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Dear Member,
The KEA Lobby Team worked Wednesday and throughout the day today analyzing various sections of [SB 1](#). This pension bill is 289 pages long and is better than the Governor's Proposed Pension Plan but still comes up short for Kentucky's Educators! To attract and retain the Educators our students deserve, we must do better. A synopsis of the House and Senate Education Committee meetings is also included in this week's issue.

PENSION NEWS

The KEA Summary of SB 1 can be found [here](#). Please feel free to use this and share with others when having conversations with legislators about the bill. ***KEA is opposed to SB 1 and encourages legislators to come up with a better solution that doesn't harm our educators and students!***



CALL TO ACTION: Please contact your legislators EVERY DAY and let them know that SB 1 is not the answer to our pension problem. The answer is to find funding first. Our kids and communities depend on new revenue to be found and applied to the vital services our citizens' demand. This includes fully funding P-12 education and our public pension obligations. Call, email, or visit your legislators and tell them your public school students funding needs. The Legislative Message Line is 1-800-372-7181.

BUDGET NEWS:

The House and Senate A & R and Budget Review sub-committees continue to have hearings on the budget bills currently in place. We expect a final House version later this month.

BILL WATCH

Education Committee Update:

The House Education Committee met on Tuesday. Here is a recap of the action taken at the meeting.

[SB 73](#)- AN ACT relating to school districts. This bill allows for a performance based professional development pilot program for teachers. **KEA SUPPORTS this bill.** The other part of this bill sunsets the use of the 10 allowable NTI (Non-traditional Instructional) Days in 2021 for districts to use. There are mixed reviews on the impact NTI days have on student instruction. This bill would charge KDE to study best practices around NTI instruction and assess whether or not this program should be allowed to continue beyond the 2021 year. The bill was passed favorably out of committee with House Committee Substitute 1 the. HCS 1 removes the sunset provision for the NTI Days. Sponsor Senator David P. Givens

[HB 108](#)-AN ACT relating to school employees and declaring an emergency. **KEA is TRACKING this bill.** This bill changes current language that now excludes some school board members' family members from being employed. This is an issue in rural areas of KY where there are fewer qualified candidates to run for the local school board due to extended family members being employed by the school district. This bill was passed favorably with House Committee Substitute 1. Sponsor Representative Brandon Reed

[HB 187](#)-AN ACT relating to dyslexia and response-to-interventions that improve student learning. **KEA is OPPOSED to this bill.** KEA supports the awareness, training, and proper education of students with dyslexia. The reason for opposition is the lengthy reporting and documentation requirements that are required under this bill. This bill was passed favorably out of committee with House Committee Substitute 1. Sponsor Representative Addia Wuchner

[HB 367](#)-AN ACT establishing support for dyslexia and making an appropriation therefor. **KEA is TRACKING this bill.** This is a bill that establishes a new specialty license plate that promotes dyslexia awareness that would direct the fees obtained by the sale of this plate to fund the work required in HB 187. This bill passed favorably out of committee. Sponsor Representative Addia Wuchner

The Senate Education Committee met today and passed the following bills out of committee.

SB 130- An ACT relating to campus crime reporting. **KEA has NO Position on this bill.** This bill is related to updating requirements on the reporting of sex crime reporting on college campuses. Sponsor Chris McDaniel

SB 140- An ACT relating to notifications. **KEA is TRACKING this bill.** This bill modifies current law to outline new reporting requirements by the Commissioner of Education. Sponsor Senator Al Robinson

Dates to Remember:



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| Feb. 26 | KEA Tele-Town Hall 8:00 ET/7:00 CT Please answer your phone when a (502) Frankfort number calls you! |
| Feb. 26- Mar.2 | KEA <i>#DifferenceMakers</i> Display will be up in the Capitol Annex Tunnel |
| March 2 | Read Across America Day |
| Mar. 16-18 | NEA Leadership Summit, Chicago |

Sincerely,

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