



**Kentucky Chamber**  
*Uniting Business. Advancing Kentucky.*

# Results for **2017** **Business**

A record year of legislative victories.

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Chamber's Agenda Took

# Center Stage

in 2017 Session



## Dave Adkisson

### PRESIDENT & CEO

*Kentucky Chamber of Commerce*

The 2017 General Assembly can be characterized as nothing less than historic. The business community has advocated for decades on issues like right to work, repeal of the prevailing wage, medical review panels and charter schools, all of which were passed into law this session and will fundamentally affect how Kentucky does business.

From the first week, it was clear that House Speaker Jeff Hoover and Senate President Robert Stivers had a clear business-minded focus, with the legislature passing two transformational business priorities – right to work and repeal of the prevailing wage – in just five days. Their strong leadership provided masterful navigation of the session and led to the passage of a focused agenda while avoiding such unnecessary distractions as “bathroom bills.”

In addition to right to work and repeal of the prevailing wage, the legislature passed a bill that establishes medical review panels, a commonsense legal reform measure the Chamber has championed for many years. Medical review panels legislation is an important step in improving Kentucky’s legal liability climate to make our state more competitive.

Passed in the last few days of session was a bill to allow charter schools in Kentucky. Until the passage of House Bill 520, Kentucky was one of only seven states to prohibit charter schools. A strong education system is a top

priority for the Chamber, and allowing charter schools is an important step to help improve the achievement of students and develop a globally competitive workforce.

With a short 30-day session, many Frankfort observers expected the legislature to take up a few high-profile issues that had been bottled up for many years, but probably no one anticipated the high number of pro-business bills that passed. The list also includes transparency for the troubled pension system, modernizing alcohol laws, criminal justice reform to build the workforce and transparency measures to ensure workforce investment dollars are being properly spent.

The Chamber’s active presence in the legislative process has never been greater than it is today. From educating members on key issues to testifying before committees, the hard work is paying off. We can count more than 20 bills as “wins” this session for the business community.

Looking ahead to an anticipated special session later this year, the Kentucky Chamber will build on the success of the 2017 General Assembly to tackle one of the most critical issues for our members and the entire business community: tax reform. With the spotlight on taxes and fixing the ailing pension system that threatens funding for schools, roads and other vital services, the Chamber’s role on the center stage of legislative and policy issues will be more important than ever.

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## THE KENTUCKY CHAMBER'S ADVOCACY EFFORTS:

# Saving Money for Kentucky Businesses

The Kentucky Chamber's advocacy during the 2017 session of the Kentucky General Assembly saved Kentucky businesses an estimated **\$710 million a year**. Here's a breakdown of how the Chamber's work generated real savings for the business community.

## Estimated Annual Savings

### Legislation

HB 3

#### Repeal of the Prevailing Wage **enacted**

Eliminates the government-defined hourly wage in construction contracts (known as prevailing wage) on government projects. A 2014 study by the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission determined that the prevailing wage law inflated labor costs by 24% on average and increased total project costs by an average of 10% to 16%. In a separate analysis, the LRC estimated total state and local government construction costs at \$2.976 billion per year (Fiscal Note for 16 HB 516).

**\$190**  
Million

HB 30

#### Construction material mandate **blocked**

Would have required construction materials, such as iron and steel, to be produced in the United States, regardless of cost or availability.

**\$57.1**  
Million

SB 33, HB 178,  
201, 303, 420

#### Employer mandates **rejected**

Would have established unnecessary wage and benefit mandates on Kentucky businesses. For example, HB 178 would have gradually increased the minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2021.

**\$244**  
Million

HB 105,  
106, 141

#### Discriminatory legislation relating to public restrooms/accommodations **blocked**

The Chamber opposes and discourages any discriminatory legislation that would hinder any individual's or organization's desire to do business in or with the Commonwealth. The Chamber's mission is to foster a positive environment that enables business growth in Kentucky, and we believe such legislation to be bad for business.

**\$117**  
Million

For more information about these cost savings calculations, **visit [kychamber.com](http://kychamber.com)**.



## THE KENTUCKY CHAMBER PUBLIC AFFAIRS TEAM

(From left): Travis Burton,  
Kate Shanks, Ashli Watts,  
Dave Adkisson, Jacqueline  
Pitts and Beverly Standifer.

