

Legislative Monitoring Action Committee

2023-2024 Report

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The General Assembly is in Frankfort for its biennial budget year legislative session, which is about mid-way through. They are still gathering input and meeting with key representatives and have until the end of this month to file new bills.

Shannon Tivitt, UofL's newly hired Vice President of Government Relations, is leading our weekly Monday meetings during the session to closely monitor bills that may potentially impact the university. I have identified several bills of note below. If there is something on the list or missing that you feel as staff we should be very supportive of or strongly opposed to, please let me know.

Online Resources: House Bill (HB) [https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/24rs/house\\_bills.html](https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/24rs/house_bills.html)

Senate Bill (SB) [https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/24rs/senate\\_bills.html](https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/24rs/senate_bills.html)

**Some of the bills we are watching that could potentially impact UofL:**

**SB 1** – would establish the endowed research fund to be administered by the CPE to fund research consortiums between public universities, with KY Spinal Cord and Head Injury Research Trust being 1 of the initial 5

**SB 6/HB 9** – relating to discrimination based on “divisive” or “discriminatory” concepts, DEI, diversity of thought, ideology, politics; includes a survey requirement (HB9 has more detailed restrictions and reporting requirements – a separate, different bill)

**SB 51** – relating to music therapy licensure

**SB 52** – relating to artificial intelligence (AI) technology requirements

**SB 66/HB 288** – would allow for concealed deadly weapons to be carried in postsecondary facilities (and governmental buildings)

**SB 80** – would disallow student IDs to be used to vote in elections

**SB 181** – relating to sexual extortion, requiring numerous posters to be displayed throughout campus

**SB 120** – would disallow state funds to be used for lobbying

**HB 6/HB 114** – budget related; appropriation funding for the operations, maintenance, support, and functioning of the university (and other government related entities)

**HB 432** – would allow KY students to use KEES funds for dual-credit courses