Voting Record



Find out how your legislators voted on key business issues

ach legislative session, legislators vote on hundreds of bills which could affect

Kentucky's business climate. It's crucial they make well-informed decisions about
a bill and its potential impact to the Commonwealth. That's why the Chamber's

Public Affairs team informs legislators of the potential impact – both good and bad –
legislation may have on employers. We provide expert testimony at committee meetings,
produce informative legislative briefs, and we personally meet with legislators creating a
valuable dialogue between employers and policymakers. We do all of this with the belief
that knowledge is key to a successful state and business climate. But now we turn that
knowledge over to you – the constituent.

The Chamber has compiled a list of key bills that received a full vote in the House or Senate during the 2011 Kentucky General Assembly. These bills were chosen for having significant meaning to the business community, and each one was publicly supported or opposed by the Chamber in advance of the legislative vote. The objective of this information is to provide you with the knowledge to evaluate your legislators and hold them accountable for their actions in the General Assembly. Find your legislators on the chart and see firsthand how they voted. Did your state legislator work for laws that encourage job growth or act contrary to your interest? We hope you'll find this to be a helpful tool.

Kentucky Chamber: Working for you at the Capitol

MEMBERSHIP with the Kentucky Chamber gets you a seat at the table through our lobbying team and policy councils, so you can get back to work knowing your interests are being represented.

"All of our members and investors are dedicated to accelerating the mission of the Kentucky Chamber, which is to create a thriving climate for business here in Kentucky," said Carlos Phillips, vice president of membership & marketing. "Our member companies really get it; they understand how important advocacy at the state level is to their businesses."

Kentucky Chamber members don't just reap the benefits of the Chamber's legislative influence; members are critical in shaping the dialogue at the state capitol and beyond and in driving the efforts of the Chamber.

WHY JOIN THE KENTUCKY CHAMBER?

The legislative impact of joining voices with the business community throughout the state is the No. 1 reason your membership in the Kentucky Chamber is essential. But you get a few other perks, too!



- Member Savings programs with exclusive discounts on office supplies, printers and ink/toner, small-group health insurance and wellness programs, and HR/payroll services.
- Discounts on attendance at training seminars and Chamber events.
- Savings on Chamber publications and labor posters.
- Access to the Small Business Navigator resource center.

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 2011 General Assembly and 2011 Extraordinary Session. Although we took positions on several bills during the session, 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 proposals — along with the Kentucky Chamber's position on those proposals — referenced in the voting record are based on the last or 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.state.ky.us.

DESCRIPTION OF SENATE BILLS



TAX REFORM

SB 1 would have created an independent panel of experts to recommend a new business-friendly tax code that supports growth and competitiveness.

STATE EMPLOYEE PENSIONS

SB 2 would have established a 401(k)-type retirement system for all new state employees, legislators and judges beginning July 1, 2012.

BILL TRANSPARENCY

SB 5 would require any appropriation and revenue bill to be available for public preview a minimum of 48 hours in advance of any legislative action.

BUSINESS ONE-STOP

SB 8 requires Kentucky to establish a "one-stop" electronic business portal to create a single point of contact for employers to interact with government agencies.

FALSE CLAIMS

SB 11 would have expanded the scope of employer liability by allowing whistleblowers to file lawsuits in the name of the state and claim a bounty from any proceeds recovered.

RESPONSIBLE PRINCIPAL SELECTION

SB 12 improves accountability in schools by allowing superintendents to play a greater role in principal selection. Just as managers are held accountable for the performance of their employees in the business world, superintendents are accountable for the success or failure of schools.

TEACHER INCENTIVES

SB13 was intended to increase the number of students taking advanced placement courses in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) disciplines, particularly those in poverty, through monetary incentives for teachers of these subject areas.

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INTERSTATE RACING COMPACT

SB 24 authorizes the state to join the Interstate Racing Compact, providing a leadership role for our signature horse industry to establish uniform racing and wagering rules.

