

2020 General Assembly
Top Forty Bill Tracking Chart

Through April 3, 2020

This table shows selected bills filed during the 2020 General Assembly through the Senate and House filing deadlines. The list is organized by poverty law topic:

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For the Top Forty, we focused on bills on the move with potential to affect legal aid clients and the communities we serve. Each asterisk in the first column indicates a milestone:

- * passed one chamber
- ** passed both chambers and sent to the Governor
- *** signed by the Governor or became law without his signature

How to use: To jump to a topic, click on the links above. To see the Legislative Research Commission summary of a bill and check its status, click the bill number.

To see details on sponsors, the text of the bill and amendments, click the links in the summary. For a complete list of bills, view the legislature’s own website [here](#).

This chart was compiled by Kentucky Equal Justice Center staff. For more information, or to share comments on a bill, contact Rich Seckel at richseckel@kyequaljustice.org.

Topic	Bill #	Sponsor	Summary
Access *	HB 3	McCoy	Create procedure for notifying plaintiffs of additional at-fault parties; create optional pre-suit claims process for LTC cases; immunize passive investors from claims
Budget **	HB 352	Rudy	The Executive Budget
Civil Rights **V	SB 2	Mills	Voter ID bill: require voters to provide photo ID at their polling place; details
Civil Rights *	SB 62	Higdon	Constitutional amendment: grant persons convicted of a felony the right to vote; exceptions for sex offense, violent offense, offense against child; 5-year wait

Corrections ***	HB 327	Bratcher	Create automatic expungement of acquittals and dismissals with prejudice; allow retroactively; allow when grand jury does not indict within 12 months; more
Criminal ***	HB 2	Miles	Human trafficking: expand definition of sex crime; state that victim's cooperation shall not bar a claim; require transport hubs to post hotline; definitions; penalties
Criminal *	HB 424	Massey	Increase value \$1,000 before felony charges attach to theft and fraud charges; Class A, Class B misdemeanor below \$1,000 except for repeat offense; details
Criminal *	SB 80	Westerfield	Marcy's Law redux: create additional "victims' rights" during criminal justice process; require restitution when possible; effective if Constitutional amendment passes
Education ***	SB 177	Kerr	Corona-virus amendment: give schools the latitude to use as many nontraditional instruction days as needed in response to the coronavirus
Employment ***	HB 186	Pratt	Exclude direct sellers from definition of employee for purposes of wages, workers' compensation, and UI coverage; define direct seller as in IRS code
Employment *	HB 397	Nemes	Misclassification: set forth determination of misclassified workers, investigation process, violations, and remedies; require agencies to share info; more
Employment	HB 448	Rowland	Workers' Comp Funding Commission: resolve indemnity liabilities by allowing lump-sum benefits; cap funding for programs in Labor Cabinet; more
Employment *	SB 263	Wheeler	Black lung: set forth the process for KEMI to refund excess assessments to coal employers
Family ***	HB 167	Meade	Allow foster parents to participate anonymously as parties in action for termination of parental rights; require TPR petitioner to send copy to foster parent
Family *	HB 395	Elliott	Provide that GALs and court-appointed counsel for TPR proceedings shall be only for trial level; cap fee at \$500; details re fees for indigent persons; more
Family *	HB 628	Meade	Child welfare: establish custodial, permanency, and service options for relative or fictive kin caregiver; provide one time \$350 EBT card; more
Family *	SB 183	Schroder	Prohibit caregivers subject to DNA proceedings from changing school enrollment of a minor; Class A misdemeanor, Class D if child taken out of state; details
Family *	SB 189	McGarvey	Allow family court to require one spouse to pay a portion of another spouse's attorney's fees in paternity action when financial resources are unequal; details
Health *	HB 12	Bentley	Cap insulin cost-sharing at \$100 per 30-day supply; details

Health	HB 21	Minter	Prohibit pre-existing condition exclusion and higher premiums based on health status in health insurance plans offered in any market; more
Health ***	HB 99	Osborne	Make \$50M loan to U of L to establish direct health care services and research operations facilities (Jewish Hospital); require reports
Health *	HB 213	Jenkins	Allow qualified mental health professionals to provide outpatient mental health counseling to unaccompanied youth age 16 or older
Health *	HB 421	Moser	Add seat on Advisory Council for Medical Assistance (MAC) for rep from reentry advocacy community; create Technical Advisory Committee on reentry
Health *	HB 564	Frazier	Require CHFS to ensure that HCB waiver recipients receive certain types of care; consolidate HCB waiver application process (including Michelle P) under DMS
Health *	SB 30	S. Meredith	Limit number of MCOs to three
Health ***	SB 50	Wise	Rx carve out: require DMS to establish and administer a fee for service pharmacy benefit program for Medicaid; use single formulary; details
Health ***	SB 56	Alvarado	"Tobacco 21:" change legal age to buy tobacco, alternative nicotine, or vapor products from 18 to 21; set \$50-\$500 fine; delete juvenile status offense
Health **	SB 122	Adams	Allow court-ordered outpatient mental health treatment for a person hospitalized at least 2 times in the past 24 months instead of 12 months
Health ***	SB 150	Alvarado	Surprise medical bills: ban out-of-network providers from balance billing (original bill deleted; converted to coronavirus relief package)
Housing ***	HB 242	Upchurch	Provide for transport of manufactured housing with special permit; allow maximum height of 15 feet; tier annual fees; details
Housing	HB 252	Dossett	Require mobile and manufactured home purchaser to request and pass an occupancy inspection before transferring title; require new B1 seal
Housing *	SB 11	Schickel	Allow charge for criminal damage to property for tenant who intentionally defaces, destroys, or damages residential rental property
Housing *	SB 279	Higdon	Assistance animals: require face-to-face determination of disability; set requirements for assistance dog to be granted public accommodation; penalties; details
Immigration *	SB 1	D. Carroll	Anti-sanctuary: prohibit public officials from adopting sanctuary policies; require officials to make best efforts to enforce federal immigration policy; exempt schools

Juvenile *	SB 87	Westerfield	Prohibit automatic transfer of certain juvenile cases from District to Circuit Court; prohibit any transfer for child with IQ below 70
Public Assistance *	HB 1	Osborne	Public Benefits “Reform:” prohibit use of EBT card to withdraw cash; restrict SNAP beverage purchases; waivers; requirements; penalties; more
Taxes **	HB 351	Rudy	Tobacco tax: increase cigarette tax by 10 cents a pack; increase excise tax on chewing tobacco, snuff, and tobacco products; impose excise tax on vapor products
Transportation ***	HB 453	Santoro	Real ID: make Transportation Cabinet the sole entity for issuing driver's licenses and personal IDs; eliminate requirement to apply in county of residence; more
Utilities ***	HB 362	Pratt	Establish Broadband Development fund; redefine underserved area; target grants from fund to underserved and unserved areas
Utilities *	SCR 152	Wheeler	Reestablish Public Water and Wastewater System Infrastructure Task Force to evaluate options on how to address troubled public water and wastewater systems