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and resources necessary to identify and report abusive behavior and foster a safer environment in educational athletics.

SB 127 streamlines licensing for out-of-state real estate professionals while ensuring they meet Kentucky’s legal and educational standards. It clarifies rules for nonresident brokers,

simplifies licensing for applicants from states without reciprocity agreements, and aligns post-licensure education requirements.

SB 129 facilitates the redevelopment of blighted, vacant, and abandoned properties by streamlining the purchasing process for eligible state and local government agencies, quasi-governmental entities, and nonprofits. The bill also establishes Department of Revenue oversight to ensure compliance.

SB 169 strengthens law enforcement’s ability to investigate child exploitation, harassment, and stalking by expanding subpoena authority for digital records. It allows access to certain records from internet providers and social networks while maintaining due process protections for sensitive data. Additionally, it grants individuals the right to challenge subpoenas and mandates record destruction if no legal case follows.

SB 178 reorganizes the Education and Labor Cabinet to improve vocational rehabilitation, apprenticeship programs, and workforce recruitment efforts. It transfers the Division of Program Policy and Support from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and renames the Office of Employer and Apprentice Services to the Office of Industry and Apprenticeship Services, restructuring divisions under this office.

SB 201 modifies the appointment process for administrative law judges within the Department of Workers’ Claims and Workers’ Compensation Board members for greater stability and security for appointees as they transition into their roles. By providing safeguards for these positions, the bill strengthens the system and expands the pool of qualified candidates, improving the department’s overall effectiveness.

Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 28 seeks to remove the reformulated gasoline (RFG) requirement in Jefferson, Oldham, and Bullitt Counties to provide relief at the pump, support consumers and businesses, and ensure

Kentucky’s fuel policies align with economic and environmental needs.

SJR 55 directs Kentucky’s public postsecondary institutions to address rising antisemitism on campuses. By January 1, 2026, institutions must adopt policies combating antisemitism while respecting the First Amendment. These policies must include student civil rights notifications, recognition of Jewish student organizations, defunding of student groups that support terrorism, and annual data collection on antisemitism-related incidents. Reports will be submitted to the Council on Postsecondary Education through June 30, 2028.

Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 61 establishes the Make America Healthy Again Kentucky Task Force to address chronic disease and obesity rates. The task force will promote healthier lifestyles, expand nutrition awareness, and enhance public health initiatives. Composed of elected legislators, it will meet monthly during the 2025 Interim and submit recommendations to the Governor and policymakers by December 1.

For more information on these bills and others, please visit www.kylegislature.gov.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve, and I look forward to continuing our work on behalf of Kentucky’s 15th Senate District.

If you have questions or ideas, feel free to contact my office at (502)-564-8100 or email me at Rick.Girdler@kylegislature.gov.

Sen. Rick Girdler, R-Somerset, represents the 15th Senate District, including Clinton, Cumberland, Pulaski, Russell, and Wayne Counties. Girdler serves as vice chair of the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee. He is also a member of the Senate Committees on Economic Development, Tourism, and Labor; Families and Children; and Natural Resources and Energy. Additionally, Girdler serves on the Capital Projects and Bond Oversight Committee.

King,

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From the sale of unused, unneeded, or inoperable equipment he said the county has brought in \$52,000.

Through local law-enforcement and the County Attorney’s office he said they have saved the county over \$1,200 in roadside replacements.

He stressed that in the last year the county gave away over \$100,000 more in food commodities, then they had the previous year.

He added that the cost cutting didn’t replace the need for increased government revenue due to rate increases in insurance and utilities the name a few.

Then he moved on to issues surrounding money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He said that since 2019 the county had received over \$3 million in federal money to fix roads and bridges damaged during flooding events.

He said the county still owes \$754,477 to the federal government on those loans. King added that annual interest rate on just those loans was around \$40,000.

On the theme of interest King said that rain negotiations with the banks yielded increased funds to the county treasury.

King had high praise for the elected county

officials who have worked to help the county save money, and to make money. Likewise he praised the efforts of staff and county workers in both keeping cost down and increasing revenues.

He said all this would benefit taxpayers in the coming years as he was to propose a 0.125% reduction in the occupational tax when county debt was less than \$250,000 and the same cut again when the county has built up a \$250,000 emergency fund.

If you want to see the full hour long presentation King intends to have it on the Fiscal Court’s YouTube site this week.

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The members of the City of Burkesville Planning Commission Board have been brought a proposal to rezone an area within the city limits of Burkesville located at 253 Ellis Street.

The public hearing to rezone 253 Ellis Street from Residential(R-1M) to Commercial(C-1) will be held March 19th, 2025 at 12:00pm at City Hall (located at 379 Keen St).

Please feel free to contact Greg Cary if you have any questions or concerns at 270-406-2923.

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