NUCLEAR POWER BAN

SB 34 would have lifted Kentucky's nuclear power moratorium in the state.

EARLY GRADUATION

SB 69 would have allowed students who meet stringent academic criteria to graduate high school early and attend a public two-year or four-year postsecondary institution.

CHIROPRACTIC MANDATES

SB 75 would have increased health care costs, particularly on small business owners, by legislatively mandating higher payments to a narrow group of health care providers.

JURISDICTIONAL LIMITS

SB 108 raises the jurisdictional limits for the Small Claims Division of District Court from \$1,500 to \$2,500 and District Court from \$4,000 to \$5,000. This bills enables businesses to recover modest claims in lower courts, saving both time and expense for small employers.

HEALTH PLAN WELLNESS PROGRAMS

SB 114 authorizes health benefit plans to offer incentives to members who participate in a voluntary wellness program.

WASTEWATER REGULATION

SB 120 allows the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet to create a certification program for laboratories that test for water quality issues and standards, minimizing business liability for falsified or incorrect data.

ELECTION OF PSC OFFICIALS

SB 151 would have changed the make-up of Kentucky's Public Service Commission by increasing the number of commissioners from three to seven and making them elected positions instead of appointed. This change would de-stabilize Kentucky's energy market and increase utility rates rather than decrease them.

DESCRIPTION OF HOUSE BILLS



IMMIGRATION

HB 3 would have required any employer doing business with the state to use the federal E-Verify system.

FALSE CLAIMS

HB 4 would have expanded the scope of employer liability by allowing whistleblowers to file lawsuits in the name of the state and claim a bounty from any proceeds recovered.

STATE EMPLOYEE WELLNESS PROGRAM

HB 32 would have established a pilot state employee wellness program, in which state employees would receive a discounted monthly insurance plan in exchange for participating in wellness activities and evaluations.

DROPOUT AGE

HB 225 (and Special Session HB 2) would have phased in raising the mandatory school attendance age to 18, keeping students in school and working toward a diploma.

HEALTH INSURANCE TAX EXCLUSION

HB 255 allows state tax exclusions for health insurance premiums, most notably for adult children under the age of 27, which are excludable pursuant to the federal health care law. This legislation will both alleviate an administrative burden for Kentucky employers and lower the taxable wage base for employers.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY INCENTIVES

HB 340 would have expanded on HB 1 passed in the 2007 special session by allowing incentives for companies that manufacture components for alternative fuels, energy storage and renewable energy manufacturing facilities.

COAL BOND REGULATION

HB 385 streamlines the bond process for surface mining sites and creates a Wastewater Certification Program.

LAWSUIT LENDING

HB 412 was cast as an attempt to regulate the litigation financing industry, but would have encouraged more litigation and done little to protect consumers.

CORRECTIONS REFORM

HB 463 addresses the high costs of the state's corrections system, which was identified by the Chamber's *Leaky Bucket* report. HB 463 has the potential to save our state over \$422 million in the next decade without taking a soft approach to crime.

