



The Kentucky Chamber Public Affairs Team

## 2013 Kentucky General Assembly

# Results for Business



What passed. What didn't. And what it means to your bottom line. **Kentucky Chamber**



Gov. Steve Beshear, Senate President Robert Stivers and House Speaker Greg Stumbo.

## Bipartisanship prevails as 2013 session ends

THE 2013 SESSION of the Kentucky General Assembly has come to a close with a flurry of late night compromises, resulting in many important pieces of legislation passing for business.

Many were skeptical that the bi-partisan tone established early in session would lead to real progress for the Commonwealth. Fortunately, 30 legislative days later, we can reach conclusions based on what happened. Despite major philosophical differences on some emotional issues and competing political agendas among key players, the bipartisan atmosphere in Frankfort, by and large, was sustained and produced real, measurable results for the Commonwealth. For the first time in many years, policy championed over politics.

The Kentucky Chamber and the business community saw a number of "wins" this legislative session. Ultimately, compromise enabled many business-friendly bills to work through the legislative process and be sent to the governor for his signature.

Overall, the 2013 legislative session was a success – not only in tone, but in the progress that was achieved. When legislators are willing to sit down and work through tough issues, real progress is possible. On behalf of the thousands of business leaders representing the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, we commend the General Assembly and look forward to working toward more progress in the future.

## LEGISLATIVE VICTORIES

### Public Employee Pension Reform

Despite significant opposition from public unions and an unfortunate amount of misinformation about the legislation, Gov. Steve Beshear and a bipartisan group of legislators were able to forge an agreement and pass the Chamber's top legislative priority. Senate Bill (SB) 2, sponsored by Majority Floor Leader Damon Thayer, will keep the promise of pensions for current employees, increase oversight of the retirement system and set forth a manageable system for future employees that will reduce the long-term risk to taxpayers. This legislation is the most consequential piece of fiscal policy passed in Kentucky in decades.



Damon Thayer

### One Business ID

Introduced by Rep. Mike Denham, HB 343 creates a single standardized business identification number for businesses who file various documents with state agencies. This bill cuts a significant amount of red tape for small businesses who currently deal with multiple business identification numbers for each agency they deal with.



Mike Denham

### Alcohol Modernization

Kentucky's alcohol laws were brought closer to 2013 standards with the passage of SB 13 which will allow alcohol sales on election days. Thanks to some last-minute hard work from the bill sponsor, Sen. John Schickel, and leaders in the House and Senate, other provisions were added to the bill including allowing Kentucky's microbreweries to sell the products they produce on site without unnecessary added hurdles, recommendations of the interim Alcohol Task Force and the expanded sales of alcohol at some historic properties.



John Schickel

### Dropout Age Raised

SB 97 gives local districts the ability to raise the dropout age from 16 to 18 in the 2014-2015 school year. When 55% of the local school districts have adopted the policy, all school districts in the state will be required to adopt the compulsory attendance requirement. First Lady Jane Beshear has been a long-time champion of raising the dropout age as has Rep. Jeff Greer. Legislative leaders worked together this session to reach a compromise in SB 97, sponsored by Sen. David Givens.



David Givens

### Industrial Hemp

SB 50, sponsored by Sen. Paul Hornback, creates a structure for the regulation and production of industrial hemp if and when the federal government allows it to be grown.



Paul Hornback

### Early Graduation

Introduced by Sen. Mike Wilson, SB 61 allows high school juniors, who meet specific academic criteria, to graduate from high school early and attend a public two-year or four-year postsecondary institution, allowing them to enter the workforce more quickly.



Mike Wilson

### Water Quality Programs

Introduced by Rep. Fitz Steele, HB 378 establishes a clear policy and process for the Energy and Environment Cabinet's development of total maximum daily loads (TMDL) across the state.



Fitz Steele

### University Bonding

House Bill (HB) 7, sponsored by Rep. Rick Rand, allows Kentucky's public universities to issue their own debt or revenue generating projects such as dormitories, student activity centers and research facilities.



Rick Rand

# HOW DID THE 2013 GENERAL ASSEMBLY IMPACT BUSINESS?



Kentucky Chamber-supported, business friendly legislation.



Kentucky Chamber-opposed legislation would negatively impact business.



Legislation enacted by both House and Senate; signed by governor.



Legislation not passed. Details in italics.

## EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



### University Bonding

HB 7 (Rand) allows Kentucky's public universities to issue their own debt for revenue generating projects such as dormitories, student activity centers and research facilities. This innovative financing approach allows our institutions of higher education to make much needed investments without having to use state General Fund money. **Enacted into law.**



### Raising the Dropout Age

SB 97 (Givens) gives local districts the ability to raise the high school dropout age from 16 to 18 beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. When 55% of local school districts adopt the policy, the higher dropout age will be implemented statewide. This measure was a compromise proposal worked out with Rep. Greer and the governor, both longtime supporters of raising the dropout age. **Enacted into law.**



### Early Graduation

SB 61 (Wilson) allows high school juniors, who meet specific academic criteria, to graduate from high school early and attend a public two-year or four-year postsecondary institution, allowing them to enter the workforce more quickly. **Enacted into law.**



### Teacher Evaluation

HB 180 (Rollins) requires the Kentucky Board of Education to establish a statewide system of evaluation for all certified personnel. The Kentucky Department of Education, along with teacher and principal steering committees, will develop the system prior to the start of the 2014-2015 school year. The new evaluation system will take into account student progress, administrator and peer observations and parent surveys. This new process helps ensure we have qualified teachers in every classroom, increasing the quality of education for our future workforce. **Enacted into law.**



### Charter Schools

SB 176 (Wilson) and HB 76 (Montell) would have permitted a local board of education to designate a persistently low-achieving school as a charter school. Charter schools are independent schools designed to provide tuition-free public education choices to parents and students. Charter schools liberate teachers and administrators from red tape and permit more innovation in the classroom. **SB 176 Passed the Senate; neither bill considered by the House.**



### Tribunal Reform

SB 77 (Wilson) would have reformed the system by which teachers are given due process to appeal termination, suspension or reprimand. The current system to review cases of misconduct and inadequate job performance for school employees is both complicated and inefficient. We must adopt a more effective way to reward great teachers and remove those who are failing our children. **Not considered in the Senate.**



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS



### Pill Mill Bill Cleanup

HB 217 (Stumbo) is a cleanup bill aimed at solving confusion with the implementation of 2012's HB 1, which increased restrictions on prescription pills. HB 217 makes important changes for medical providers without weakening the effectiveness of the restrictions designed to combat illegal prescription drug abuse. **Enacted into law.**



### Medical Review Panels

SB 9 (Denton) would have established a medical review panel process for lawsuits against long-term care facilities. The panel, consisting of three physicians and an independent moderator, would determine whether or not the standard of care has been violated. The Chamber supports medical review panels because the rising costs associated with medical malpractice liability continue to take a significant financial toll on Kentucky's health care industry, resulting in increased costs for businesses and consumers and contributing to a shortage of medical professionals. **Passed the Senate; not considered by the House.**



### Smoke-free Law

HB 190 (Westrom) would have created a statewide smoke-free law, prohibiting smoking in indoor public places. Chamber members overwhelmingly support a smoke-free law because of the effects of smoking on our workforce in terms of absenteeism and lost productivity as well as their insurance premiums and tax bills. **Not considered by the House.**



## GOVERNMENT MODERNIZATION



### Pension Reform

Without question, SB 2 (Thayer) was the most consequential piece of legislation passed in 2013. It addresses the more than \$30 billion shortfall in Kentucky's public employee pension system by implementing the recommendations of the bipartisan pension task force. SB 2 would create a hybrid plan for new hires, which is more in line with that of the private sector, and save taxpayers more than \$10 billion over the next two decades. **Enacted into law.**



### Special Taxing Districts

HB 1 (Stumbo) creates a centralized registry for special taxing districts to improve transparency and hold public officials accountable. This pro-taxpayer proposal was a result of the work by State Auditor Adam Edelen and requires special taxing districts to create budgets and demonstrate to taxpayers that tax dollars are used efficiently. **Enacted into law.**



# KENTUCKY COMPETITIVENESS



## Industrial Hemp

SB 50 (Hornback) creates a structure for the regulation and production of industrial hemp if and when the federal government allows it to be grown. This Kentucky Chamber-supported measure passed the House and Senate on the final night of session after a bipartisan compromise deal was struck. This deal includes many of the provisions found in the original version of SB 50 along with expanded energy and agriculture research opportunities for the University of Kentucky. **Enacted into law.**