HB 263

### Increase in business taxes **defeated**

Would have created a personal property tax on manufacturing equipment, retail inventory and raw materials including distilled spirits. The bill would have made Kentucky a “throwback” state meaning businesses that generate income in another state but aren’t taxed by that state could be subject to an additional tax in Kentucky. It would have also required combined reporting which arbitrarily decides how a state determines the corporate income tax base for a multi-state corporation.

**\$88**  
Million

HB 365

### Effort to prohibit insurers from requiring the use of mail-order pharmacies **rejected**

Would have prohibited insurance companies from requiring the use of mail-order pharmacies. The bill also would have prohibited insurers from imposing different cost-sharing amounts between retail and mail-order pharmacies.

**\$2.75**  
Million

HB 196

### Penalties on independent contractors **blocked**

Would have added penalties against business of which there is not a clear definition of an independent contractor.

**\$11.28**  
Million

TOTAL SAVINGS  
**\$710.13** Million

# Pro-Business Legislative Victories

A record year of legislative victories were enacted into law in the **2017 session of the General Assembly.**

## Right to Work

HB 1

Prohibits the collection of union dues as a condition of employment. Kentucky is now the 27<sup>th</sup> state to give workers a choice regarding joining a union and paying dues.

## Charter Schools

HB 520

Expands school choice by allowing for public charter schools statewide. Local school boards would serve as authorizers with a strong appeals process to the Kentucky Board of Education. The mayors of Lexington and Louisville may also serve as authorizers.

## Medical Review Panels

SB 4

Establishes a system of medical review panels to address the escalating costs directly attributed to Kentucky's uncontrolled medical liability climate, an issue of serious concern to employers.

## Pension Transparency

SB 2

Requires more transparency and accountability for the state pension systems, including fees and transactions with third-party services.

## ADD Transparency

HB 189

Brings more oversight and transparency to the state's area development districts by establishing new hiring and reporting procedures.

## Legislator Pensions

SB 3

Makes former and current legislators' retirement benefits information subject to open records requests.

## Pension Spiking

SB 104

Provides some relief for our growing pension problem by ending spiking of pension benefits.

## Paycheck Protection

SB 6

Requires that workers "opt in" to having their union dues withheld from their paycheck, rather than "opting out."

## Telecom Modernization

SB 10

Modernizes Kentucky's out-of-date telecommunications laws which stifle growth and economic development.

## Prevailing Wage Repeal

HB 3

Repeals the prevailing wage requirement that exists for all public projects costing over \$250,000 thereby reducing the cost of important infrastructure projects.

## Taxpayer Bill of Rights

HB 245

Updates the Taxpayer Bill of Rights to enhance transparency and fairness.



## **Voluntary Travel ID**

HB 410

Brings Kentucky into compliance with the federal licensing law thereby allowing Kentuckians to travel on major airlines and access federal facilities without a passport. The legislation also allows those to select a non-compliant ID at a lower cost.

## **Alcohol Modernization**

HB 100

Modernizes laws to level the playing field for distillers, strengthens the production standards for Kentucky whiskey and allows for the sale of vintage bottles.

## **Nursing Home Advertising**

SB 150

Ensures fair advertising of nursing homes by requiring more detail in advertisements that use information collected by state or federal agencies through surveys, inspections and investigations.

## **Appeals Bond**

HB 72

Requires the filing of a bond when appealing a circuit court decision related to planning and zoning. The bill deters frivolous appeals that kill development projects through delay.

## **Nuclear Energy**

SB 11

Lifts the moratorium on nuclear power plant construction in Kentucky by allowing a facility to be permitted that stores spent fuel onsite until a federally approved repository is established. SB 11 allows utilities to consider all options when planning to meet future electric needs.

## **Re-Entry Reform**

SB 120

Makes several improvements to the justice system to reduce recidivism rates including allowing a former felon to apply for a professional license.

## **Performance-Based Funding**

SB 153

Aligns the state's investment in higher education to an institution's ability to meet key outcomes. The 2016 budget bill required that a percentage of funds appropriated would be contingent on certain performance factors, and SB 153 establishes those factors.

## **Property Owner Protection**

HB 112

Protects property owners from lawsuits related to dog bites, a critical step to reforming Kentucky's legal liability environment.

