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New state laws
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who completed residency in a foreign country and can meet other requirements. The applicant will need to provide an offer of employment from a licensed health care provider located in an underserved area.

Physician Shortages – Senate Joint Resolution 116 directs the University of Kentucky, the University of Louisville and Eastern Kentucky University to coordinate a search for actionable solutions to physician shortages and to explore and expand health care opportunities in medically underserved areas.

Real Estate Fraud – House Bill 264 seeks to combat real estate scams. It will create a legal presumption of fraud when someone advertises residential or commercial property for sale, lease or rent without ownership or authority.

School Administrator Salaries – Senate Bill 2 would prohibit school administrators from receiving a percentage pay increase that is greater than the percentage pay increase provided to classroom teachers in that district unless the increase is due to a significant change in job duties. The bill includes a waiver process for certain circumstances. One section related to removing principals has already taken effect.

School Bus Safety – House Bill 7 will allow school districts to install traffic cameras on school buses to help enforce laws against stop-arm traffic violations.

School District Governance – Senate Bill 1 will effectively revamp the governance structure of Jefferson County Public

Schools by creating more specific responsibilities for superintendents and boards of education in large, complex school districts. The legislation also seeks to lay out a legal justification for why the general assembly has a compelling interest in intervening in large districts like Jefferson County.

School Leadership – Senate Bill 4 will create a new training program that provides leadership development and mentorship opportunities for new school principals in Kentucky. Other portions of the bill have already taken effect, including language that prevents an employee of any Kentucky school district from running for a school board seat in a large school district. Another portion that has already taken effect reduces the number of school board members in Jefferson County from seven to five.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners – House Bill 134 aims to expand the availability of sexual assault nurse examiners across Kentucky. It calls for a statewide coordinator to recruit nurses, facilitate training and improve collaboration between hospitals, law enforcement and rape crisis centers.

Stalking – House Bill 521 seeks to modernize state stalking laws to align with contemporary legal standards and better address behaviors that occur through electronic communications and social media.

Status Offenders – Senate Bill 170 will create a four-year pilot program in up to 10 school districts to help address barriers to school attendance. It also aims to strengthen diversion of status offenders using Responsive Interventions to Support

and Empower (RISE) teams and increased family involvement.

Storm Shelter Rebates – Senate Bill 11 will create a residential safe room rebate pilot program that helps homeowners pay for building emergency storm shelters. The goal is to provide matching grants using money from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The rebate fund would not include state appropriations.

Student Violence – Senate Bill 101 will mandate that school boards expel students in grades 6 through 12 for at least 12 months if the student recklessly, with a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument, or intentionally causes or attempts to cause physical injury to a school district employee on school property or at a school function. The bill includes some exceptions for students with disabilities.

Tax Money – Senate Bill 59 prohibits tax dollars from being used to advocate for or against a public question on a ballot. It also establishes criminal and civil penalties for violators.

Organ Donors – House Bill 510 aims to protect patients during the organ donation process by requiring additional verification steps before organ procurement can begin. It will also clarify that donor consent must be properly documented and that a patient must be formally declared dead before organs are donated.

Veteran Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder – House Bill 369 will create provisions in state law that make veterans eligible to receive hyperbaric oxygen therapy in response to post-traumatic stress disorder.

Gov. Beshear announces Administration Changes



On Monday, Gov. Andy Beshear announced that Rocky Adkins, the Governor’s senior advisor, served his last day with the administration Friday, July 10. The Governor thanked Adkins for his commitment to serving the people of Kentucky through challenges like the pandemic and multiple natural disasters while also helping deliver historic economic investment and new jobs.

“Rocky has been an invaluable part of Team Kentucky and our success, and I am grateful to him for his leadership and his friendship,” said Gov. Beshear. “Every day, Rocky shows up ready to serve the people

of our commonwealth, and I know his commitment to public service will continue to drive him in this next chapter. I wish him, Leah and their family all the best.”

“It’s been a tremendous honor working with Gov. Beshear and his team through unprecedented challenges, while also celebrating historic economic investments and record-breaking new jobs at the highest wages in Kentucky history,” Adkins said. “I’ve committed my career to public service. From working at different levels in the legislature to now the executive branch, these experiences have helped me support families across our commonwealth, and I couldn’t be more proud of what we’ve accomplished.”

Adkins was appointed to the role of senior advisor in 2019 by then-Governor-elect Beshear. In the seven years since, Adkins helped lead the Beshear administration to secure more than 1,300 private-sector new-location and expansion projects totaling over \$50 billion in announced investments, creating more than 70,000 jobs. He also played a key role during the pandemic and through multiple natural disasters, including recovery and response following the 2022 Eastern Kentucky floods.

Prior to joining the Beshear administration, Adkins served in the Kentucky House, from 1987 to 2019, and held various roles, including House Majority Leader and the chamber’s Minority Floor Leader.

Stepping into the role of senior advisor is Ray Perry, who has held the role of deputy secretary of Gov. Beshear’s executive cabinet since April. Prior to that, Perry served as Secretary for the Public Protection Cabinet beginning in August 2021.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

CALLING ALL ROCKS

On May 31 the Jemima Johnson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, in collaboration with the Nicholas County Judges Office, the Kentucky Historical Society, the Lafayette Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution and the Kentucky Forestry Service celebrated our country’s 250th anniversary with a community event. A tulip poplar tree was planted in the Carlisle Cemetery in commemoration of those Revolutionary War soldiers

who served to ensure we have the freedoms we enjoy today. We now have a handsome 8x10 plaque to share with onlookers. There are many stones available on which to mount the plaque. It has come to mind that a local stone with historical significance might be a perfect fit for posterity. This could be an opportunity for you and your family to contribute to our community’s local history.

If you have such a stone that you would like to contribute for this celebratory marker, please contact Judge Steve

Hamilton at 859-289-3725 or Martha Taylor at 859-749-1948. A knowledgeable committee will visit each stone, on site, and select the most appropriate from the contenders. The selection will be made by July 31 and announced on August 12. We hope to have many rocks to consider and look forward to hearing from many of you.

Thank You,
Martha Taylor
Jemima Johnson,
NSDAR America 250
Co-Chair

Notice to Robertson County Taxpayers

Joanie Jolly, Robertson County Clerk pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2025 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificate of Delinquency) will be published in the Carlisle Mercury on July 23rd, 2026. The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of 8am-4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and 8am-12pm on Wednesday at the County Clerk’s office located at 26 Court Street, Mt. Olivet, KY. This list may also be inspected on the Software Management website. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the website is kydtax.smllc.us. The tax sale will be held on August 25th beginning at 10:30. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk’s office by the close of business on August 15, 2026. Please contact the County Clerk’s office if you need additional information about the tax sale. Please note: All payments must be received in the County Clerk’s office prior to the tax sale date listed in this advertisement. Payments received after the tax sale has been conducted will be returned without exception. Some delinquencies - although they have been advertised - will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504(10)(b). If you have any questions, please contact the County Clerk’s office at 606-724-5212.