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Walter Blevins	D-Morehead	61.10%	NI.	NI	Υ	V	V	V	N.	V	N.	V	V/	V	V	V	V	V		· ·
Joe Bowen		88.90%	N Y	N Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y	N Y	Y Y	N Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Buford		77.80%	Y	Y	Y	Ϋ́Υ	Ϋ́Υ	Y N	Y	Ϋ́Υ	Y	Y	N Y	Y	•	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Jared Carpenter		83.30%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ϋ́Υ		Y	Y	Ϋ́Υ	Y	Y	Y
Julian Carroll		66.70%	N		Y	Ϋ́Υ		Y			Y		Ϋ́Υ	Y	Y			-	Y	Y
Perry Clark		58.80%	N	N N	Y	Ϋ́Υ	Y	Y N	N N	Y Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Julie Denton		38.20%	Y	Y	Y	Ϋ́Υ	Ϋ́Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y N	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carroll Gibson		83.30%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	T V	Ŷ	Y	Y		Y
David Givens		88.90%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Ϋ́Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y
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Ernie Harris		38.20%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		1	Ϋ́	•	Y		Y
Jimmy Higdon		83.30%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ϋ́Υ	X Y	Y	Y	Y
Paul Hornback		83.30%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ϋ́	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Jensen	-	83.30%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	T V	Ϋ́	Y	Y		Y
Ray Jones		55.30 % 56.70%	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Ϋ́Υ	Ϋ́Υ	Ϋ́Υ	Ϋ́Υ	Y	Y
Alice Kerr		30.70 % 87.50%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Ϋ́Υ	X	Y	Y	Y
Robert Leeper	_	87.50 % 87.50%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ŷ	X	N	Ϋ́	Y Y	Y
Vernie McGaha	R-Russell Springs		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ŷ	Y	Y	Y	Y		Y	Ŷ	Y	Y		Y
Gerald Neal		73.30 %	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	×	Y	Y	T V	Ϋ́	X	X	Y	Y
R.J. Palmer	•	70.60%	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Ŷ	Y	Y	Y	Ϋ́	×	Ŷ	Ϋ́	Y
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Jerry Rhoads	•	77.80 % 72.20%	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	Ϋ́	N	Y		Y
Dorsey Ridley		66.70%	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ϋ́	N	Y	Y	Y
John Schickel		83.30%	Y	Y	Y	Ϋ́	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ϋ́	Y	Y	Ϋ́	Y
Dan Seum	•	83.30 %	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	V	Ϋ́	Y	V	Ϋ́Υ	Y
Tim Shaughnessy		75.00%	N	N	Y	Ý	Y	Y	N	Y	Ý	×	N	Y	X	Ϋ́	N	Y	Ϋ́	Y
Brandon Smith		75.00 % 77.80%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Ŷ	Y	Y	Ŷ	Ϋ́	Y	Y	Ϋ́Υ	Y
Kathy Stein	•	77.80 % 52.90%	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	V	A	Y	Y		Y
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Daymon Thayer	•	83.30%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	T	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	T V	T	Y	Y V	Y
Johnny Turner		55.30 <i>%</i> 51.10%	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Ϋ́Υ	Ϋ́Υ	Ϋ́Υ	Y	Ϋ́Υ	Y
Robin Webb		55.60%	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ϋ́	Y	Ϋ́	Ϋ́Υ	Y
Jack Westwood	′	83.30%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	V	Y	Y	Ϋ́	Ϋ́	Y
David Williams		83.30% 83.30%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ϋ́	Y	Ϋ́	Ϋ́Υ	Y
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Julie Adams Royce Adams	R-Louisville D-Dry Ridge	81.30% 81.30%	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Rocky Adkins	R-Sandy Hook	75.00%	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N Y
John Arnold Linda Belcher	D-Sturgis D-Shepherdsville	78.60% 75.00%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	X	Y Y	X Y
Johnny Bell Kevin Bratcher	D-Glasgow R-Louisville	81.30% 86.70%	N Y	Y	Y	Y	Y X	Y Y	Y Y	Y N	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y N
Dewayne Bunch	R-Williamsburg D-Louisville	75.00% 81.30%	Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Thomas Burch Dwight Butler	R-Harned	81.30%	N Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y N
John Carney Mike Cherry	R-Campbellsville D-Princeton	81.30% 75.00%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	N Y
Larry Clark Hubert Collins	D-Louisville D-Wittensville	68.80% 68.80%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y N	Y	Y Y	N Y	Y Y
Leslie Combs	D-Pikeville	66.70%	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	X	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Υ	Y	Y
James Comer Tim Couch	R-Tompkinsville R-Hyden	73.30% 75.00%	Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y N	Y	Y Y	N Y	Y N	Y	Y	X Y	N Y
Will Coursey Jesse Crenshaw	D-Benton D-Lexington	75.00% 75.00%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y N	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y N
Ron Crimm Robert Damron	R-Louisville D-Nicholasville	87.50% 75.00%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y Y	Υ	N	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	N
Jim DeCesare	R-Rockfield	68.80%	Υ	Υ	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y N	Y	Y	Y N	Y N	Y	Y	Y	Y N
Mike Denham Bob DeWeese	D-Maysville R-Louisville	75.00% 80.00%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y X	Y Y	Y Y	Y N	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y N
Myron Dossett Teddy Edmonds	R-Pembroke D-Jackson	81.30% 75.00%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	N Y	Y Y	Y	N Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	N Y
C.B. Embry	R-Morgantown	68.80%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Υ	Y	N