## **Franchise**

SB 151

Clarifies the relationship between a franchisee and an employee of a franchisee with a franchisor. By clarifying the relationship, SB 151 protects the franchisee-franchisor relationship and limits frivolous lawsuits against a franchisor for actions taken by a franchisee.

**22**  
Chamber priority  
bills **passed.**

## **Judgment Interest Rate**

HB 223

Lowers the interest rate compounded on a judgment from 12% to 6%. Kentucky's 12% rate was the highest in the nation.

## **Dual Credit Scholarships**

HB 206

Creates the Dual Credit Scholarship Program to help students enroll in a dual credit course for general education courses and career and technical education courses that leads to an industry recognized credential.



# Left on the Table

Several measures would have improved the economic climate of Kentucky. Sadly, many positive, pro-business measures below were not passed by the **2017 General Assembly**.

## **Workers' Comp** HB 296

Would have made several changes to improve the efficiency of the system to reduce costs and ensure appropriate care of the injured worker with an emphasis on returning to work quickly. The bill clarified statutes in response to supreme court opinions and would have increased benefits for the injured worker.

## **Net Metering** SB 214

Would have allowed utilities to collect costs necessary to serve the customers of onsite net metered systems that produce electricity. The bill would have prevented customers without net metered systems from subsidizing the cost of serving those with systems.

## **Peer Review** SB 18

Would have prohibited confidential information such as employee reviews and evaluations from being provided as evidence in civil action. This is a critical step to reforming Kentucky's legal liability environment.

## **Expungement** SB 16

Would have expanded the list adopted during the 2016 session of Class D felonies eligible for expungement and would have required a longer waiting period of ten years to be met before pursuing the expungement.

## **Tobacco-Free Schools** SB 78 & HB 247

Would have prohibited smoking on school property.

## **Juvenile Justice** SB 20

Would have continued the work of juvenile justice reform that is rooted in data and national best practices and builds on the great work Kentucky has already done. These targeted policies would have kept Kentucky on track to ensuring communities are safe and youth within the juvenile justice system receive the services they need to become productive, law abiding citizens.

## **Essential Skills** HB 454

Would have ensured Kentucky students receive instruction on "essential skills," the skills critical for success in the workforce and display these skills in order to graduate. The bill also required all students to receive annual instruction on drug awareness and prevention.







Rep. Adam Koenig testifies in favor of **House Bill 296** alongside Kentucky Chamber Public Affairs Director Kate Shanks and Paige Mankovich of Kentucky Employers' Mutual Insurance.

## HOUSE BILL 296:

# Senate Fails to Pass Critical Workers' Comp Bill

**House Bill 296**, legislation to improve the workers' comp system in Kentucky, was a top priority of the Chamber and passed the state House in February on a bi-partisan vote. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Adam Koenig, had awaited a hearing in the Senate until the last day of the session after good faith efforts by the Chamber and others to compromise on desired changes to the bill by the Senate. Supporters of House Bill 296 included groups such as the Kentucky Association of Manufacturers, Kentucky Retail Federation, Kentucky League of Cities, Homebuilders of Kentucky, Associated General Contractors and private employers such as Toyota, Ford and UPS. However, the Senate failed to call the bill in committee, which was on the agenda the last day of session but was pulled right before the meeting, and it died on the last night.

House Bill 296 was a thoughtful and balanced approach which would have ensured proper care of the worker while containing costs that are important to business. Kentucky's workers' comp statutes have not been updated in decades, and it is important for the General Assembly to revisit the law, make improvements and minimize the exposure of costly liability to business.

It is disappointing that in a legislative session where business priorities took center stage, legislation supported by the broad employer community in Kentucky failed to make it across the finish line due to resistance from the labor unions, including the Fraternal Order of Police.

The Chamber will continue to lead the effort to ensure an efficient workers' comp system that is affordable for employers and effective in treating the injured worker with the goal of returning to work.

