

Other legislative highlights include:

Business

- **Adoption Leave** (HB 210): Requires employers that provide leave for birth parents to provide the same leave for an adoptive parent.
- **Racial Inequity** (SB 10): Creates a state commission on race to address inequities and make policy recommendations.
- **To-go Alcohol** (SB 67): Makes permanent the ability for restaurants to **sell to-go alcohol** for delivery or pick-up orders with the purchase of a meal.
- **Distilleries** (SB 68): Makes changes to distilling licenses to provide for exemptions to the minimum production requirements for teaching purposes.
- **Direct Shipping** (HB 415): Provides several updates to Kentucky's **direct-to-consumer shipping law** to make it easier for shipping wine into Kentucky.
- **Blighted Properties** (SB 105): Makes changes related to rehabilitation of an abandoned or blighted property.
- **Regulations** (HB 475): The state can't promulgate **regulations related to occupational, safety and health** that are more stringent than federal OSHA regulations.
- **Remote Workers** (SB 162): Includes a provision to allow remote workers to be included for Kentucky Business Incentives (KBI).

Government

- **Legislative Calendar** (HB 4): Amends the Kentucky Constitution to eliminate existing dates by which the General Assembly must adjourn in any regular session and gives legislature the authority to extend the length of its legislative sessions by up to 10 days upon the vote of a 3/5 majority. It won't be on the ballot until 2022.
- **State Lawsuits** (HB 3): Residents of Kentucky can file suit against the state in the county they reside rather than Franklin Circuit Court.
- **No Knock Warrants** (SB 4): Clarifies the process for issuing no knock arrest warrants.

Recovery/Criminal Justice

- **Recovery Ready** (HB 7): Establishes a framework for communities to become recovery ready for substance abuse.
- **Felony Theft** (HB 126): Increases the felony theft/fraud thresholds to \$1,000.
- **Certificate of Employability** (HB 497): Helps individuals exiting the criminal justice system obtain an ID and allows the KY Dept. of Corrections to issue certificates of employability for those that have successfully completed training programs while incarcerated.
- **Juvenile Justice** (SB 36): Allows juvenile court judges to use their discretion when deciding to transfer teens 14 or older to adult court for certain offenses.

Education

- **KY Board of Education** (HB 178): Changes the makeup of the **KBE** by requiring board appointments reflect equal gender and proportionally reflect the state's political affiliation and minority racial composition.

- **Higher Education Funding (SB 135):** Adjusts the parameters used for postsecondary education performance-based funding model.
- **Childcare (SB 148):** Protects and defines how **childcare centers** can operate in an emergency and helps increase in-home daycare care options.
- **Recall Petitions (HB 133):** Recall petitions filed in response to a tax rate levied by a district board of education must get 5K signatures from registered voters in the jurisdiction or at least 10 percent of the total votes cast in the last preceding Presidential election.
- **School Choice (HB 563):** Sets out a process for local school boards to accept non-residential students and creates the Education Opportunity Account Program (EOA). Under the EOA program, individuals or business may contribute to account granting organizations and receive a tax credit. Account granting organizations provide scholarships to low-income students for education expenses. The scholarships may be applied to private school tuition in cities over 90,000 in population.

Healthcare

- **Prescription Insulin (HB 95):** Caps the cost-sharing requirements for prescription insulin.
- **Telehealth (HB 140):** Establishes minimum standards for telehealth under the CHFS, requires study of the impact of telehealth on state's healthcare delivery system.
- **Vaccinations (SB 8):** Provides exemptions from mandatory vaccines based on conscientiously held beliefs.
- **Addiction treatment (SB 51):** Prohibit insurers from requiring or using certain utilization reviews for certain prescription drugs used to treat alcohol or opioid use disorder; require insurers to report the number and type of providers prescribing medication for addiction treatment.

Energy/Environment

- **Underground Utilities (HB 303):** Ensures proactive communication between utilities and excavators about the location of underground utilities before an excavation begins.
- **Utility Acquisition (HB 465):** Provides statutory clarity related to the PSC and the acquisition of water and wastewater utilities.