Bill Farmer Joe Fischer	R-Lexington R-Ft. Thomas	78.60% 81.30%	Y	Υ	Y	N Y	Y	Y Y	X Y	X N	Y	Y Y	Y N	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	N N
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Danny Ford Jim Glenn	R-Mt. Vernon D-Owensboro	73.30% 81.30%	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	N Y	Y Y	Y Y	N Y	N Y	Y Y	Y	Y	X N
Jim Gooch	D-Providence	87.50%	N	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Ý	N
Derrick Graham Jeff Greer	D-Frankfort D-Brandenburg	80.00% 73.30%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y X	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	X Y
Sara Beth Gregory Keith Hall	R-Monticello D-Phelps	81.30% 68.80%	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y N	Y	Y	Y	N Y
Mike Harmon Richard Henderson	R-Danville D-Jeffersonville	68.80% 68.80%	Y	Y Y	Y	N Y	Y Y	Y Y	Υ	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Υ
Melvin Henley	D-Murray	81.30%	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	N Y	Y	Y	Ϋ́	Y N
Jeff Hoover Dennis Horlander	R-Jamestown D-Shively	81.30% 75.00%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	N Y	Y	Y Y	N Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	N Y
Brent Housman Wade Hurt	R-Paducah R-Louisville	87.50% 81.30%	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	N Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y	N N
Joni Jenkins	D-Shively	75.00%	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Ý	Y
Dennis Keene Thomas Kerr	D-Wilder R-Taylor Mill	75.00% 81.30%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y N
Kim King Martha King	R-Lawrenceburg D-Lewisburg	75.00% 75.00%	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	N Y	Y	Y Y	Y	N Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y
Adam Koenig Jimmie Lee	R-Erlanger D-Elizabethtown	87.50% 68.80%	Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Υ	N	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Υ	Y	Y Y	Y	N Y
Stan Lee	R-Lexington	68.80%	Y	Υ	Y	N	Y	Y	Y Y	Y N	N	Y Y	N	N Y	Y	Y	Ý	N
Mary Lou Marzian Donna Mayfield	D-Louisville R-Winchester	86.70% 81.30%	N Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y N	Y	Y Y	Y	Y N	Y	Y	Y	X N
Thomas McKee Reginal Meeks	D-Cynthiana D-Louisville	75.00% 75.00%	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y Y
Michael Lee Meredith	R-Brownsville	68.80%	Υ	Υ	Y	N	Υ	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	N	Y	Υ	Ϋ́	N
Charles Miller Terry Mills	D-Louisville D-Lebanon	68.80% 81.30%	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	N Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y N
Brad Montell Tim Moore	R-Shelbyville R-Elizabethtown	81.30% 81.30%	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	N N	Y	Y Y	N Y	Y N	Y	Y	Y Y	N N
Lonnie Napier Rick Nelson	R-Lancaster D-Middlesboro	75.00% 68.80%	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	N Y	Y	Y Y	Y N	N Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y
Mike Nemes	R-Louisville	81.30%	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Ϋ́	N
Fred Nesler David Osborne	D-Mayfield R-Prospect	75.00% 81.30%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y N
Sannie Overly Darryl Owens	D-Paris D-Louisville	75.00% 75.00%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y
Ruth Ann Palumbo Tanya Pullin	D-Lexington D-South Shore	75.00% 75.00%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y N	Y	Y	Y N	Y N	Y	Y	Y	Y N
Ryan Quarles	R-Georgetown	81.30%	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Y	N
Marie Rader Rick Rand	R-McKee D-Bedford	81.30% 75.00%	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	N Y	Y	Y Y	N Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y Y	N Y
Jody Richards Steven Riggs	D-Bowling Green D-Louisville	75.00% 75.00%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tom Riner Carl Rollins	D-Louisville D-Midway	81.30% 75.00%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	N Y
Steven Rudy	R-West Paducah	73.30%	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	X	Y	Υ	Y	N	Y	Υ	Y	Y
Sal Santoro John Short	R-Florence D-Hindman	81.30% 68.80%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y N	Y	Y	Y	N Y
Arnold Simpson Kevin Sinnette	D-Covington D-Ashland	75.00% 75.00%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rita Smart John Will Stacy	D-Richmond D-West Liberty	75.00% 75.00%	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y
Fitz Steele	D-Hazard	56.25%	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	N	N	Y	Υ	N	Y
Jim Stewart Wilson Stone	R-Flat Lick D-Scottsville	75.00% 75.00%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	N Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	N N	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y N
Greg Stumbo Tommy Thompson	D-Prestonsburg S-Owensboro	75.00% 80.00%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
John Tilley	D-Hopkinsville	75.00%	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Υ
Tommy Turner Ben Waide	R-Somerset R-Madisonville	80.00% 81.30%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y N	Y	Y Y	Y	X N	Y	Y	Y Y	N Y	Y	Y	Y	N N
David Watkins Jim Wayne	D-Henderson D-Louisville	81.30% 86.70%	Y N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y X	N N
Alecia Webb-Edgington Susan Westrom		80.00% 81.30%	Y Y	Y Y	X	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y	N N
Addia Wuchner	R-Burlington	75.00%	Υ	Υ	Y	Y	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Υ	Y	Y
Brent Yonts Jill York	D-Greenville R-Grayson	81.30% 81.30%	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y Y	Y Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N N