## One Business ID

HB 343 (Denham) is a great victory for small business by lessening the amount of cumbersome paperwork on business by creating a single, standardized business identification number for businesses who file various documents with state agencies. **Enacted into law.**



## Alcohol Modernization

SB 13 (Schickel) brings Kentucky's alcohol laws closer to 2013 standards by allowing alcohol sales on election days. Other Kentucky Chamber-supported provisions were added to the bill including allowing Kentucky's microbreweries to sell the products they produce on site without unnecessary added hurdles, recommendations of the interim Alcohol Task Force and the expanded sales of alcohol at some historic properties to improve tourism. **Enacted into law.**



## Telecommunications Reform

SB 88 (Hornback) would have repealed outdated regulations that serve to limit investment in new wireless telephone and broadband technologies in Kentucky. As more and more states move to encourage investment in new technology, Kentucky falls farther behind in needed telecommunications infrastructure. **Passed the Senate; no vote taken in the House.**



## Angel Investor Tax Credit

HB 337 (Palumbo) would have allowed a tax credit for those that invest in small business start-up companies across the state, fostering growth in innovation and new technologies. **Passed the House and Senate in various forms; did not receive a final vote for passage.**



## Employee Misclassification

SB 89 (Schickel) clarifies the definition of an independent contractor, creating a fair, straightforward procedure that streamlines compliance and ensures a level playing field for employers, especially small businesses. **Passed Senate; failed in the House.**



## Drug-Free Workplace

SB 157 (Westerfield) would have created a voluntary program for employers to participate in that would create drug- and alcohol-free workplaces saving employers health care and workers' compensation costs while protecting employees in the workplace. The bill's sponsor has pledged to work with the Kentucky Chamber and other business groups on this important issue through the interim. **Passed the Senate Licensing and Occupations Committee; not considered by the full Senate.**



## Higher Business Taxes

HB 142 (Wayne) would have increased the tax burden on businesses of all sizes, putting Kentucky at a significant disadvantage in the race to create jobs. While states around us are looking to improve their tax code, HB 142 would have reduced Kentucky's competitiveness. This proposal differed with the recommendations from the Governor's tax commission by eliminating the pro-business proposals. **Not considered in the House.**



## Workers' Compensation

SB 113 (Buford) would have raised workers' compensation costs for employers significantly by exposing employers to additional litigation, providing a preference for a plaintiff's doctor in lawsuits, increasing cash benefits and significantly raising attorney fees. **Not considered in the Senate.**



## Unemployment Insurance

HB 102 (Nelson) brings Kentucky in line with a federal mandate that states an employer will have a loss of reserve account credit if improper payments are made due to the employer's failure to respond timely or adequately. A pro-business amendment offered by the Kentucky Chamber defines the number of failures as six failures in a calendar year, or 2% of such requests, whichever is greater. The amendment ensures all businesses, large and small, are treated fairly under this law. **Enacted into law.**



## Public Construction Cost Increase

HB 119 (Donohue) would have driven up construction and administrative costs on government projects – including school and road construction – by requiring these projects to use U.S.-produced iron and steel. Protectionist measures like this one have many unintended consequences. In addition to raising costs to taxpayers, they often lead to construction delays that not only inconvenience citizens, but can disrupt jobs in the construction industry. **Passed the House; not considered by the Senate.**



# ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT



## Water Quality Programs

HB 378 (Steele) is a great measure for small businesses, developers and economic development groups by establishing a clear policy and process for the Energy and Environment Cabinet's development of total maximum daily loads (TMDL) across the state. In addition, much of this data will be available online using appropriate mapping technologies. **Enacted into law.**



## Aluminum Smelters

HB 211 (Thompson) and SB 71 (Bowen) were measures aimed at protecting Kentucky's two primary aluminum producers in Hawesville, Ky. and Sebree, Ky.,. The Chamber opposed this legislation because of the regulatory uncertainty and rate increases the remainder of the rate base would have faced if these bills were to become law. The Chamber continues to hope a negotiated solution can be reached in the upcoming months to protect these two facilities outside the legislative process. **Not considered by the House or Senate.**



## Utility Cost Increases

HB 40 (Sinnette) would drive up the cost of residential and business utilities by removing franchise fee agreements between local municipalities and utilities by spreading the costs of those agreements across the entire rate base. The Chamber opposed this measure because it reduces transparency of government fees on utility bills. **Not considered in the House.**



# With us 100 percent

THE KENTUCKY CHAMBER would like to extend a special thanks to the following 11 Senators and 15 representatives whose perfect voting record on key business issues show a dedication to the principles of free enterprise. On every key vote – many with vocal opposition from labor unions and personal injury lawyers – these legislators stood strong for the business community!

