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Bill Watch

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Bill Watch.....*How It Began*

**Initial
request
for a
method to
track bills**

**Entered
into
partnership
with
Kentucky.gov**

**Developed
design
and
specifications**

**Contractual agreement
made between the LRC
and Kentucky.gov**





Bill Watch Overview

- ✿ **Bill Watch, <http://kentucky.gov/services/billwatch/>, is a free eDemocracy service offered in partnership by the Kentucky Legislature, the Legislative Research Commission and Kentucky.gov.**
- ✿ **Bill Watch connects citizens and businesses interactively with proposed legislation by allowing them to view and track legislation during the Kentucky Legislative Session.**



Overview, contd.

- ✿ **Bill Watch helps remove some of the mystery of lawmaking by adding transparency to the process.**
- ✿ **Bill Watch lets citizens and businesses use the Internet to monitor legislation that matters to them – including health care, education, and taxation bills – without having to spend hours researching legislation with offline sources.**



Bill Watch Features

- ✿ This free online service enables Kentucky.gov registered users unlimited tracking of legislation during the Kentucky Legislative Session.

Specifically, Kentucky.gov registered users can:

- ✿ Create their own profiles that organizes bills by subject or topical area by using search parameters – keywords, sponsors, committees, subject or bill number.

Features, contd.

- ✿ Receive email notification to their registered email and mobile email account when new bills are offered or changed (from Agenda to Committee to Interim actions) based on the criteria you set up.**
- ✿ Bill Tracking with email alert notifications.**
- ✿ Search and view online each bill's common title, sponsor(s), committee assignment, and most recent action via search, profile.**
- ✿ View online bill summary, amendments, history and full text details, committee assignment, and most recent action.**



Senate President David L. Williams

“I'm glad that Kentuckians now have access to a service that makes lawmaking more transparent and removes some of the mystery behind it. Bill Watch is a useful tool that allows citizens to keep track of topics that matter most to them. This technology should be helpful to constituents and I encourage them to use it to the fullest potential.”



House Speaker Jody Richards

“Kentucky.gov gives everyone -- from students and professionals to advocates and interested citizens -- ready access to up-to-the-minute information on legislation before the General Assembly. What's more, its features include e-mail updates making it possible to stay on top of the issues. We're thrilled to make this technology available to the people of Kentucky as well as those beyond our borders who are interested in our legislative activities.”

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Bill Watch - a free legislative tracking service

In partnership with the [Kentucky Legislature](#) and [The Legislative Research Commission](#), [Kentucky.gov](#) has created Bill Watch. This free service enables [Kentucky.gov](#) registered users unlimited tracking of legislation during the Kentucky Legislative Session. Specifically, [Kentucky.gov](#) registered users can:

- ▶ Create their own profiles that organizes bills by subject or topical area by using search parameters (keywords, sponsors, committees, subject or bill number) that return a list from which you may select bills to add to your profiles.
- ▶ Receive email notification to their registered email and mobile email account when new bills are offered or changed (from Agenda to Committee to Interim actions) based on the criteria you set up.
- ▶ Bill Tracking is provided online and changes initiate email alert notifications.
- ▶ Search and view online each bill's common title, sponsor(s), committee assignment, and most recent action via search, profile.
- ▶ View online bill summary, amendments, history and full text details, committee assignment, and most recent action.

Please register for [Bill Watch](#) here.

Already registered?

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Have questions?

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For additional information or assistance in registering for [Kentucky.gov](#) services please contact [Kentucky.gov](#):

(502) 875-3733.

For questions related to legislative research or the Kentucky Legislature, please contact [The Legislative Research Commission \(LRC\)](#):

(502) 564-8100.





Bill Watch

Welcome to Bill Watch

I want to:

- [Define when and how I wish to be alerted about bills/amendments.](#)
- [Create, save or edit/view profiles to find bills/amendments of interest. Be notified when new bills/amendments are introduced/filed.](#)
- [Search for bills/amendments](#)
- [Track a bill as it moves through the legislative process](#)

Recent Bill Tracking Alerts

Click links to view Bill Summary.

You do not have any Bill Tracking Alerts.