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Kentucky Chamber helps guide legislation to improve our members' bottom lines. Through newsletters and e-communications, we keep our membership up to date on initiatives that impact the business community. Here are some additional resources:

kentucky.gov

The state of Kentucky's official website is a resource for Kentucky government as well as education and doing business in the state.

governor.ky.gov

The Governor's website provides constituents with up-to-date news, issues and cabinet information.

thinkkentucky.com

The website for the Cabinet for Economic Development is an indispensable source for programs and services available to businesses, including existing businesses, newly locating companies, start-ups and small and minority businesses.

Irc.ky.gov

The Legislative Research Commission (LRC) is the Kentucky legislature's home page. It provides contact information for your legislators, the current legislative calendar and the legislative record for current and past sessions.

sos.ky.gov

The Secretary of State is organized into two divisions: The Division of Corporations and The Division of Administration. Public records include organizational documents for more than 100,000 corporations doing business in Kentucky and trademarks and service marks.

voteforbusiness.com

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce promotes advocacy through grassroots action in your business community.

chfs.ky.gov/dph

The Kentucky Department for Public Health's website provides valuable health-related information as well as useful Web sites and phone numbers.

courts.ky.gov

The Kentucky Court of Justice website is a valuable resource explaining Kentucky's judicial system, with searchable cases and opinions.

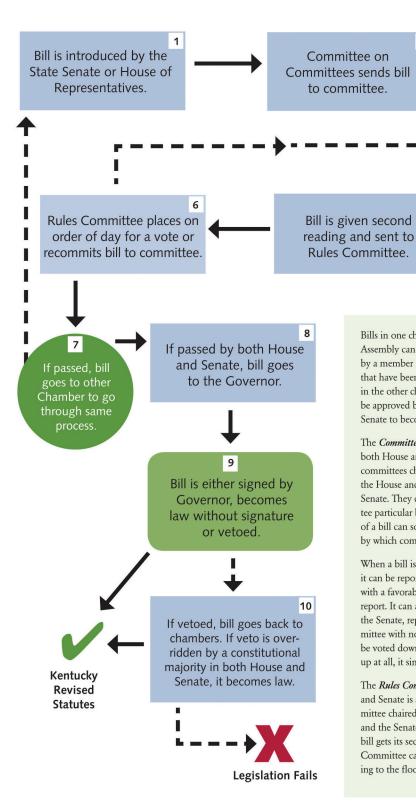
eec.ky.gov

The Energy and Environment Cabinet's website provides constituents with access to the departments within the agency, press releases, regulatory assistance, environmental education and outreach programs, as well as the opportunity to examine proposed administrative regulations and submit permit applications.

