

# Results for Business

## Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

2005 General Assembly

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CHAMBER POSITION	BILL NUMBER	PASSED	DID NOT PASS
Give consumers health care cost and quality data	HB 278	✓ <sup>1</sup>	
Allow mandate-free health insurance	HB 278	✓	
Modernize Kentucky's tax code	HB 272	✓	
Reverse the Illinois Tool Works court decision	HB 272	✓	
Reform the personal property tax	HB 272	✓	
Repeal the corporate license tax	HB 272	✓	
Increase the cigarette tax	HB 272	✓	
Extend Enterprise Zone Program benefits	HB 272/447	✓	
Reform electrician licensure requirements	SB 184	✓	
Let Kentucky vote on alternative gaming	N/A <sup>2</sup>		X
Streamline regulatory notification	N/A <sup>3</sup>		X
Continue the Bucks for Brains initiative	N/A <sup>4</sup>		X
Entice business development	SB 156	✓	
Let Kentucky vote on medical malpractice reform	SB 1		X
Oppose public employee collective bargaining	HB 399		✓ <sup>5</sup>
Enact Right-to-Work	HB 82/377		X
Repeal prevailing wage	HB 162		X
Promote brownfields redevelopment	HB 272	✓	
Support bonding authority for state universities	HB 45		X
Support initiatives to improve student performance in mathematics and reading	HB 93	✓	

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CHAMBER POSITION	BILL NUMBER	PASSED	DID NOT PASS
Support requiring loser to pay attorney's fees in frivolous civil actions	HB 251		X
Support passage of Kentucky Limited Liability Company Act	HB 246		X
Support passage of Uniform Partnership and Limited Partnership Acts	HB 247		X
Support allowing conversion of a corporation to a nonprofit corporation	HB 391		X
Support creation of e-health network	HB 416/SB 2	✓	
Support "Read to Achieve Act"	SB 19	✓	
Support creating Mathematics Diagnostic & Intervention Fund to improve student math performance	SB 64	✓ <sup>6</sup>	
Support requiring collaboration between school councils and superintendents in hiring principals	SB 70		X
Support exempting restaurants from liability in obesity lawsuits	SB 103	✓	
Oppose allowing expungement of Class D felony records	HB 5/74		✓ <sup>7</sup>
Oppose increasing the minimum wage from \$5.15 to \$7.15 per hour	HB 105		✓ <sup>8</sup>
Oppose weakening standards for awarding workers' compensation claims for Black Lung	HB 106		✓ <sup>9</sup>
Oppose increasing individual and business taxes	HB 276/277		✓ <sup>10</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Advisory committee on consumer-oriented health information created

<sup>2</sup> Although several gaming bills were filed, none were consistent with the Chamber's position

<sup>3</sup> No bill was filed to address this priority

<sup>4</sup> No bill was filed to address this priority

<sup>5</sup> Action supports Chamber position—bill to give right of collective bargaining to teachers was defeated

<sup>6</sup> Provisions contained in HB 93 as enacted

<sup>7</sup> Action supports Chamber position—bills would have allowed expungement of felony records

<sup>8</sup> Action supports Chamber position—bill would have increased minimum wage

<sup>9</sup> Action supports Chamber position—bill would have reduced workers' compensation standards

<sup>10</sup> Action supports Chamber position—bills would have increased individual and business taxes