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several emergency regulations that were found to be deficient through the legislative review process. The measure addresses regulations related to Medicaid pharmacy policy and tobacco and vapor retailer licensing that raised concerns for lawmakers and Kentucky businesses.

Below is a look at several other bills that passed the Senate this week.

SB 11: Creates a rebate program to help home-

owners build FEMA-compliant storm shelters open to neighbors during severe weather.

SB 50: Modernizes Kentucky probate, estate and trust laws and allows electronic wills and estate planning documents.

SB 57: Establishes a Nuclear Reactor Site Readiness Pilot Program to prepare Kentucky for advanced nuclear energy development.

SB 59: Clarifies that government funds and resources cannot be used to advocate for or against ballot measures.

SB 94: Ensures motor

vehicle dealers are fairly compensated for warranty and recall repairs and creates a standardized labor rate process.

SB 125: Establishes a clearer process to identify and treat youth in the juvenile justice system with serious behavioral health needs.

SB 137: Creates a provisional medical license to help attract experienced international physicians to underserved areas of Kentucky.

SB 145: Updates statutes governing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control and modernizes licensing

provisions.

SB 156: Strengthens Kentucky law by clearly prohibiting marriage for anyone under age 18.

SB 173: Establishes a formal legislative review process for Kentucky's Medicaid and CHIP state plans.

SB 177: Updates licensure standards for speech-language pathologists and assistants to reflect current professional practices.

SB 191: Creates a pilot program encouraging child-care providers to improve kindergarten readiness outcomes.

SB 192: Allows small

cities to use simplified accounting methods to reduce regulatory burdens while maintaining transparency.

SB 193: Clarifies court authority and timelines when handling probation or supervision violations.

SB 197: Creates a tiered county system to better target economic development incentives toward distressed communities.

SB 245: Updates licensing requirements and enforcement tools for retailers selling tobacco, nicotine and vapor products.

SJR 54: Encourages

state agencies to expand enrollment in Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

I look forward to keeping you updated as the 2026 Regular Session continues. If you have questions or ideas, feel free to contact my office at 502-564-8100 or email me at Steve.West@kylegislature.gov. You can learn more about bills, committees, and other updates from the Kentucky General Assembly at www.legislature.ky.gov.

Following Trump's State of the Union Call, Barr Introduces House Dalilah Law to Secure Our Roads and Stop Illegals from Getting CDLs

Today, U.S. Congressman Andy Barr (R-KY) announced he will introduce the House companion to the "Dalilah Law," cracking down on left-wing states like New York, Illinois, and California giving out commercial driver's licenses to illegals. Barr, one of the strongest members in the House on the border, has a perfect A+ rating from NumbersUSA for his work on border security polices. Last week, an audit from the U.S. Department of Transportation found that 1 in 5 non-domiciled CDLs were issued illegally in the state of Illinois.

The "Dalilah Law," named for Dalilah Coleman — who was critically injured in a 2024

collision involving a commercial truck — was formally introduced in the U.S. Senate by Senator Jim Banks (R-IN) following a call to action from President Donald J. Trump during the 2026 State of the Union address. The Dalilah Law would:

- Require that states limit commercial driver's licenses to U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, and certain temporary work visa holders as a condition of receiving Department of Transportation funding.

- Mandate English-only CDL testing to ensure that all commercial drivers possess the language skills necessary for safe operation on U.S. roads.

- Require states to re-

voke CDLs issued to undocumented immigrants or individuals without qualifying legal status, even if they previously had work authorization.

- Strengthen verification processes and recertification requirements to ensure ongoing compliance with eligibility and safety standards.

"If you are an illegal, you should be deported, not handed the keys to the most powerful vehicles on the road," said Congressman Barr. "Dalilah Coleman is one of too many Americans who have been injured or killed by an illegal operating our most dangerous vehicles unlawfully. President Trump is 100% right than this needs to end, and I'll lead

the fight with Senator Banks to make sure this is done."

During his State of the Union address, President Trump underscored the urgency of the issue, calling on Congress to pass the Dalilah Law to improve safety on the nation's highways.

The President said in his State of the Union in-part, "Many, if not most, illegal aliens do not speak English and cannot read even the most basic road signs as to direction, speed, danger, or location. That's why tonight, I'm calling on Congress to pass what we will call the Dalilah Law, barring any state from granting commercial driver's licenses to illegal aliens."

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem also called for Dalilah's Law to be passed, "Under President Trump's leadership, we have worked to deliver justice for the families impacted by illegal alien crime, and have ensured that the tragedies they endured will no longer continue. What happened to Dalilah Coleman is a tragedy that

could have been PREVENTED if California did not grant commercial driver's licenses to illegal aliens who should have never been here in the first place. DHS is working every single day to remove dangerous criminal illegal aliens who are unlawfully in the U.S."

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Project No. 24-025

City of Mt. Olivet
(Owner)

Separate sealed bids for the purchase and delivery of Grinder Pumps will be received by the City of Mt. Olivet at the office of the City of Mt. Olivet, 54 E. Walnut Street, Mt. Olivet, KY 41064 until 11:30 A.M., E.S.T. 3/13/2026, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The Bid Documents may be examined at the following:
Buffalo Trace Area Development District, 201 Government Street, Maysville, KY, 41056, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM; and at the office of the City of Mt. Olivet, 54 E. Walnut Street, Mt. Olivet, KY, 41064, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Copies are also available for download on Buffalo Trace Area Development District's website at www.btadd.com.

The owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Section 109 and BABA and Title VI and other requirements, if applicable. Minority bidders are encouraged to bid.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

2/25/2026
(Date)

Jennifer Whalen, Mayor, City of Mt. Olivet

"EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY"

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NOTICE

Nicholas County Fiscal Court will have a special called meeting at the Nicholas County Courthouse on Monday, March 23rd at 2pm. to open bids for the Nicholas County Emergency Service Building (Project No 20116)

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Chester Robertson 502 619 2916

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PRESCHOOL/HEAD START/ KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION March 27th 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Parents please park in the front parking lot and enter through the front door.
Only one parent shall be permitted with each child.
(Only preschool/head start children need to attend)

Eligibility

Head Start/Pre-K-must be at least 3 and not more than 5 before August 1, 2026.

Kindergarten must be at least 5 on August 1, 2026.

****Only Preschool/Head Start children will need to attend registration****

Your child needs the following documents to enroll:

Birth Certificate

Immunization certificate

Physical

Eye Exam

Dental Exam

Lead Screening (Preschool/Head Start only)

Proof of household income for previous 12 months (Preschool/Head Start only)

Health Insurance Card

Please note: If you plan for your child to be enrolled in Head Start/Pre-K during the 2026-2027 school year you must attend registration. Only new enrollees need to attend.