## House



Julie R. Adams Louisville  
Ron Crimm Louisville  
Bob Damron Nicholasville  
Jim DeCesare Bowling Green



Bob DeWeese Louisville  
Jeff Hoover Jamestown  
Thomas Kerr Taylor Mill  
Adam Koenig Erlanger  
Brad Montell Shelbyville  
David Osborne Prospect  
Marie Rader McKee  
Sal Santoro Florence  
Diane St. Onge Lakeside Park  
Russell Webber Shepardsville  
Addia Wuchner Burlington

## Senate



Joe Bowen Owensboro  
Julie Denton Louisville  
Carroll Gibson Leitchfield  
Chris Girdler Somerset  
Ernie Harris Crestwood  
Jimmy Higdon Lebanon  
Paul Hornback Shelbyville  
Alice Forgy Kerr Lexington  
Dan Seum Fairdale  
Robert Stivers Manchester  
Damon Thayer Georgetown

## Senate Bills

| LEGISLATOR          | DISTRICT        | CHAMBER POSITION | SUPPORT % | Pension Reform (Original SB2) | Pension Reform Final Passage | Limiting Frivolous Lawsuits | Update Alcoholic Beverage Laws | Industrial Hemp | Early High School Graduation | Telecommunications Modernization | Employee Misclassification | High School Dropout Age | Charter Schools | Special Taxing Districts | University Construction | Effective Teacher Evaluations | Uniform Business ID | Water Quality Transparency |
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|                     |                 |                  |           | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
|                     |                 | BILL NUMBER      |           | SB2                           | SB2                          | SB9                         | SB13                           | SB50            | SB61                         | SB88                             | SB89                       | SB97                    | SB176           | HB1                      | HB7                     | HB180                         | HB343               | HB378                      |
| Walter Blevins      | D-Morehead      |                  | 66.70%    | No                            | No                           | No                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | No                         | Yes                     | No              | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Joe Bowen           | R-Owensboro     |                  | 100.00%   | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | X                                | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Tom Buford          | R-Nicholasville |                  | 93.30%    | No                            | Yes                          | Yes                         | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Jared Carpenter     | R-Berea         |                  | 93.30%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Julian Carroll      | D-Frankfort     |                  | 53.30%    | No                            | No                           | No                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | No                               | No                         | Yes                     | No              | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Perry Clark         | D-Louisville    |                  | 80.00%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | No                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | No                         | Yes                     | No              | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Julie Denton        | R-Louisville    |                  | 100.00%   | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Carroll Gibson      | R-Leitchfield   |                  | 100.00%   | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Chris Girdler       | R-Somerset      |                  | 100.00%   | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| David Givens        | R-Greensburg    |                  | 93.30%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Sara Beth Gregory   | R-Monticello    |                  | 92.90%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | X                           | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Denise Harper Angel | D-Louisville    |                  | 66.70%    | Yes                           | No                           | No                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | No                               | No                         | Yes                     | No              | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Ernie Harris        | R-Crestwood     |                  | 100.00%   | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Jimmy Higdon        | R-Lebanon       |                  | 100.00%   | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Paul Hornback       | R-Shelbyville   |                  | 100.00%   | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Stan Humphries      | R-Cadiz         |                  | 86.70%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | No                               | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Ray Jones           | D-Pikeville     |                  | 60.00%    | No                            | No                           | No                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | No                               | No                         | Yes                     | No              | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Alice Kerr          | R-Lexington     |                  | 100.00%   | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Robert Leeper       | I-Paducah       |                  | 93.30%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | No                      | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Chris McDaniel      | R-Latonia       |                  | 93.30%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | No                      | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Morgan McGarvey     | D-Louisville    |                  | 73.30%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | No                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | No                               | No                         | Yes                     | No              | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Gerald Neal         | D-Louisville    |                  | 73.30%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | No                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | No                               | No                         | Yes                     | No              | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| R.J. Palmer         | D-Winchester    |                  | 71.40%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | No                          | Yes                            | Yes             | X                            | No                               | No                         | Yes                     | No              | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Dennis Parrett      | D-Elizabethtown |                  | 73.30%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | No                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | No                               | No                         | Yes                     | No              | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Jerry Rhoads        | D-Madisonville  |                  | 80.00%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | No                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | No                         | Yes                     | No              | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Dorsey Ridley       | D-Henderson     |                  | 73.30%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | No                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | No                               | No                         | Yes                     | No              | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Albert Robinson     | R-London        |                  | 80.00%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | No                             | No              | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | No                      | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| John Schickel       | R-Union         |                  | 85.70%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | Yes                            | X               | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | No                      | Yes             | Yes                      | No                      | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Dan Seum            | R-Fairdale      |                  | 100.00%   | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | X               | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Brandon Smith       | R-Hazard        |                  | 73.30%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | No                               | No                         | Yes                     | No              | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Kathy Stein         | D-Lexington     |                  | 66.70%    | Yes                           | No                           | No                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | No                               | No                         | Yes                     | No              | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Katie Stine         | R-Southgate     |                  | 86.70%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | No                      | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Robert Stivers      | R-Manchester    |                  | 100.00%   | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | Yes                            | X               | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Damon Thayer        | R-Georgetown    |                  | 100.00%   | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Johnny Turner       | D-Prestonsburg  |                  | 73.30%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | No                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | No                               | No                         | Yes                     | No              | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Robin Webb          | D-Grayson       |                  | 53.30%    | No                            | No                           | No                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | No                               | No                         | Yes                     | No              | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Whitney Westerfield | R-Hopkinsville  |                  | 93.30%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |
| Mike Wilson         | R-Bowling Green |                  | 93.30%    | Yes                           | Yes                          | Yes                         | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                              | Yes                        | Yes                     | Yes             | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        |

