

Legislative Advisory Monitoring Committee Report 2/10/2026

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The LMAC has been meeting virtually every Monday morning at 9:30 a.m.

Assistant VP Nick Peak has compiled a spreadsheet detailing bills of interest that LMAC members are tracking as they move through the General Assembly.

High-priority bills include (links to bill text and bill summaries provided):

- [HB 66: An act relating to video teleconference meetings](#). Amend KRS 12.070 to permit a board, commission, or similar administrative body to conduct video teleconference meetings to allow public participation; allow members of a board, commission, or similar administrative body to attend meetings virtually unless a decision implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, affects private rights or procedures available to the public, or administers or awards funds; prohibit members who participate virtually from receiving reimbursement for travel expenses; amend KRS 61.826 to prohibit a member of a public agency that attends a meeting through video teleconference from receiving reimbursement of travel expenses; amend KRS 164.004 to conform. (Stahl, Curry, Graycarek)
- [HB 512: An act relating to prescription drugs](#). Amend KRS 304.17A-164 to define and redefine terms; establish cost-sharing requirements for prescription drugs; require rebates to be passed through; establish confidentiality requirements for the rebate information; create a new section of KRS 365.880 to 365.900 to provide that the actual amount of rebates received is a trade secret; provide that compliance with prescription drug cost-sharing and rebate requirements shall not be in violation of the Uniform Trade Secrets Act; amend KRS 304.17C-125, 304.38A-115, 18A.225, and 164.2871 to apply the cost-sharing and rebate requirements for prescription drugs to limited health service benefit plans, limited health service organizations, the state employee health plan, and self-insured employer group health plans provided by the governing board of a state postsecondary education institution; apply provisions to health plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2027; EFFECTIVE January 1, 2027. (Mullaney, Peak)
- [HB 497: An act relating to postsecondary tuition waivers](#). Amend KRS 164.515 to make the amount of tuition waived for the spouse or child of designated permanently disabled veterans a last-dollar scholarship that shall not exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; amend KRS 164.2841 to make the amount tuition waived for the survivor of police officer, firefighter, or volunteer firefighter killed in line of duty last-dollar scholarship that shall not exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; amend KRS 164.2842 to make the amount of tuition waived for the survivor of police officer, firefighter, or volunteer firefighter permanently and totally disabled

in line of duty a last-dollar scholarship that shall not exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; amend KRS 164.507 to make the amount of tuition waived for the non-married spouse or child of a deceased veteran a last-dollar scholarship that shall not exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; amend KRS 164.020 to delete the tuition waiver for employees and faculty of state and locally operated secondary area technology center staff. (Peak, Begany)

- [HB 490: An act relating to employment at public postsecondary education institutions and declaring an emergency](#). Amend KRS 164.360, 164.230, and 164.830 to allow for the removal of faculty members at public postsecondary education institutions for bona fide financial reasons; require the boards of regents and trustees of the institutions to establish the process for removal based on financial reasons with specified parameters; EMERGENCY. (Cardarelli, Curry)
- [HB 2: An act relating to Medicaid, making an appropriation therefore, and declaring an emergency](#). Amend KRS 205.5371 to require the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to condition eligibility for enrollment or continued enrollment in the Medicaid program on demonstrated community engagement as required under federal law; require the cabinet to continue to condition eligibility on demonstrated community engagement if federal requirements are abolished, repealed, or otherwise diminished; amend KRS 205.6312 to require the cabinet and any contracted Medicaid managed care organization to impose cost-sharing requirements for Medicaid enrollees as required under federal law no later than January 1, 2027; establish minimum cost-sharing amounts; amend KRS 205.556 and 205.618 to conform; create new sections of KRS Chapter 205 to require the cabinet to, no later than July 1, 2026, begin conducting Medicaid eligibility redeterminations once every 6 months as required under federal law; require the cabinet to access and review certain data when conducting eligibility redeterminations; establish a process for identifying and, when appropriate, disenrolling individuals who are concurrently enrolled in the Kentucky Medicaid program and a Medicaid program administered by another state or states; amend KRS 205.178 to require the cabinet to receive and review information from the Kentucky Lottery Corporation, Department of Corrections, and the Kentucky Horse Racing and Gaming Corporation on at least a monthly basis, the Kentucky Department of Revenue on at least an annual basis, and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet on a quarterly basis; require the Department for Medicaid Services to enter into a data sharing agreement with the Social Security Administration to receive the full file of death information on at least a quarterly basis; prohibit the cabinet from seeking or requesting an exemption or waiver from federal community engagement requirements related to county unemployment rates unless specifically authorized by the General Assembly to do so; amend KRS 205.5375 to require hospitals to assist presumptively eligible individuals in