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Recent New Bill Notifications

Click links to view Bill Summary.

You do not have any New Bill Notifications.

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Alert Configuration Settings

Listed below are your current Alert Configuration settings. Click "Edit Configuration" to make changes or "Save Configuration" to keep them. You may also view recent tracking alerts by clicking the Recent Alerts button.

Contact Settings	
User e-Mail:	joel.redding@lrc.ky.gov
Mobile e-Mail:	
Mobile Quiet Time:	12:00 AM-7:00 AM
Edit Configuration	

Bill Tracking Alert Settings	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Notify me of Agenda Alerts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Introduction Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Committee Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Enrolled Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Floor Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prefiled Actions
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Interim Actions

[Edit Default Settings](#)

Recent Bill Tracking Alerts

Click links to view Bill Summary.

You do not have any Bill Tracking Alerts.

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New Bill Notification

Listed below are all profiles currently in your account. Options to manage your profile include the ability to modify or delete rules for a profile. To remove a profile entirely from your account click "Delete".

If notification is selected under "Settings" each Profile listed will automatically notify you of activities related to your Profile criteria. To add a new profile, click the "[Add New Profile](#)" button below.

[Add New Profile](#)

Profile Name	Notification Rules	Edit	Delete
Rep. Adkins	Find Bills Sponsored by <i>Adkins Rocky</i>	Edit	Delete
Retirement	Find Bills Containing Keyword(s) <i>Retirement</i>	Edit	Delete

Recent New Bill Notifications

Click links to view Bill Details.

You do not have any New Bill Notifications.

[View all New Bill Notifications](#)

Add New Profile

Use the rules wizard below to create or modify search profiles. You can combine specific criteria, or rules, to define your profile. Continue this process until you are done. Enter a Profile Name and click "Save Profile". To remove a rule, select "Delete" from the list of current rules. To delete the entire profile, click the "Delete This Profile" button.

Assign Search Rule

Inclusive:

- Find Bills/Amendments matching a **keyword**
- Find Bills related to a **topic (index heading)**
- Find Bills sponsored by a **legislator**
- Find Bills **introduced** in the General Assembly
- Find Bills in a **committee**
- Find Bills by **bill type**

Exclusive:

- Find Bills/Amendments **Not** matching a **keyword**
- Find Bills **Not** related to a **topic (index heading)**
- Find Bills **Not** sponsored by a **legislator**
- Find Bills **Not** of **bill type**

Enter Profile Name

Profile Name:

Save Profile

Current Search Rules

Edit

Delete Rule

Currently there are no Rules.

Delete All Rules

Search for Bills

Current Rule Settings

Listed below are the current rule settings for this profile.

Currently there are no Rules.

[Return to your list of profiles.](#)



Bill Watch

Search for Bills

Enter keywords separated by spaces below:

Assign Search Rule Option	
Matches:	<input type="text" value="Any of the Keywords"/>
Keywords:	<input type="text" value="Budget"/>

OK

Cancel

Current Rule Settings

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Currently there are no Rules.

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Assign Search Rule		
Inclusive:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find Bills/Amendments matching a keyword • Find Bills related to a topic (index heading) • Find Bills sponsored by a legislator • Find Bills introduced in the General Assembly • Find Bills in a committee • Find Bills by bill type 		
Exclusive:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find Bills/Amendments Not matching a keyword • Find Bills Not related to a topic (index heading) • Find Bills Not sponsored by a legislator • Find Bills Not of bill type 		
Enter Profile Name		
Profile Name:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Save Profile"/>
Current Search Rules	Edit	Delete Rule
Containing Keywords <i>Budget</i>	<input type="button" value="Edit"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
<input type="button" value="Delete All Rules"/>		<input type="button" value="Search for Bills"/>

Listed below are the current rule settings for this profile.

Find Bills Containing Keyword(s)
Budget

[Return to your list of profiles.](#)



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Search for Bills

Select a topic from the list below and click the plus button to add it to your list. To remove a topic, click the minus button.

Choose a Topic (Index Heading)		
State Agencies	<input type="button" value="+"/> <input type="button" value="-"/>	<input type="text"/>
State Employees		
State Symbols and Emblems		
Statutes		
<input type="button" value="OK"/>		<input type="button" value="Cancel"/>

Current Rule Settings

Listed below are the current rule settings for this profile.