## EXPLANATION OF BILLS USED IN VOTING RECORD

The roll call votes you see in this record reveal how legislators voted on bills the Kentucky Chamber publicly supported or opposed during the 2013 General Assembly. Although we took positions on several bills, the voting record includes only those that received a full vote before the entire House and/or Senate. Please note that the substance of a bill may be significantly altered during the legislative process. Unless otherwise noted, the legislation referenced in the voting record is based on the final version of the bill receiving a floor vote for each house. To access the language of the bills highlighted in this document, the Kentucky Chamber invites you to visit the Legislative Research Commission's website at [lrc.ky.gov](http://lrc.ky.gov).



# House Bills



| CHAMBER POSITION     |                  |           | Special Taxing Districts | University Construction | Procurement Mandate | Effective Teacher Evaluations | Uniform Business ID | Water Quality Transparency | Pension House Committee Substitute | Pension Reform Final Passage | Update Alcoholic Beverage Laws | Industrial Hemp | Early High School Graduation | High School Dropout Age |
|----------------------|------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| BILL NUMBER          | DISTRICT         | SUPPORT % | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| LEGISLATOR           |                  |           | HB1                      | HB7                     | HB119               | HB180                         | HB343               | HB378                      | SB2                                | SB2                          | SB13                           | SB50            | SB61                         | SB97                    |
| Julie Adams          | R-Louisville     | 100.00%   | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Rocky Adkins         | D-Sandy Hook     | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| John Arnold          | D-Sturgis        | 88.90%    | Yes                      | X                       | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | X                                  | Yes                          | Yes                            | X               | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Lynn Bechler         | R-Marion         | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | No                      |
| Johnny Bell          | D-Glasgow        | 66.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Robert Benvenuti     | R-Lexington      | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Kevin Bratcher       | R-Louisville     | 90.00%    | Yes                      | X                       | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | X               | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Regina Bunch         | R-Williamsburg   | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Thomas Burch         | D-Louisville     | 83.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Denver Butler        | D-Louisville     | 83.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Dwight Butler        | R-Harned         | 90.90%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | X                            | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| John Carney          | R-Campbellsville | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Larry Clark          | D-Louisville     | 83.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Hubert Collins       | D-Wittensville   | 58.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | No                             | No              | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Leslie Combs         | D-Pikeville      | 81.80%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | X                              | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Tim Couch            | R-Hyden          | 90.90%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | X               | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Will Coursey         | D-Symsonia       | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Jesse Crenshaw       | D-Lexington      | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Ron Crimm            | R-Louisville     | 100.00%   | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Robert Damron        | D-Nicholasville  | 100.00%   | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | X                                  | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Jim DeCesare         | R-Bowling Green  | 100.00%   | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Mike Denham          | D-Maysville      | 83.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Bob DeWeese          | R-Louisville     | 100.00%   | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Jeffery Donohue      | D-Fairdale       | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Myron Dossett        | R-Pembroke       | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | No                      |
| C.B. Embry           | R-Morgantown     | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | No                           | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Joseph Fischer       | R-Fort Thomas    | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | No                      |
| Kelly Flood          | D-Lexington      | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| David Floyd          | R-Bardstown      | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | No                      |
| Jim Glenn            | D-Owensboro      | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Jim Gooch            | D-Providence     | 90.90%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | X                       |
| Derrick Graham       | D-Frankfort      | 66.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Jeff Greer           | D-Brandenburg    | 83.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Keith Hall           | D-Phelps         | 70.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | X                            | No                             | Yes             | X                            | Yes                     |
| Mike Harmon          | R-Danville       | 83.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | No                      |
| Richard Heath        | R-Mayfield       | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Richard Henderson    | D-Mt. Sterling   | 63.60%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | No                             | X               | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Toby Herald          | R-Beattyville    | 90.90%    | Yes                      | X                       | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | No                      |
