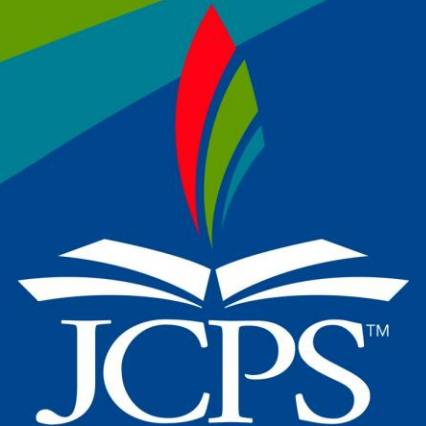


Legislative & Policy Update

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Senate Bill 1

- **AN ACT relating to education.**

- Requires Board to delegate authority to Superintendent over the District's day-to-day operations. (Enjoined – Not currently in effect)
- Requires annual updates to a five-year strategic plan.
- Requires an annual review of three-year projections for revenues and expenditures.
- Requires a 2/3 majority board vote to overturn superintendent policy decisions. (Enjoined – Not currently in effect)
- Allows the superintendent to approve contracts up to \$250,000 and up to \$250,000 in line-item transfers each quarter without board approval.
 - Must be within approved budget and strategic plan and must be reported to board at next meeting. (Enjoined – Not currently in effect)

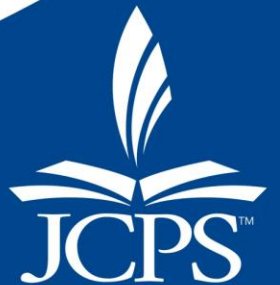
- *174 Board Policies and Administrative Procedures amended*



Senate Bill 2

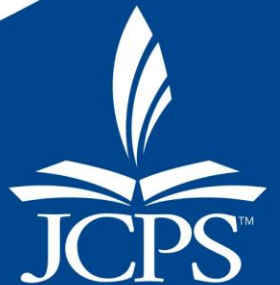
- **AN ACT relating to school administrators and declaring an emergency.**
 - Prohibits raises for administrators larger than those for classroom teachers as a percentage of pay.
 - Exceptions for reclassification and for new contracts for superintendents.
 - Allows CSI principals to be removed after two straight years of CSI status.
 - Requires the Superintendent's contract to be published on the District website and sent to KDE.

- *Board Policies amended - 01.11, 02.131, 03.121*



Senate Bill 4

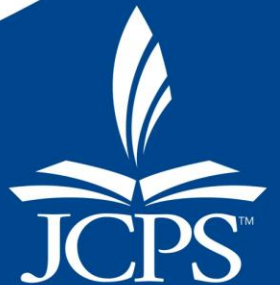
- **AN ACT relating to education and declaring an emergency.**
 - Creates a principal leadership development practicum for new principals beginning with the 27-28 school year.
 - Mentors in the first and second year of the program along with a peer support network (run by KDE).
 - Third year involves intensive summer leadership program and follow-ups throughout year, developed by Kentucky Chamber Foundation.
 - Fourth year and beyond are optional.
 - Hours count toward instructional leadership requirement.
- *No Board Policy amended*



Senate Bill 59

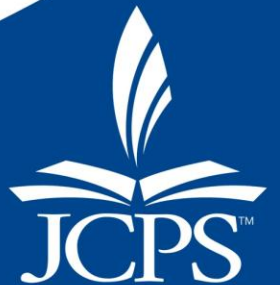
- **AN ACT relating to prohibited uses of tax dollars and resources.**
 - Prohibits the use of public school resources from being used to advocate for constitutional amendments or other public questions (e.g., tax levies).
 - Penalties begin with \$500 fine.
 - Does not affect your personal time or resources.

- *Board Policies amended – 01.11, 03.1321, 03.1234, 03.2321, 03.2324, 04.31*



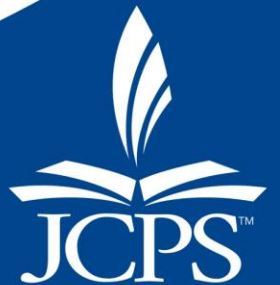
House Bill 1

- **AN ACT implementing the federal education opportunity program in Kentucky.**
 - Allows for the \$1700 federal scholarship tax credit to be used in Kentucky.
 - Scholarship granting organizations must:
 - Cover more than 10 students and multiple schools.
 - Must give at least 90% of their funds away as scholarships.
- *No Board Policy amended*



