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Legislative Report No. 2 2019 Kentucky General Assembly

On Friday, January 11, the 2019 General Assembly completed their organizational session and adjourned until February 5, 2019. During the first four days of the session, both the House and Senate officially elected their respective party leadership. Committee chairs and committee assignments were also established. The Senate passed legislation regarding school site based councils and education policy, election campaign finances, and election of statewide officials. The General Assembly will reconvene on February 5, 2019 to continue this thirty-day session, which is scheduled to conclude on March 29.

During the first week of the session, we discussed the need for rural development including expanded broadband coverage and met with several new members of the General Assembly to discuss Kentucky Farm Bureau's 2019 state priority issues.

The General Assembly made several changes to committee membership including chairs of the following committees:

Senate

- Sen. Wil Schroder, Chair, Senate State and Local Government Committee
- Sen. Jared Carpenter, Chair, Senate Banking and Insurance Committee
- Sen. Brandon Smith, Chair, Senate Natural Resources and Energy Committee
- Sen. Danny Carroll, Chair, Senate Economic Development, Tourism and Labor Committee

House

- Rep. Regina Huff, Chair, House Education Committee
- Rep. Kevin Bratcher, Chair, House Elections, Constitutional Amendments and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
- Rep. Kim Moser, Chair, House Health and Family Services Committee
- Rep. Jason Petrie, Chair, House Judiciary Committee
- Rep. Michael Meredith, Chair, House Local Government Committee
- Rep. Russell Webber, Chair, House Economic Development and Workforce Investment Committee

For a complete list of leadership and standing committees [click here](#).

During their first week, the Kentucky General Assembly also formed a Public Pensions Working Group to review and analyze the state's public pension systems. For more information on this working group, [click here](#).

HOW TO CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS

During the week, you may reach your representative and senator in Frankfort by calling 502.564.8100.

If you do not desire to talk to your state legislator immediately or you just want to leave a message, you may dial toll-free 800.372.7181. An answering service will take your message for your representative or senator. The legislative calendar information line is 800.633.9650, the bill status line is 866.840.2835, and the Governor's office number is 502.564.2611.

If you desire to e-mail your representative or senator, [click here](#) for a list of e-mail addresses for members of the Kentucky General Assembly. Find your legislator and click on his or her name to access their e-mail address.

YOUR LOBBYISTS

Those who are registered to lobby for Kentucky Farm Bureau for the 2019 session are: Jeff Harper, Public Affairs Director, extension 5104; Kyle Kelly, extension 7417; Mike Biagi, extension 7270; and Drew Graham, extension 5101. If you would like to call your lobbyists during the evening, call 502.495.5000 and key in their extensions.

If you would like to contact one of your lobbyists during the day, please call Katie Weatherholt at 502.493.7669 and she will put you in touch with one of them.

KEEP ALL LEGISLATIVE ACTION REQUESTS FOR FUTURE USE

We suggest that you keep a record of the Legislative Action Requests on file because, on occasion, we may refer to a previous report as a source of more details regarding an issue.

FUTURE DATES OF INTEREST

January 21.....	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
February 5.....	2019 General Assembly Part II Convenes
February 8.....	Last Day for New Bill Request
February 15.....	Last Day for New Senate Bills
February 18.....	President's Day Holiday
February 19.....	Last Day for New House Bills
March 8 & 11.....	Legislative Holidays
March 12 & 13.....	Concurrence Only
March 14-25.....	Veto Period
March 26 & 27.....	Legislative Holiday
March 29	General Assembly, Sine Die

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