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# 2017 Legislative Voting Record House

LEGISLATOR	DISTRICT	SUPPORT%	RIGHT TO WORK HB 1	PREVAILING WAGE HB 3	APPEALS BOND HB 72	ALCOHOL MODERNIZATION HB 100	ADD TRANSPARENCY HB 189	JUDGMENT INTEREST RATE HB 223	WORKERS' COMP HB 296	VOLUNTARY TRAVEL ID HB 410
Adkins, Rocky	D-Sandy Hook	33.33%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Bechler, Lynn	R-Marion	77.78%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Bentley, Danny	R-Russell	77.78%	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Benvenuti, Robert	R-Lexington	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Blanton, John	R-Salyersville	50.00%	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Bratcher, Kevin	R-Louisville	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Brown, George	D-Lexington	38.89%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Brown, Larry	R-Prestonsburg	72.22%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Bunch, Regina	R-Williamsburg	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Burch, Thomas	D-Louisville	33.33%	No	No	X	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Cantrell, McKenzie	D-Louisville	44.44%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Carney, John "Bam"	R-Campbellsville	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Castlen, Matt	R-Maceo	66.67%	No	No	X	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Couch, Tim	R-Hyden	66.67%	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Coursey, Will	D-Symsonia	44.44%	No	No	No	X	Yes	No	No	Yes
DeCesare, Jim	R-Bowling Green	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Donohue, Jeffery	D-Fairdale	22.22%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Dossett, Myron	R-Pembroke	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
DuPlessis, Jim	R-Elizabethtown	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Elliott, Daniel	R-Gravel Switch	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fischer, Joseph	R-Ft. Thomas	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Fleming, Ken	R-Louisville	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flood, Kelly	D-Lexington	33.33%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Fugate, Chris	R-Chavies	61.11%	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Gentry, Alan	D-Louisville	50.00%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Gooch, Jim	R-Providence	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Graham, Derrick	D-Frankfort	27.78%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Greer, Jeff	D-Brandenburg	44.44%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Hale, David	R-Wellington	61.11%	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Harris, Chris	D-Forrest Hills	22.22%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Hart, Mark	R-Falmouth	88.89%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Hatton, Angie	D-Whitesburg	38.89%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Heath, Richard	R-Mayfield	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Herald, Toby	R-Beattyville	94.44%	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hoover, Jeff	R-Jamestown	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Horlander, Dennis	D-Louisville	38.89%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Imes, Kenny	R-Murray	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jenkins, Joni	D-Shively	27.78%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Johnson, DJ	R-Owensboro	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Johnson, Dan	R-Mt. Washington	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kay II, James	D-Versailles	38.89%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Keene, Dennis	D-Wilder	27.78%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
King, Kim	R-Harrodsburg	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Koenig, Adam	R-Erlanger	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lee, Stan	R-Lexington	83.33%	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Linder, Brian	R-Dry Ridge	88.89%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Marzian, Mary Lou	D-Louisville	27.78%	No	No	X	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Mayfield, Donna	R-Winchester	94.44%	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
McCoy, Chad	R-Bardstown	88.89%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Meade, David	R-Stanford	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



The roll call votes you see in this record reveal how legislators voted on bills the Kentucky Chamber publicly supported during the 2017 General Assembly (an "X" indicates the legislator did not vote on the bill, a "P" indicates they passed). The Kentucky Chamber scores legislators on votes that were allowed to be brought to the chamber floor. The voting record includes only bills that received a full vote before the entire House and/or Senate. The legislation referenced in the voting record is based on the final version of the bill receiving a floor vote for each chamber.

To access the language of the bills highlighted in this document, visit the Legislative Research Commission's website at [lrc.ky.gov](http://lrc.ky.gov)

ESSENTIAL SKILLS HB 454	CHARTER SCHOOLS HB 520	PENSION TRANSPARENCY SB 2	MEDICAL REVIEW PANELS SB 4	PAYCHECK PROTECTION SB 6	TELECOM MODERNIZATION SB 10	NUCLEAR SB 11	PEER REVIEW SB 18	TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS SB 78	RE-ENTRY REFORM SB 120	FRANCHISE SB 151	PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING SB 153
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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes

HOUSE DID NOT VOTE ON PEER REVIEW

HOUSE DID NOT VOTE ON TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS

# House

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Meeks, Reginald	D-Louisville	38.89%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Meredith, Michael	R-Brownsville	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meyer, Russ	D-Nicholasville	38.89%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Miles, Suzanne	R-Owensboro	88.89%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Miller, Charles	D-Louisville	38.89%	No	No	No	X	Yes	No	No	Yes
Miller, Jerry	R-Louisville	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mills, Robby	R-Henderson	88.89%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Moffett, Phil	R-Louisville	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Moore, Tim	R-Elizabethtown	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Morgan, Wesley	R-Richmond	77.78%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Moser, Kimberly	R-Taylor Mill	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Nelson, Rick	D-Middlesboro	22.22%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Nemes, Jason	R-Louisville	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Osborne, David	R-Prospect	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Overly, Sannie	D-Paris	33.33%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	X	No	Yes
Owens, Darryl	D-Louisville	16.67%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	X
Palumbo, Ruth Ann	D-Lexington	38.89%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Petrie, Jason	R-Elkton	88.89%	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Pratt, Phillip	R-Georgetown	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Prunty, Melinda	R-Belton	88.89%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rader, Marie*	R-McKee	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rand, Rick	D-Bedford	27.78%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Reed, Brandon	R-Hodgenville	88.89%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Richards, Jody	D-Bowling Green	61.11%	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Riggs, Steven	D-Louisville	55.56%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Riley, Steve	R-Glasgow	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rothenburger, Rob	R-Shelbyville	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rowland, Bart	R-Tompkinsville	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rudy, Steven	R-Paducah	94.44%	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Santoro, Sal	R-Florence	88.89%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Schamore, Dean	D-Hardinsburg	50.00%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Scott, Attica	D-Louisville	16.67%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Shell, Jonathan	R-Lancaster	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Simpson, Arnold	D-Covington	38.89%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Sims Jr., John	D-Flemingsburg	55.56%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Sinnette, Kevin	D-Ashland	33.33%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
St. Onge, Diane	R-Lakeside Park	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Stewart, Jim	R-Flat Lick	77.78%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Stone, Wilson	D-Scottsville	33.33%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Thomas, Walker	R-Hopkinsville	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tipton, James	R-Taylorsville	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Turner, Tommy	R-Somerset	44.44%	No	No	X	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Upchurch, Kenneth	R-Monticello	88.89%	Yes	Yes	X	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Watkins, Gerald	D-Paducah	44.44%	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes
Wayne, Jim	D-Louisville	11.11%	No	No	X	P	Yes	No	No	No
Webber, Russell	R-Shepherdsville	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wells, William	R-West Liberty	88.89%	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Westrom, Susan	D-Lexington	44.44%	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Wuchner, Addia	R-Burlington	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
York, Jill	R-Grayson	55.56%	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes



Gov. Matt Bevin signs **House Bill 189**, Area Development District Transparency.

*\*Rep. Marie Rader was absent during the entire 2017 General Assembly.*

ESSENTIAL SKILLS HB 454	CHARTER SCHOOLS HB 520	PENSION TRANSPARENCY SB 2	MEDICAL REVIEW PANELS SB 4	PAYCHECK PROTECTION SB 6	TELECOM MODERNIZATION SB 10	NUCLEAR SB 11	PEER REVIEW SB 18	TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS SB 78	RE-ENTRY REFORM SB 120	FRANCHISE SB 151	PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING SB 153
No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes			Yes	No	No
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Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No			Yes	No	No

HOUSE DID NOT VOTE ON PEER REVIEW

HOUSE DID NOT VOTE ON TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS

“The Kentucky Chamber of Commerce has been by my side each and every year I've worked on this legislation. I was honored to have their support once again as we finally enacted the **Kentucky Right-to-Work act**. This legislation will give Kentucky the ability to recruit new industries to the Commonwealth. I thank the Kentucky Chamber for commitment to pro-business legislation and look forward to working with them moving forward to continue making Kentucky a better place to live, work and raise a family.”

