



KEA President's Points

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Dear Member,

Senate Bill 1 -2017 has finally been signed into law. It contains an emergency clause which allows it to go into effect immediately. That means you can stop working on those Program Reviews!! LOL

The following list of bills was signed by Governor Bevin on April 10th. KEA had a position of SUPPORT for all on this list. Clicking the bill number below will provide the final versions for more detailed information.

[SB1](#) - AN ACT relating to public education and declaring an emergency.

[HB33](#) -AN ACT relating to school notification of persons authorized to contact or remove a child.

[HB206](#)- AN ACT relating to the dual credit scholarship program, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency.

[HB241](#) -AN ACT relating to student athlete safety.

[HB524](#) -AN ACT relating to the prevention of human trafficking.

[HB522](#) -AN ACT relating to state agency children.

Commissioner Pruitt to hold Town Hall Meetings on Accountability System

KEA members are encouraged to attend these meetings to give feedback and learn about the proposed new Assessment and Accountability system for Kentucky.

Town Hall Meeting Schedule - 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Local Time
Thursday, April 13 -Laurel County Schools Center for Innovation, Main Presentation Room, 1100 East 4th Street, London and **Monday, April 17** -Rowan County Senior High School, Performing Arts Center,499 Viking Dr., Morehead

KEA needs your feedback on use of assessments

KEA is conducting a short survey around the use of assessments in your schools and districts. This survey is to help with upcoming work around the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and 2017 Senate Bill 1. If you are a current educator please [click on this link](#) and help us gather data regarding the assessments students take and how they impact instruction.

SB 50 provided language that allows, but does not require, districts to adopt non-traditional school calendars. Now is the time for Local Presidents to begin having conversations with their Superintendents about how teachers and classified staff will be put on this expanded calendar committee (see below). Due to changes in KRS 158.070, school districts will need to follow several new provisions.



1. Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, the superintendent must recommend for approval by the local board a calendar committee, following the committee makeup that is listed in new Section (2) (b). [one elementary teacher, one (middle or high school) teacher, 2 classified employees]
2. The committee will propose the Original calendar options for the 2018-19 school year, and all original school calendars thereafter. This committee must review, develop, and recommend school calendar options for the superintendent to present to the local board, per new section (2) (a). [which now requires this to happen over 2 school board meetings]
3. Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, a local board may adopt a variable instructional school year calendar with the first student day starting no earlier than the Monday closest to August 26, but student days can be no longer than 420 minutes. The school year shall still meet the 1,062 student instructional hour requirement. (Section 9)

Sign the pledge and you could win a brand new FORD!



More than 40,000 educators across the country have met California Casualty's challenge to take a pledge to not drive distracted, thousands of those are from Kentucky. While it's a good start, it's not enough; there was a marked increase in the number of fatal crashes in 2016, reversing a decade long decline. That's why California Casualty's Promise to Drive Focused campaign is more important than ever.

Safety groups warn that a large majority of distracted driving crashes involve younger drivers. California Casualty is reaching out to KEA members through social media, group publications and face-to-face conversations at schools and state conventions encouraging them to become a positive role model for their students and families. Teachers, administrators and educational support professionals who go to www.drivesafepromise.com and make the commitment to

drive focused will become eligible to win a new Ford Focus*.

The drive focused initiative compliments the efforts of [Impact Teen Drivers](#), a non-profit founded and supported by California Casualty, working to put an end to inattentive driving. With distracted driving the number one killer of teens, educators know all too often the tragedy associated with poor choices behind the wheel.

"We are dedicated to protecting educators," said California Casualty Sr. Vice President Mike McCormick. "Each promise to drive focused creates safer roads for them, their families and their students."

The National Safety Council believes we can all reverse the trend because [traffic fatalities and injuries are preventable](#), and a coordinated effort can get Americans on the right road to reducing traffic deaths.

Since April is National Distracted Driving Awareness month, now is the time for K-12 educators and administrators in Kentucky to do their part to prevent needless tragedies and enter to win at www.drivesafepromise.com. The year-long campaign ends September 1, 2017, with the new car winner announced in September or October of 2017.

Founded in 1914, California Casualty has partnered with the Kentucky Education Association to provide members auto and home insurance tailored to their professional needs since 1994. Headquartered in San Mateo, CA, with Service Centers in Arizona, Colorado and Kansas, California Casualty has been led by four generations of the Brown family. To learn more about California Casualty, or to request an auto insurance quote, please visit www.calcas.com/KEA or call 1.800.800.9410.

*Ford Motor Company is not a participating partner in or sponsor of this contest.

Sincerely,

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