House Bill 139

- **AN ACT relating to elections and declaring an emergency.**
 - Allows political parties to endorse and spend funds in nonpartisan races, including school board races.
- *No Board Policy amended*



House Bill 67

- **AN ACT relating to schools and declaring an emergency.**
 - Requires a financial disclosure website within the district's main website.
 - Including:
 - Monthly Financial Report.
 - Annual Financial Audit Reports.
 - Balance Sheet.
 - Various Accounts Payable and Vendor Payment Reports.
 - Superintendent's Contract.
 - Additional Information for Superintendents' Payout Upon Separation.
 - Additional Details Required if a District's Budget Reserve Falls Below 4%.
 - *Board Policies amended – 04.1, 04.31, 04.91, 08.2323, 08.2324*



House Bill 500

- **AN ACT relating to appropriations...**

- Increases SEEK by \$40 per pupil in FY 2026-27.
- Removes funding for AP/IB test fees for non-FRPL students.
- Sufficient funding for dual credit scholarships for one (not two) general education course per year for juniors and seniors.
- No cap on employer insurance premium increases.
- Requires districts and schools to continue to display academic information on the district's website.

- *Board Policies amended – 01.111, 02.442, 02.4242*



House Bill 757

- **AN ACT relating to revenue measures and declaring an emergency.**
 - Requires public notice, including on the district website, before tax rates are set.
 - Prohibits future increases or new levies for certain non-property taxes (occupational license tax, utility gross receipts tax, etc.).
 - Places limits on the personal property tax rate beginning in 2029.

- *Board Policy amended – 04.311*



House Bill 67

- **AN ACT relating to schools and declaring an emergency.**
 - Amends 2025's SB 181 regarding traceable communications between employees and students, by creating exemptions for:
 - Cousins, nieces/nephews, and any adult who lives in the same household.
 - Various educational software packages (translation services, academic feedback, online course packages).
 - Communications where multiple school staff are included.
 - Communications where one parent is included.
 - Public social media posts.
 - Communications related to commercial services (Uber, DoorDash, etc.).
 - SROs/DPPs when a principal/AP/MHP is copied and it's directly related to the welfare or attendance of the student.
- *Board Policies amended – 04.1, 04.31, 04.91, 08.2323, 08.2324*



Senate Bill 46

- **AN ACT relating to school transportation and declaring an emergency.**
 - Allows the use of 10-passenger vans for student transport.
 - Drivers must:
 - Have a valid driver's license.
 - Submit to a background check, including driving records.
 - Pass an initial three-hour training plus First Aid & CPR training.
 - Submit to drug testing just like bus drivers.
 - Notify the superintendent of any moving violation where points are assessed.
 - KBE may prescribe more requirements if the vans are used for regular transport (i.e., daily routes rather than student activities).
 - Does not cover parents driving their own students.
- *Board Policies amended – 03.1321, 03.2321, 06.2, 06.31, 09.2261*

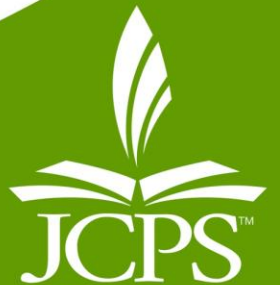


Senate Bill 101

- **AN ACT relating to children**

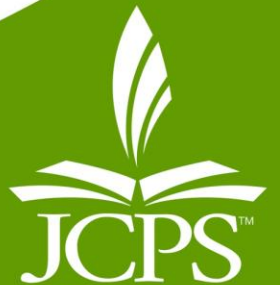
- Requires expulsion for students in Grades 6-12 who assault (or attempt to assault) school staff.
- Includes incidents on school property, at a school function, or at a bus stop.
- Allows for alternative assignment in lieu of expulsion (current JCPS model).
- Eliminates requirement for school staff to contact outside law enforcement when certain incidents occur.
 - Instead, district Police Department must send a weekly summary to local law enforcement.