submitting a full Medicaid application; amend KRS 205.200 to prohibit the cabinet from accepting self-attestation of income, residency, or age for the purpose of determining eligibility for Medicaid or compliance with community engagement requirements; create new sections of KRS Chapter 205 to establish Medicaid managed care organization contracting requirements and penalties; establish the Medicaid managed care organization compliance fund within the State Treasury; establish that amounts in the fund not appropriated at the close of a fiscal year shall not lapse and shall be carried forward; prohibit the expenditure of funds in the account unless expressly appropriated by the General Assembly; require the Department for Medicaid Services to submit recommendations for use of monies in the fund to the Legislative Research Commission by November 1, 2027, and November 1, of each following odd-numbered year; amend KRS 205.533 to require Medicaid managed care organizations to include certain information for providers on their websites; amend KRS 205.534 to require managed care organizations to allow providers 120 days to file an appeal or grievance related to a reduction of denial of a claim; establish penalties for a managed care organization's failure to ensure the timely disposition of any appeal or grievance; require payment of any amount owed to a provider following an appeal to be paid within 30 days; require payments made following an appeal to include interest and reasonable attorney's fees; establish standards and requirements for provider audits; require the inclusion of additional information in the monthly report filed by managed care organizations; require the Department for Medicaid Services to submit an annual report to the Legislative Research Commission related to Medicaid claims, appeals, and grievances; authorize the Department for Medicaid Services to promulgate administrative regulations; create new sections of KRS Chapter 205 to establish requirements for administration of the Medicaid-covered nonemergency medical transportation services; establish requirements for the administration of 1915(c) Medicaid waiver programs; require the Department for Medicaid Services to develop and implement a tiered priority system for assigning 1915(c) Medicaid waiver program slots by January 1, 2027; require administration of Medicaid-covered dental services by an administrative service organization; establish that the administrative service organization shall not assume any financial or insurance risk; limit compensation paid to the administrative service organization to no more than 2% of the actual Medicaid-covered dental service claims paid on an annual basis; require the Department for Medicaid Services to establish a Dental Program Advisory Panel; require the Department for Medicaid Services to employ a dental director; require the Department for Medicaid Services to submit an annual report on the Medicaid dental program to the Legislative Research Commission; create new sections of KRS 7A.270 to 7A.290 to establish legislative findings; require the cabinet to provide the Legislative Research Commission with access to all databases, datasets, electronic records, and files pertaining to any aspect of the Medicaid program

determined by the director of the Legislative Research Commission to be necessary for the meaningful and effective discharge of the General Assembly's legislative duties; require the Legislative Research Commission, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Louisville to enter into a partnership to design and develop a web-based healthcare transparency dashboard; require the dashboard be overseen by a subcommittee of the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board; require the dashboard be maintained and operated by the Legislative Research Commission; amend KRS 7A.283 to allow the appointment of individuals who are not members of the board to advisory committees or subcommittees upon approval of the Legislative Research Commission; create a new section of KRS Chapter 43 to require the Auditor of Public Accounts to conduct an examination of the state's Medicaid program and Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program; establish audit reporting requirements; require the Auditor to conduct a review of the Medicaid program and Kentucky Children's Health Insurance Program to assess progress in addressing issues identified in previous examinations; establish that the Office of Program Performance in the Commonwealth Office of the Ombudsman shall conduct all quality control reviews of the Department for Community Based Services for the Medicaid program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families to comply with federal law and regulations; establish that no other state agency shall conduct these quality control reviews unless otherwise authorized by the General Assembly; amend KRS 7A.286 to establish that examinations conducted by the Auditor may constitute fulfillment of certain duties assigned to the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board at the discretion of the Legislative Review Commission; repeal KRS 205.515 related to administration of the Medicaid program; repeal KRS 311A.172 related to nonemergency medical transportation services; appropriate \$500,000 in General Fund moneys in fiscal year 2025-2026 for staffing and technology needs in the Office of the Auditor of Public Accounts; create a new section of KRS Chapter 6 to establish a Medicaid impact statement; require any legislation that makes or directs a change to the Medicaid program to be accompanied by a Medicaid impact statement; require certain factors to be analyzed and included in a Medicaid impact statement; require Medicaid impact statements to be completed by an economic consulting firm retained by the Legislative Research Commission; create a new section of KRS Chapter 13A to require the cabinet to provide a draft copy of certain administrative regulations related to the Medicaid program to the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board for comment at least 30 days before filing the administrative regulation with the regulations compiler; direct the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board to establish a Dental Services Transition Subcommittee; establish membership and duties of the Dental Services Subcommittee; require any contract between the Department for Medicaid Services and a Medicaid managed care organization entered into, renewed, or extended after

