

Legislative Monitoring Action Committee

2023-2024 Report

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The General Assembly is in Frankfort for its biennial budget year legislative session. Deadlines have passed to submit new bills, but this is a time of intensified debate and activity.

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 two more 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)

**A couple of bills we are watching not mentioned in my last report:**

**HB 723** – in part, would require public universities to assist eligible communities with federal grant applications upon request of local area development districts to utilize funding through a Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation Program

**HB 826** – in part, would require public universities to protect Jewish students from credible threats of or violence motivated by antisemitism; General Assembly not to appropriate public funds to an institution that has not acted to protect Jewish students; to report to the police, defund, disband and terminate the registration or affiliation of a student or faculty organization determined to be providing material support or resources to a designated terrorist organization; no part of the university (school, program, center, etc.) or an individual acting in an official capacity shall provide material support or resources, as well; antisemitic intent shall be considered by law enforcement with allegations of unlawful discriminatory conduct or practice, targeting based on actual or perceived connection to Jewish identity; any foreign alien who endorses or espouses terrorist activity in violation of the Immigration and Nationality Act, including those on student or other temporary visas shall be subject to immediate arrest and deportation