Find Bills Containing Keyword(s)
Budget

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Search for Bills

Select a topic from the list below and click the plus button to add it to your list. To remove a topic, click the minus button.

Choose a Topic (Index Heading)

- Accountants
- Actuarial Analysis
- Administrative Regulations and Proceedings
- Advertising



State Employees



OK

Cancel

Current Rule Settings

Listed below are the current rule settings for this profile.

Find Bills Containing Keyword(s)
Budget

[Search for Bills](#)

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- Find Bills related to a **topic (index heading)**
- Find Bills sponsored by a **legislator**
- Find Bills **introduced** in the General Assembly
- Find Bills in a **committee**
- Find Bills by **bill type**

Exclusive:

- Find Bills/Amendments **Not** matching a **keyword**
- Find Bills **Not** related to a **topic (index heading)**
- Find Bills **Not** sponsored by a **legislator**
- Find Bills **Not** of **bill type**

Enter Profile Name

Profile Name:

Save Profile

Current Search Rules

Edit

Delete Rule

Containing Keywords *Budget*

Edit

Delete

Related to Topics *State Employees*

Edit

Delete

Delete All Rules

Search for Bills

Listed below are the current rule settings for this profile.

Find Bills Containing Keyword(s)
Budget; Related to Topic(s)
State Employees

Search for Bills

[Return to your list of profiles.](#)



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[Add New Profile](#)

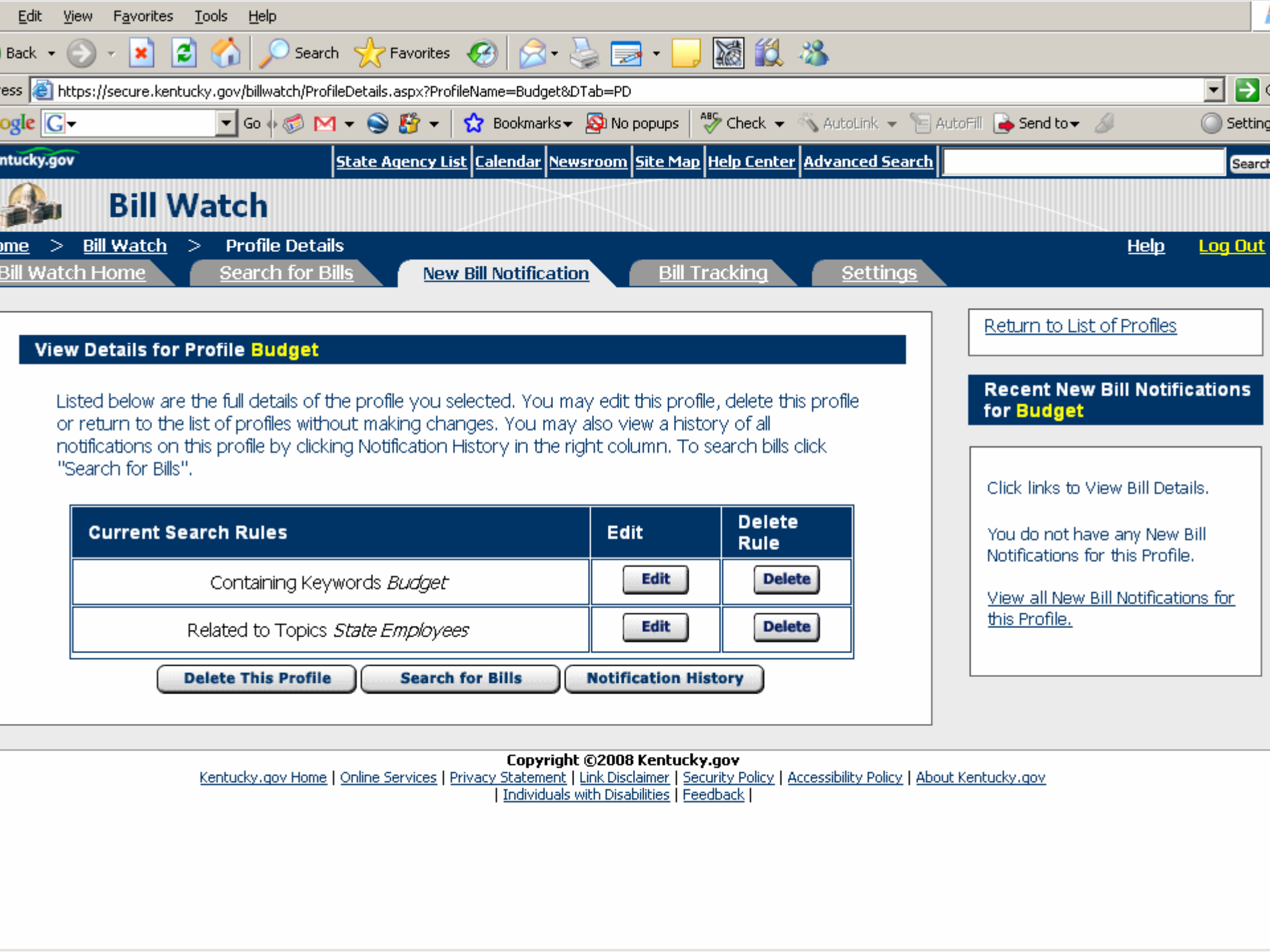
Profile Name	Notification Rules	Edit	Delete
Budget	Find Bills Containing Keyword(s) <i>Budget</i> ; Related to Topic(s) <i>State Employees</i>	Edit	Delete
Rep. Adkins	Find Bills Sponsored by <i>Adkins Rocky</i>	Edit	Delete
Retirement	Find Bills Containing Keyword(s) <i>Retirement</i>	Edit	Delete