the effective date of this Act to include notice to the managed care organization of the department's intent to transition to an administrative service organization delivery model for Medicaid-covered dental services; require the cabinet or the Department for Medicaid Services to seek federal approval if it is determined that such approval is necessary; provide authorization from the General Assembly to make changes in the Medicaid program as required under KRS 205.5372(1); direct the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Board to evaluate the nonemergency medical transportation program and submit findings and recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission by December 31, 2026; APPROPRIATION; EMERGENCY. (Johnson, Bumpous, Diakov, Marshall)

- [HB 497: An act relating to the Council on Postsecondary Education's oversight of public postsecondary education.](#) Amend KRS 164.515 to make the amount of tuition waived for the spouse or child of designated permanently disabled veterans a last-dollar scholarship that shall not exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; amend KRS 164.2841 to make the amount tuition waived for the survivor of police officer, firefighter, or volunteer firefighter killed in line of duty last-dollar scholarship that shall not exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; amend KRS 164.2842 to make the amount of tuition waived for the survivor of police officer, firefighter, or volunteer firefighter permanently and totally disabled in line of duty a last-dollar scholarship that shall not exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; amend KRS 164.507 to make the amount of tuition waived for the non-married spouse or child of a deceased veteran a last-dollar scholarship that shall not exceed the cost of tuition and mandatory fees less any state or federal grants; amend KRS 164.020 to delete the tuition waiver for employees and faculty of state and locally operated secondary area technology center staff. (Curry, Mullaney, Graycarek)
- [HB 312: An act relating to concealed firearms and deadly weapons.](#) Create a new section of KRS Chapter 237 to define "provisional license" and "standard license"; authorize the Department of Kentucky State Police (KSP) to issue provisional licenses to carry concealed firearms and other deadly weapons to persons who are 18 to 20 years of age; require KSP to provide notice of expiration of provisional licenses and an application to switch from a provisional license to a standard license; allow the provisional license holder to apply by paper to his or her sheriff or online to KSP for a standard license; allow KSP to promulgate administrative regulations to administer provisional and standard license issuance. (Green, Curry, Stahl)
- [HB 96: An act relating to the postsecondary education working group and declaring an emergency.](#) Amend KRS 164.092 to change the membership of the postsecondary education working group of the Council on Postsecondary

Education; require the working group to convene on a calendar year basis rather than a fiscal year basis; EMERGENCY. (Peak)