| Jeff Hoover          | R-Jamestown      | 100.00%   | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | X                              | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Dennis Horlander     | D-Shively        | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Kenny Imes           | R-Murray         | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Joni Jenkins         | D-Shively        | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Dennis Keene         | D-Wilder         | 81.80%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | Yes                            | X               | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Thomas Kerr          | R-Taylor Mill    | 100.00%   | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Kim King             | R-Harrodsburg    | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Martha King          | D-Lewisburg      | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Adam Koenig          | R-Erlanger       | 100.00%   | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Jimmie Lee           | D-Elizabethtown  | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Stan Lee             | R-Lexington      | 83.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | No                      |
| Brian Linder         | R-Dry Ridge      | 81.80%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | X                       |
| Mary Lou Marzian     | D-Louisville     | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Donna Mayfield       | R-Winchester     | 90.90%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | X               | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Thomas McKee         | D-Cynthiana      | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| David Meade          | R-Stanford       | 83.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | No              | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Reginald Meeks       | D-Louisville     | 66.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Michael Lee Meredith | R-Brownsville    | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | No                      |
| Charles Miller       | D-Louisville     | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Terry Mills          | D-Lebanon        | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Brad Montell         | R-Shelbyville    | 100.00%   | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Tim Moore            | R-Elizabethtown  | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Rick Nelson          | D-Middlesboro    | 66.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| David Osborne        | R-Prospect       | 100.00%   | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Sannie Overly        | D-Paris          | 70.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | X                              | Yes             | X                            | Yes                     |
| Darryl Owens         | D-Louisville     | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Ruth Ann Palumbo     | D-Lexington      | 83.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Tanya Pullin         | D-South Shore    | 63.60%    | X                        | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Ryan Quarles         | R-Georgetown     | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Marie Rader          | R-McKee          | 100.00%   | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | X                              | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Rick Rand            | D-Bedford        | 83.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Jody Richards        | D-Bowling Green  | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Steven Riggs         | D-Louisville     | 81.80%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | Yes                            | X               | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Tom Riner            | D-Louisville     | 66.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Carl Rollins         | D-Midway         | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Bart Rowland         | R-Tompkinsville  | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Steven Rudy          | R-West Paducah   | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Sal Santoro          | R-Florence       | 100.00%   | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Jonathan Shell       | R-Lancaster      | 83.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | No                      |
| John Short           | D-Mallie         | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Arnold Simpson       | D-Covington      | 90.90%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | X                   | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Kevin Sinnette       | D-Ashland        | 63.60%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | X                   | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Rita Smart           | D-Richmond       | 83.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Diane St. Onge       | R-Lakeside Park  | 100.00%   | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| John Stacy           | D-West Liberty   | 72.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | No                             | X               | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Fitz Steele          | D-Hazard         | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Jim Stewart          | R-Flat Lick      | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | No                           | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Wilson Stone         | D-Scottsville    | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Greg Stumbo          | D-Prestonsburg   | 83.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Tommy Thompson       | D-Owensboro      | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| John Tilley          | D-Hopkinsville   | 83.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Tommy Turner         | R-Somerset       | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | No              | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Kenneth Upchurch     | R-Monticello     | 83.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | No                             | No              | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Ben Waide            | R-Madisonville   | 91.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | No                      |
| David Watkins        | D-Henderson      | 83.30%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Gerald Watkins       | D-Paducah        | 66.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Jim Wayne            | D-Louisville     | 66.70%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Russell Webber       | R-Shepardsville  | 100.00%   | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Susan Westrom        | D-Lexington      | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Addia Wuchner        | R-Burlington     | 100.00%   | Yes                      | Yes                     | No                  | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | Yes                          | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Brent Yonts          | D-Greenville     | 72.70%    | X                        | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | Yes                                | No                           | Yes                            | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |
| Jill York            | R-Grayson        | 75.00%    | Yes                      | Yes                     | Yes                 | Yes                           | Yes                 | Yes                        | No                                 | No                           | No                             | Yes             | Yes                          | Yes                     |