- *Board Policy amended – 05.48*



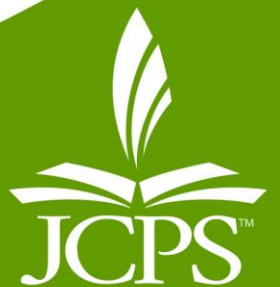
House Bill 7

- **AN ACT relating to school bus safety.**
 - Allows districts to attach stop-arm cameras to school buses, with civil penalties for violations.
 - Camera footage only used for stop-arm violations.
- *Board Policy amended – 06.2*



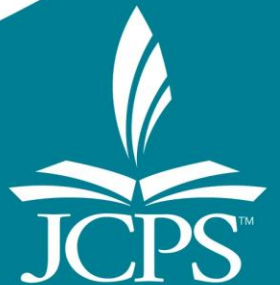
House Bill 253

- **AN ACT relating to education and declaring an emergency.**
 - Prohibits non-disclosure agreements related to staff misconduct.
 - Requires school districts to disclose any disciplinary action or resignation resulting from a misconduct investigation if requested by a potential hiring district.
 - If anything is indicated, applicant school district must request information from EPSB.
 - Any finding of abusive conduct shall prevent hiring of that person.
 - Requires any report of abusive conduct to be reported to the principal, who must then document in writing and report to the superintendent/designee.
 - Employees must complete KDE-developed training on appropriate relationships by June 30, 2027, and all new school district employees must take training beginning in the 2027-28 school year.



House Bill 253 (cont.)

- **AN ACT relating to education and declaring an emergency.**
 - Prohibits the three-cueing method of literacy instruction by the 2029-30 school year.
 - Requires every K-5 interdisciplinary teacher to complete a science of reading professional learning program by June 30, 2029.
 - Requires each school district to adopt a dyslexia policy for Grades K-3, including identification, evaluation, and intervention.
 - Requires teacher prep programs to train students on dyslexia and literacy instruction, while prohibiting training using the three-cueing method.
- *Policies amended: 03.11, 03.1311, 03.19, 03.21, 03.2311, 03.29, 08.1, 08.1313, 09.2211, 09.27*



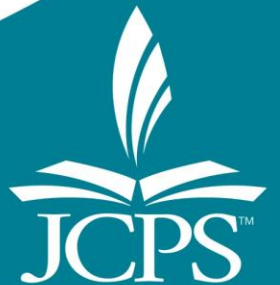
House Bill 257

- **AN ACT relating to the education assessment and accountability system.**

New accountability model will include:

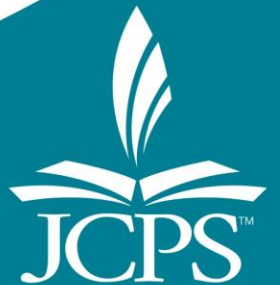
- Student growth in reading and math.
- Chronic absenteeism.
- “Targeted quality measures” beginning July 1, 2030 (School Report Card until then) – No less than 5% of total score:
 - Percentage of certified teachers who have attained Rank II or higher or national board certification.
 - Number of students earning at least one high school credit by the end of Grade 8.
 - FAFSA completion percentage.

- *Board Policy amended - 08.215*



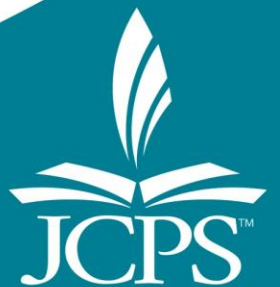
House Bill 257 (cont.)

- **AN ACT relating to the education assessment and accountability system.**
 - On-demand writing and editing/mechanics are removed.
 - Each district shall develop a writing program and publish it on the district website.
 - Cut scores for each indicator should stay for six years.
 - Districts may develop their own local indicators of quality, with a \$15,000 incentive per district.
- *No Board policy amended*



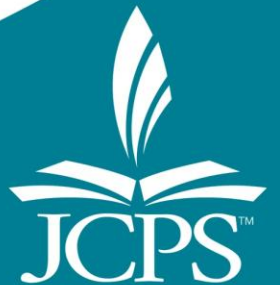
House Bill 900

- **AN ACT relating to government agencies, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.**
 - Appropriates \$1.3 million in FY 2026-27 for the University of Louisville to establish a Literacy and Numeracy Clinic in West Louisville.
- *No Board Policy amended*



Senate Bill 197

- **AN ACT providing funding and establishing conditions for state government agencies and institutions, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency**
 - “College Entrance Exam: No General Funds provided to the Kentucky Department of Education shall be used for any contract that does not meet Kentucky Academic Standards and the Accountability and Assessment provisions outlined in KRS 158.645, 158.6451, 158.6453, 158.6455, 158.649, and 160.346 and applicable federal statutes. The Kentucky Department of Education shall initiate a new competitive procurement process and shall award a contract only to a vendor or vendors whose assessment product satisfies all applicable state and federal statutory requirements for accountability and assessment purposes to be in place for the 2026-2027 school year.”
- *No Board Policy amended*



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