Recent New Bill Notifications

Click links to view Bill Details.

You do not have any New Bill Notifications.

[View all New Bill Notifications](#)



View Details for Profile Budget

Listed below are the full details of the profile you selected. You may edit this profile, delete this profile or return to the list of profiles without making changes. You may also view a history of all notifications on this profile by clicking Notification History in the right column. To search bills click "Search for Bills".

Current Search Rules	Edit	Delete Rule
Containing Keywords <i>Budget</i>	Edit	Delete
Related to Topics <i>State Employees</i>	Edit	Delete

[Delete This Profile](#)

[Search for Bills](#)

[Notification History](#)

[Return to List of Profiles](#)

Recent New Bill Notifications for Budget

Click links to View Bill Details.

You do not have any New Bill Notifications for this Profile.

[View all New Bill Notifications for this Profile.](#)

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Search Results

Listed below are the results of your search. You can also save this search as a new profile. You will be notified when new bills are introduced that match this profile.

Click the Bill Number to view the details of the bill then on the bill summary page select "Track This Bill" to add it to your Bill Tracking List.

[Conduct a new search.](#)

Bill #:	Description:
HB 406(BR-1324)	AN ACT relating to appropriations and revenue measures providing financing and conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, cabinets, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, subdivisions, agencies, and other state-supported activities.
HJR81(BR-1326)	A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the budget process and declaring an emergency.
SB 133(BR-908)	AN ACT relating to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Current Rule Settings

Find Bills Containing Keyword(s)
Budget; Related to Topic(s)
State Employees

[Search for Bills](#)

These settings are currently saved as: [Budget] [Update](#)

You can save this search as a new profile. You will be notified when new bills are introduced that match this profile. Just enter a name for the profile and click the Save as New Profile button, below.

[Save as New Profile](#)



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Bill Summary

Listed below is a summary of the bill you selected. Click the bill number to view details of the bill, or you may also click the "View Bill Details" button.