osbd.ky.gov

The Office of State Budget Director's website can help you access information about Kentucky's Budget office and the documents they prepare. This site contains both past and present Budgets of the Commonwealth, and Executive Budget Recommendations.

How a Bill Becomes a Law



Bills in one chamber of the General Assembly can be either new bills filed by a member of that chamber or bills that have been introduced and passed in the other chamber and which must be approved by both the House and Senate to become law.

The *Committee on Committees* in both House and Senate are powerful committees chaired by the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate. They decide to what committee particular bills are sent. The fate of a bill can sometimes be determined by which committee gets the bill.

When a bill is sent to a committee, it can be reported out of a committee with a favorable or unfavorable report. It can also be amended or, in the Senate, reported out of the committee with no opinion. A bill can also be voted down. If a bill is not called up at all, it simply dies in committee.

The *Rules Committee* in both House and Senate is another powerful committee chaired by the House Speaker and the Senate President. When a bill gets its second reading, the Rules Committee can delay the bill coming to the floor for a vote of all the

members, which recommits it to the committee it came from or another

Bill is given first reading

and placed on calendar.

Bill is reported

from committee

or left to die.

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When a bill gets its third reading, it can be called up for a vote. If it is passed, and has already been passed by the other chamber, it goes to the governor for signature. If it has not yet been passed by the other chamber, it goes there for approval, and if approved, to the Governor.

If one chamber changes a bill that was already approved by the other, it must go back to the chamber in which it originated for approval. This is called *concurrence*.

When the Governor gets the bill, the Governor can sign it, veto it or refuse to act upon it. If the Governor signs the bill or does not act upon it, it becomes law.

If the Governor vetoes the bill, the bill goes back to the Legislature. The veto can be overridden by a constitutional majority of both the House and the Senate (at least 51 House votes and 20 Senate votes).

If the Governor's veto is not overridden, the bill does not become law.

Communicating with Your Legislators

Every legislator has the responsibility to represent you at the state level, regardless of how you voted. They can't represent you, though, if they don't know your positions on issues. Here's a list of general tips on how to communicate with Kentucky legislators.



DO identify clearly the subject(s) you're interested in, and not just by bill numbers – it's easy to get a bill number wrong.

DO state why you are concerned about an issue. Your personal experience is excellent support evidence. Explain how you think an issue will affect your business, profession, community or family.

DO put your thoughts into your own words. If a member of the General Assembly receives numerous letters with nearly identical wording, he or she may discount them as part of an organized pressure campaign. Even so, pressure campaigns have worked when there was so much mail it had to be weighed rather than read.

DO establish relationships with your own representative and senator – you'll have more influence as a constituent. If you don't know whose district you are in, visit www.kychamber.com/district.

DO communicate while legislation is being considered by legislative committees and subcommittees, as well as when it is on the House or Senate floor.

DO find out which committees and subcommittees your representative and senator serve on. Members of the General Assembly have much more influence over legislation within their committees' and subcommittees' jurisdiction.



DON'T ever, ever threaten. Don't even hint, "I'll never vote for you unless you do what I want." Present the best arguments in favor of your position and ask for the legislator's consideration. You don't need to remind a legislator of the electoral consequences. Mail and phone calls will be counted without your prompting.

DON'T pretend to wield vast political influence. Write members as a constituent, not as a self-appointed spokesperson for your neighborhood, community or industry. However, if you really are a spokesperson for a group, be sure to mention it.