- [HB 376: An act relating to public postsecondary education institutions.](#) Amend KRS 164.020 to prohibit the Council on Postsecondary Education from raising tuition for a postsecondary education institution more than 5% a year for Kentucky resident students and 7% a year for non-Kentucky resident students; provide a 4-year tuition freeze for an enrolled Kentucky resident student; require an institution to notify a student before expiration of a tuition freeze; require any increase in tuition or fees to be approved before March 1; provide that the Act may be cited as the Kentucky Student Tuition Protection and Accountability Act; EFFECTIVE July 1, 2029. (Mullaney)
- [HB 307: An act relating to proactive postsecondary admission.](#) Create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to define terms; establish a proactive postsecondary admissions program to be managed by the Council on Postsecondary Education; require each public postsecondary education institution in Kentucky to establish the minimum academic qualification for prospective admission to the institution and implement the common online application approved by the council by July 1, 2027; require the Kentucky Department of Education and each certified nonpublic school to submit a compiled list with designated information of all high school students who most recently completed their junior year to the council and the Kentucky Center for Statistics on or before September 1 of each year; require the KHEAA to submit the KEES award amounts of public and certified nonpublic high school students to the council on or before September 1 of each year; direct the council to send a personalized prospective admissions letter notifying each eligible high school student of each public postsecondary education institution in Kentucky where the recipient qualifies for prospective admissions, provides instructions for the recipient to apply for full admission, and of the student's KEES scholarship amount; provide that the personalized letter shall not constitute a guarantee of admission; retain the right for public postsecondary education institutions to perform a comprehensive reviews of all admissions applications internally; create a new section of KRS Chapter 151 to direct the Kentucky Center for Statistics to collaborate with the Kentucky Department of Education and the Council on Postsecondary Education to publish annual data on academic and workforce outcomes; amend KRS 164.020 to direct the Council on Postsecondary Education to establish a common online application and maintain a website for students to apply to Kentucky public postsecondary institutions through the common online application. (Peak)
- [HB 310: An act relating to postsecondary funding.](#) Amend KRS 164.092 to remove the definition of "equilibrium" and all references to equilibrium; require that university resources shall be allocated without weighting; require the

postsecondary working group to meet every odd year; make technical amendments. (Mullaney)

- [SB 103: An act relating to prescription drugs](#). Amend KRS 304.17A-164 to define terms; prohibit insurers and administrators from requiring insureds to pay cost sharing for a prescription drug that is greater than the cash price; require insurers and administrators to count the amount paid for a covered prescription drug towards the insured's cost-sharing if certain requirements are met; establish requirements for insurers, administrators, and pharmacies for submission of cash price paid by an insured; exempt a state employee health plan from counting third-party payments unless a cash price was paid that is less than the plan's negotiated price; provide for construction of cost-sharing requirements; amend KRS 304.17C-125, 304.38A-115, 164.2871, and 18A.225 to apply cost-sharing requirements to limited health plans, self-insured state postsecondary education institution employer group health plans, and the state employee health plan; create a new section of KRS Chapter 315 to require pharmacies to comply with cost-sharing requirements; provide that cost-sharing requirements apply to health plans issued or renewed on or after effective date; **EFFECTIVE, January 1, 2027.**
- [HB 94: An act relating to postsecondary education](#). Amend KRS 164.2951 to require the Council on Postsecondary Education to develop, implement, and maintain statewide transfer pathways available between the public postsecondary education institutions in selected baccalaureate programs; require the council to publish on its website a list of the available transfer pathways; require participating postsecondary education institutions to accept transfer credit, earned or accepted at the prior institution within pathways as general education or program-specific general education credit before applying credit as elective; require the council to provide written notification to public postsecondary education institutions and coordinate credit transfer discussions upon receiving notification of an institution seeking to make changes to curricula impacting lower-division courses. (Peak, Cardarelli, DePuy)
- [HB 90: An act relating to educational lobbying](#). Create a new section of KRS Chapter 160 to define "lobbying" and "public school or school district"; prohibit a public school or school district from expending any moneys to compensate an external individual or entity to lobby; permit employees of public schools or school districts to engage in lobbying services; permit schools to compensate external individuals or entities to represent their interest before the executive or legislative branch of the federal government; create a new section of KRS Chapter 164 to prohibit a public postsecondary education institution from expending moneys to compensate an external individual or entity to engage in lobbying services; permit employees of public postsecondary education institutions to engage in lobbying services; permit public postsecondary education institutions to compensate

external individuals or entities to represent their interest before the executive or legislative branch of the federal government. (Peak)

- [HB 83: An act relating to open meetings](#). Amend KRS 61.848 to establish that any formal action of a public agency is voidable by a court if there was not substantial compliance with statutes regarding video teleconferencing of meetings, recording of minutes, and conditions for attendance. (Curry, Stahl)
- [HB 170: An act relating to restoring religious liberty](#). Amend KRS 446.350 to define terms; outline appropriate relief if a government substantially burdens a person's sincerely held religious belief; apply to laws adopted before or after the effective date; include severability clause; waive sovereign and governmental immunity. (Curry, Mardis, Stahl)

Bills assigned to members of the LMAC are noted in parentheses.