Summary and Info	Amendments	History
Bill Number:	HB 406(BR-1324) (click bill number to view bill details.)	
Title:	AN ACT relating to appropriations and revenue measures providing financing and conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, cabinets, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, subdivisions, agencies, and other state-supported activities.	
Sponsor(s):	Moberly Jr , Harry Clark , Larry Adkins , Rocky Hoffman , Charlie Richards , Jody Webb , Robin L. Wilkey , Rob	
Current Status:	signed by Governor In Senate	
Summary:	The State/Executive Branch Budget: appropriate from the General Fund (Tobacco), General Fund, Restricted Funds, Federal Funds, Road Fund, Highway Bonds, Bond Funds, Agency Bonds, Capital Construction Surplus, Investment Income, and other funds, \$450,394,600 in fiscal year 2007-2008, \$26,466,006,200 in fiscal year 2008-2009, and \$23,651,187,800 in fiscal year 2009-2010, as follows: General Government 2007-2008 \$2,005,800 2008-2009 \$963,993,900 2009-2010 \$1,000,377,600 Commerce Cabinet 2007-	

[List of Tracked Bills](#)

Recent Bill Tracking Alerts for Bill **HB 406(BR-1324)**

You do not have any Bill Tracking Alerts for this Bill.

[View All Alerts for HB 406\(BR-1324\)](#).

[View/Edit alert settings for this bill.](#)

Amendments

HFA1 (Moberly Jr, Harry) - Authorize the Jefferson County Board of Education to fund the Georgia Chaffee Teenage Parent Program from within their resources; change the source of funds for a capital project; declare an EMERGENCY.

SCS - Retain original provisions with the following exceptions: reduce General Fund support for the Office of the Governor; earmark funds for state planning; delete the State Planning Fund budget unit; reduce General Fund support for the Office of Energy Policy; revise Energy Policy research topics; delete earmark for carbon management research; increase Restricted Funds for the Department of Veterans' Affairs; adjust General Fund (Tobacco) support of the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy; adjust General Fund (Tobacco) and General Fund support for the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority; decrease debt service; provide compensation to Area Development District; increase support for Military Affairs; delete Patton Museum earmark; provide debt service for agency bonds; decrease support for the Governor's Office for Local Development; decrease debt service earmark; delete earmark for 12 Multi-County Regional Industrial Park Authorities; decrease support for the Local Government Economic Assistance and Development Fund; delete Infrastructure for Economic Development Fund for Coal-Producing Counties - 2008-2010; increase earmark for Read to Achieve; decrease support for the Tourism Marketing Program; earmark funds for Mine Safety; revise the earmark for the Secretary of State's redacting service; reduce General Fund support for the Attorney General; delete the Attorney General's ability to recover reasonable costs of litigation; reduce General Fund support for the Commonwealth and County Attorneys; provide for an audit of the Unclaimed Property Division; reduce General Fund support for the Auditor of Public Accounts; delete the provisions for audit services contracts and charges for federal, state, and local audits; increase the School Facilities Construction Commission's additional offers of assistance; provide for prior offers of assistance for district's with a Category 5 school; decrease General Fund support for the Commerce Cabinet Secretary; increase earmark for outdoor drama grant; decrease earmark for the 2008 Ryder Cup; delete Road Fund support for the Artisans Center; decrease Restricted Funds for Tourism; decrease General Fund support and debt service earmark for Parks; decrease Road Fund support for the Heritage Council; decrease General Fund support for the Kentucky Center for the Arts; delete earmark for Louisville Waterfront Development Corporation; decrease General Fund support for the New Business Development and Financial Incentives; delete earmark for Metropolitan College; adjust support for the Department of Education's Operations and Support Services; decrease debt service; provide that school technology in coal counties earmark come from the General Fund; decrease General Fund support for Learning and Results Services; increase earmark for the Extended School Services Program, the ACT and WorkKeys Program, and the Early Reading Incentive Grant/Read to Achieve Program; decrease the earmark for the Professional Development Program, the Safe Schools Program, and the Professional Growth Fund; delete earmarks for the Individual Learning Plan Program and the Parent Involvement Initiative;

History

Friday, April 18, 2008 - signed by Governor

Tuesday, April 15, 2008 - veto(es) not acted upon

Monday, April 14, 2008 - Posted for consideration of Governor's veto

Monday, April 14, 2008 - to Rules (H)

