

KEA President's Points

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Dear Member:

Since last week's regular issue of President's Points was sent, there has been a flurry of activity by our members in Frankfort. Last Thursday, we had hundreds of #RED4RIGHTS WARRIORS for PUBLIC SCHOOLS visit the annex to meet with legislators and attend committee hearings. The House and Senate Gallery have been full of RED every day since then.

Please continue to try and send small groups of educators to Frankfort for the last several days of the session. March 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, and 28th. Many of you are already doing this and the RED sea of advocacy is having a positive impact on legislators. Keep up the great work!

I testified in the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee yesterday in opposition to [HB 205](#). The bill was only heard for comments and was not voted on during the Committee meeting.

Here are updates on a few of the bills we are keeping up with during these last few days of the 2019 Session:

[HB 525-OPPOSE](#) (TRS board restructure) This bill has been posted in the Regular Orders of the Day this week but has yet to be called for a vote. Four amendments were filed by the sponsor late on Tuesday which continue to make the process worse, not better.

[HB 58-SUPPORT](#) (Retiree pensions) This bill was passed out of the House Education Committee yesterday with favorable consent. Hopefully this bill can be moved without amendments and sent to the Senate soon.

[HB 1/SB 1-SUPPORT](#) (school safety and resiliency) This bill has passed out of both the House and the Senate and heads now to the governor's desk for his signature.

[SB 3-OPPOSE](#) (SBDM reform) This bill has not yet been heard in the House Education Committee.

[SB 8-OPPOSE](#) (tribunal reform) This bill has had a floor amendment added to which KEA SUPPORTS.

[HB 504-NO POSITION](#) (TRS pension reform) This bill has had no movement in the House to date.

A conference committee made up of 10 senators (Stivers, Givens, Thayer, Parrett, McDaniel, Humphries) and 10 representatives (Osbourne, Meade, Carney, Miles, McCoy, Adkins, Graham, Jenkins, Rudy, Pratt) was named to discuss a revenue bill HB 354. Right now it deals with taxation changes, but we expect some things to be added that could be detrimental to state revenue. We will have to wait and

see. This committee meets today upon adjournment.

#Red4Rights

Voting for NEA RA Delegates NOW OPEN

Any active (teacher, administrator, or ESP) member can now [click here](#) and vote for the allotted number of state delegates needed to represent our organization this summer in Houston, Texas. If you have any trouble with voting please email our Technology Department at KEAHelpDesk@kea.org.

Save the Date



March	KEA Delegates check with you local office to find out when your Pre-Delegate Caucus occurs so you can attend!
Apr 3-5	KEA Delegate Assembly, Louisville

Sincerely,

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