

Legislative Deep Dive: What's Ahead for 2026

November 13, 2025

2026 Session



Biennial Budget Session

- 60 legislative working days
- Begins January 6
- Last day to file new Senate bill: Monday, March 2
- Last day to file new House bill: Wednesday, March 4
- Veto period: April 2-13
- Sine Die April 15

2026 KACo Legislative Priority



Reshaping the shared responsibility for county jails in Kentucky

Kentucky Association of Counties

Incentivize Regional Jails



Clarify Responsibility for Pre-Trial Felony Detainees



Redefine State Inmate Model



Other Issues to Watch



- State budget executive branch, transportation, and judicial branch budget bills
- Defense
 - Centralized collection of occupational license tax
 - Preemption of local control
 - Unfunded mandates



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