Monday, April 14, 2008 - veto message received

Monday, April 14, 2008 - ten (10) line items vetoed

Wednesday, April 02, 2008 - delivered to Governor

Wednesday, April 02, 2008 - enrolled, signed by each presiding officer

Wednesday, April 02, 2008 - Bill passed 74-21

Wednesday, April 02, 2008 - Free Conference Committee report adopted in House

Wednesday, April 02, 2008 - received in House

Wednesday, April 02, 2008 - Bill passed 35-3

Wednesday, April 02, 2008 - Free Conference Committee report adopted in Senate

Wednesday, April 02, 2008 - Free Conference Committee report filed in House and Senate

Tuesday, March 25, 2008 - Free Conference Committee appointed in House and Senate

Tuesday, March 25, 2008 - Conference Committee report adopted in House and Senate

Tuesday, March 25, 2008 - Conference Committee report filed in House and Senate

Monday, March 24, 2008 - Conference Committee appointed in House and Senate

Monday, March 24, 2008 - Senate refused to pass bill from Committee Substitute committee

Monday, March 17, 2008 - taken from Rules Committee

Monday, March 17, 2008 - taken from the Committee on Committees

Thursday, March 13, 2008 - received in Senate

Wednesday, March 12, 2008 - 3rd reading, passed 84-14 with Committee Substitute, floor amendments (1) and (2)

Wednesday, March 12, 2008 - floor amendments (1) and (2) filed to Committee Substitute

Tuesday, March 11, 2008 - placed in the Orders of the Day

Tuesday, March 11, 2008 - taken from Rules Committee

Tuesday, March 11, 2008 - reported favorably, to Rules with Committee Substitute

Wednesday, March 05, 2008 - recommitted to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Wednesday, March 05, 2008 - 2nd reading, to Rules

Tuesday, March 04, 2008 - reported favorably, 1st reading, to Calendar

Monday, February 25, 2008 - posted in committee

Wednesday, January 30, 2008 - to Appropriations & Revenue (H)

Tuesday, January 29, 2008 - introduced in House

[View Bill Details](#)

[Track This Bill](#)



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Current Bills Being Tracked

Listed below are all bills being tracked. Click the bill number to view a summary of the bill. To track additional bills by bill number click "Track This Bill" on the right. If you do not know the bill number, click the Search for Bills tab above. If you wish to remove a bill from Bill Tracking, click the "Delete" button below.

Bill Number	Description	Action
HB 2(BR-106)	AN ACT relating to the promotion of the efficient use of energy.	Delete
HB 406(BR-1324)	AN ACT relating to appropriations and revenue measures providing financing and conditions for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the government of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and its various officers, cabinets, departments, boards, commissions, institutions, subdivisions, agencies, and other state-supported activities.	Delete
HB 600(BR-382)	AN ACT relating to retirement and declaring an emergency.	Delete

Add Bill for Tracking

You may track additional bills by entering the Bill Number and clicking Track This Bill.

SB

Track This Bill

Recent Bill Tracking Alerts

Click links to view Bill Summary.

You do not have any Bill Tracking Alerts.

[View all Bill Tracking alerts](#)

Search for Bills

Use the rules wizard below to create or modify search rules. You can combine specific criteria, or rules to create a compound rule. Continue this process until you are done. When you are done adding criteria, click the "Search for Bills" button to continue.

Assign Search Rule

Inclusive:

- Find Bills/Amendments matching a **keyword**
- Find Bills related to a **topic(index heading)**
- Find Bills sponsored by a **legislator**
- Find Bills **introduced** in the General Assembly
- Find Bills in a **committee**
- Find Bills by **bill type**
- Find Bills by it's **actions**
- Find Bills with actions between a **range of dates**

Exclusive:

- Find Bills/Amendments **Not** matching a **keyword**
- Find Bills **Not** related to a **topic (index heading)**
- Find Bills **Not** sponsored by a **legislator**
- Find Bills **Not** of **bill type**

Current Search Rules

Edit

Delete Rule

Containing Keywords *Budget*

Edit

Delete

Related to Topics *State Employees*

Edit

Delete

Delete All Rules

Search for Bills

Current Rule Settings

Listed below are the current rule settings.

Find Bills Containing Keyword(s)
Budget; Related to Topic(s)
State Employees

Search for Bills

View Bill By Bill Number

You may view bill details by entering the Bill Number and clicking View Bill Details.

SB

View Bill Details



Thank You

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