) -- Allow local boards to authorize transportation of students in private passenger vehicles under specific circumstances; Limit liability; Set insurance requirements. **No action.**

HB158 (Palumbo) -- Increase Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships (KEES) available to students enrolled in a comprehensive transition and postsecondary program. Amended to be effective in 2016-17 school year. **Passed House 84-0; passed by Senate 38-0; signed by Governor April 27, 2016.**

HB179 (Couch, Lee, Rudy, Turner) -- Allow CTE teachers and administrators with valid permits to carry concealed deadly weapons on school property. **No action.**

HB221 (Moore) -- Allow persons with valid permits to carry concealed weapons on elementary and secondary school, postsecondary, and state and local government property and facilities, except courtrooms and detention facilities. **No action.**

HB303 (Rand) -- Executive Branch budget bill. The Governor proposed holding the SEEK per-pupil funding formula at current levels through the biennium. It imposed a 4.5 percent reduction to current spending authorizations to other educational programs, including all postsecondary education, in current fiscal year, and 9 percent reduction from current spending authorizations to other educational programs in each year of biennium. He proposed a \$100 million bond for "workforce education," which was unspecified. It authorized additional money to support the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System.

House Committee substitute directed more money toward retirement contributions than the Governor. Compared to the current fiscal year, the Governor's proposal increased contributions to the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System (KTRS) by about \$300 million. The House increase is about \$500 million. The House rejected the 4.5 percent cut to the current fiscal year spending, but did keep the 9 percent cut overall for each year of the biennium; however, it maintained essentially level funding for both the Department of Education and postsecondary education. It kept the same funding for K-12 education based on \$3,981 per pupil average daily attendance. Within the Department of Education budget, CTE transportation was earmarked for the same funding as the current year, \$2.4 million, and the Kentucky TECH system also was earmarked for the same as current, \$22.8 million. The Kentucky State Board of Education requested increases for these items. For most programs earmarked in the budget, the funding levels are identical to the current fiscal year. This includes ACT and WorkKeys testing at \$1.2 million, \$11.9 million for professional development, \$720,000 for teacher professional growth fund, \$16.7 million for instructional resources, and \$1.3 million for teacher recruitment and retention. Funding for KCTCS was partially restored to \$916 million in 16-17 and \$946 million in 17-18. The Governor's proposed \$100 million bond issue for workforce education was not included. Funding was included to pay for **HB626**, which would establish a Work Ready Kentucky scholarship providing up to six semesters of free KCTCS tuition for qualifying courses of study. **Passed House 53-0 with committee substitute and floor amendments; sent to Senate.**

Senate Committee substitute, when compared to the House-passed budget, it reduced slightly funds earmarked for teachers' retirement. It held SEEK funding, CTE transportation, and Kentucky TECH funding levels. It reduced funding for ACT and WorkKeys to \$1.1 million, professional development to \$10 million, teacher professional growth fund to \$553,000, instructional resources to \$15 million, and teacher recruitment and retention to \$1.2 million. The Senate restored the Governor's proposed 9 percent cut to postsecondary education in the biennium, slating KCTCS at \$889 million in 16-17 and \$886 in 17-18. It kept the House rejection of the 4.5 percent cut to the current fiscal year. It did not fund a bond issue for "workforce education," and it did not provide funding for Work Ready Kentucky. **Passed Senate 27-2-9 with committee substitute; sent to House for concurrence. House did not concur. Conference committee appointed; negotiations failed. Free conference committee appointed.**

Free Conference Committee adopted most of the House position of level funding for Department of Education spending, including SEEK per-pupil funding, vocational transportation, the Kentucky TECH system, secondary vocational education, ACT and WorkKeys testing, professional development, teacher professional growth fund, instructional resources, and teacher recruitment and retention. A 4.5 percent cut in each year of the biennium was imposed on postsecondary education, resulting in funding of KCTCS at \$907 million in 16-17 and \$928 in 17-18. The Work Ready Kentucky scholarship program was included at \$9.4 million in 16-17 and \$15.9 million in 17-18. More than \$900 million was directed toward KTRS solvency. The Education and Workforce Development Cabinet received approval to issue \$100 million in bonds for a "Workforce Development Construction Pool." No details of how the bond money would be spent were provided. **Free conference report adopted in the Senate 38-0; adopted in the House 98-1; signed by Governor with line item vetoes April 27, 2016. Included in the vetoes was the \$9.4 million in 16-17 funding of the Work Ready Kentucky scholarship, but the second year funding of \$15.9 million was retained.**

NOTE: Governor Bevin issued an April executive order imposing the 2.0 percent budget cut for the current fiscal year for most executive branch agencies, including postsecondary education. The court upheld the Governor's authority to enact the spending reduction.

HB316 (Smart and 15 co-sponsors) -- Define and prohibit bullying. **Passed House 94-1; sent to Senate, reported favorably by Education Committee; recommitted to State and Local Government Committee. No further action.**

HB323 (Meyer, Mills, Crimm, Graham, Koenig, Meredith, Richards) -- Establish a dual credit scholarship program. **Passed House 95-0; sent to Senate. No further action.**

HB626 (Stumbo and 40 co-sponsors) -- Establishes Work Ready Scholarship Program administered by Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority available at Kentucky Community and Technical College System institutions. **Passed House 86-11 with committee substitute; passed Senate 31-7 with amendments; House concurred with amendments 90-9; vetoed by Governor April 27, 2016.**

HCR97 (Clark and 10 co-sponsors) -- Establish Kentucky Workforce Development Task Force to study workforce issues and bring recommendations. **Passed House 95-0; sent to Senate, referred to Education Committee. No further action.**

HR93 (Graham) -- Recognize February as Career and Technical Education Month. **Adopted on voice vote.**