# Pension reform will save \$10 billion over 20 years

**THE PROBLEMS** of Kentucky's public pension system have been well documented by the Pew Center on the States and other researchers. Kentucky ranks as one of the worst states in the country in pension funding, with the pension system funded at only 54% of liabilities, and the system is projected to run dangerously low on funds within the next five years.

These unfunded pension liabilities are the key reason that both Moody's Investor Service and Fitch ratings have recently downgraded Kentucky's bond ratings and financial outlook—meaning it will ultimately cost taxpayers more to finance such important public projects as the Ohio River bridges, new school construction and infra-

structure improvements. Increased pension costs are also taking needed funding away from education, economic development and other

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The historic public pension reforms in SB 2 as passed by the 2013 Kentucky General Assembly will provide full funding for the retirement system, revise retirement ben-



efits for new employees starting next year and reduce overall costs—saving an estimated \$10 billion in employer contributions over the next 20 years (approximately \$5.4 billion in savings in the plan that serves state employees and a similar amount in the plan that serves local government employees).

These savings are particularly significant to Kentucky's business community because

approximately half of employer contributions in the Kentucky Employee Retirement System (that covers state employees) are funded with state General Fund revenue. Since Kentucky businesses contribute about 40% of state revenue in income, corporate and sales taxes, the business community's share of the estimated \$5.4 billion in savings over the next 20 years in the state employee plan will be an estimated \$1 billion—an average of more than \$50 million per year in savings to business over the period.

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# SESSION SNAPSHOTS



House Speaker Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg.



House Majority Floor Leader Rocky Adkins, D-Sandy Hook (left), confers with Senate Majority Floor Leader Damon Thayer, R-Georgetown (center) and Sen. Chris McDaniel, R-Latonia, on the final day of the 2013 legislative session.



Rep. Jeff Greer, D-Brandenburg, & Rep. Will Coursey, D-Symsonia, in House.



Sen. Perry Clark, D-Louisville (left), congratulates Sen. Paul Hornback, R-Shelbyville, following passage of an industrial hemp bill in the Senate.





Agriculture Commissioner James Comer, Congressman John Yarmuth & U.S. Senator Rand Paul in committee.



Senate President Robert Stivers, R-Manchester, adjourns the 2013 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

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# PROTECTING YOUR BOTTOM LINE



Vice President of Government Affairs Chad Harpole discussed energy and environmental issues important to the business community at the Chamber's Annual Policy Conference in December.

Below, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs Bryan Sunderland talks to Gay Dwyer (Kentucky Retail Federation) and Sen. Joe Bowen during a committee meeting at the Capitol.



TOP: Senator Damon Thayer and Chamber President and CEO Dave Adkisson discuss Senate Bill 2 (Pension Reform) during a committee meeting in January.



ABOVE: Gov. Steve Beshear recently signed HB 378 which establishes clear policy and process for the Energy and Environment Cabinet's development of total maximum daily loads (TMDL) across the state. Chamber staffer Chad Harpole is third from left.



LEFT: Les Fugate (Run Switch PR) and Public Affairs Manager Ashli Watts greet one another during a Small Business Caucus reception in December.

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