— Rep. Jim DeCesare  
Co-Sponsor of House Bill 1, Right to Work

# 2017 Legislative Voting Record Senate

LEGISLATOR	DISTRICT	SUPPORT%	PENSION TRANSPARENCY SB 2	MEDICAL REVIEW PANELS SB 4	PAYCHECK PROTECTION SB 6	TELECOM MODERNIZATION SB 10	NUCLEAR SB 11	PEER REVIEW SB 18	TOBACCO FREE SCHOOLS SB 78	RE-ENTRY REFORM SB 120
Adams, Julie	R-Louisville	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Alvarado, Ralph	R-Winchester	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bowen, Joe	R-Owensboro	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Buford, Tom	R-Nicholasville	77.78%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Carpenter, Jared	R-Berea	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Carroll, Danny	R-Paducah	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carroll, Julian	D-Frankfort	44.44%	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Clark, Perry	D-Louisville	38.89%	X	X	No	Yes	X	No	No	Yes
Embry, C.B.	R-Morgantown	44.44%	Yes	No	No	Yes	X	No	Yes	Yes
Girdler, Rick	R-Somerset	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Givens, David	R-Greensburg	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Harper Angel, Denise	D-Louisville	50.00%	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Harris, Ernie	R-Crestwood	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Higdon, Jimmy	R-Lebanon	72.22%	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Hornback, Paul	R-Shelbyville	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Humphries, Stan	R-Cadiz	88.89%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Jones, Ray	D-Pikeville	50.00%	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Kerr, Alice	R-Lexington	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
McDaniel, Chris	R-Latonia	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
McGarvey, Morgan	D-Louisville	50.00%	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Meredith, Stephen	R-Leitchfield	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Neal, Gerald	D-Louisville	50.00%	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Parrett, Dennis	D-Elizabethtown	66.67%	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ridley, Dorsey	D-Henderson	55.56%	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Robinson, Albert	R-London	88.89%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Schickel, John	R-Union	83.33%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Schroder, Wil	R-Wilder	72.22%	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Seum, Dan	R-Fairdale	88.89%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes
Smith, Brandon	R-Hazard	77.78%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Stivers, Robert	R-Manchester	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Thayer, Damon	R-Georgetown	94.44%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Thomas, Reginald	D-Lexington	50.00%	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Turner, Johnny Ray	D-Prestonsburg	50.00%	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	P	Yes
Webb, Robin	D-Grayson	33.33%	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	P	Yes
West, Steve	R-Paris	83.33%	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Westerfield, Whitney	R-Hopkinsville	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wilson, Mike	R-Bowling Green	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wise, George	R-Campbellsville	100.00%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Kentucky Chamber President and CEO Dave Adkisson testifies with state Sen. Ralph Alvarado and attorney Mike Sutton on **Senate Bill 4**, medical review panels.



# Looking Ahead: **Taxes & Pensions**

If you ask anyone in Frankfort if they would like to see tax reform, the overwhelming answer would be “yes.” However, what exactly that means is left to be seen. The Governor has publicly stated he hopes to have a special session in 2017 to address comprehensive tax reform as well as our Commonwealth’s ailing pension system.

The Chamber has long supported efforts to make needed changes to the tax code. If Kentucky is going to truly compete, our tax code must be improved. Business leaders tell us the tax system is too complex and compliance is too costly. Numerous economic development experts say our tax code continues to create a competitive disadvantage because it punishes economic productivity.

With billions in unfunded liabilities, Kentucky's public pension systems are among the worst funded in the nation. This financial crisis threatens the retirement security of state and local government employees and teachers. But it also has a critical – and negative – effect on all Kentucky taxpayers. The underfunding means less money in our budget to operate schools and fund other critical services.

State leaders believe these two pressing issues will probably need to be addressed together to ensure the solvency of the pension system while also updating and creating a more competitive tax climate.

Tough choices will have to be made in this process. Both of these issues directly impact how you do business in Kentucky, and the Chamber will be at the table to ensure your voice is heard during these critical deliberations.

“...our tax code continues to create a **competitive disadvantage...**”

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## Public Policy Councils

As the state's premier business advocate, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce is a recognized and respected voice at the state Capitol. With thousands of members representing every major industry sector, the Chamber's diverse business policy initiatives converge upon one goal: a healthy, vibrant Kentucky economy. Ensuring that business has a voice in the legislative process, we are working with local business leaders to identify critical trends, at the table as regulations are drafted and in the halls of the Capitol as bills are debated. As part of its advocacy mission, the Kentucky Chamber has developed five public policy councils composed of business leaders from around the state, each of which is responsible for developing legislative positions and priorities for their respective policy areas.



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“ Kentucky business leaders know that to move this state forward we must invest in new technology. Thanks to the Kentucky Chamber for their efforts in supporting **Senate Bill 10**, which will modernize Kentucky's out-of-date telecommunications laws and **lead to economic opportunity.** ”

— **Hood Harris**  
*President, AT&T Kentucky*



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“Sea change. Watershed moment. About face. All these aptly describe the 2017 Session of the General Assembly from the perspective of the business community. We owe the Governor and the leaders of both the House and Senate a debt of gratitude for allowing us to do the difficult work of attracting and growing companies, and building communities, without one hand tied behind our back. **Well done.**”

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