

# KEA President's Points

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Dear Member,  
Last week's legislative recap:

On Wed, Feb. 8th, Senate  
State and Local Government  
Committee  
Passed SB2 and SB104

## LEGISLATIVE RECAP



### **SB2 - Sen. Bowen (Passed the Full Senate 37-0)**

- \* Contract review by State Auditor and creates State Contract Review Committee
- \* Increase number of members in Pension Oversight Board from 13 to 19 (+6 legislators).
- \* Adds 4 gubernatorial voting appointees to KRS Board
- \* Adds 2 gubernatorial voting appointees to TRS Board (negotiated down from 6)

### **SB104 - Sen. McDaniel**

- \* As a part of the original SB2 employer had to pay the actuarial cost to the system for any "spike" that exceeded 10% in final five years
- \* This bill limits the spike to no more than 10%
- \* Does not include TRS members, but includes CERS; Sick leave is exempt from this legislation.

**NOTE: Right now there is no bill that has an impact on sick leave accumulation or payments, but we are watching all retirement bills closely.**

On Thursday, 72 UCEA, UKREA, Third District and Retired members attended a KEA Day of Learning. The **Senate Education Committee** met and passed SB 50 and SB 78

- **SB 1** was not heard in Committee last week as expected. The bill is scheduled to be heard this Thursday. **KEA SUPPORTS this bill.** The reason for not hearing SB 1 last week is due to a request from House members to have time to further review the legislation. A Vote will likely move quickly from Senate Ed Committee through to House members for consideration.
- Sen. Thayer is the primary sponsor of **SB50**, a bill that would allow flexibility and incentives for districts to start school later in August. **KEA OPPSES this bill. (PASSED**

full Senate 33-1) The bill keeps student learning hours (1,062) the same, but allows superintendents to determine how many days they go to school. KEA has some concerns about the addition of provisions for a "variable student instructional year" and the impact that may have on classified staff on issues like service credit. Also, the potential for a longer summer slide, parental leave/day care options, and stories from the field about being an administrative challenge.

- Sen. Alvarado is sponsoring [SB78](#), which would prohibit students, school personnel, and visitors from using tobacco products on school property. **KEA is TRACKING this bill.**

### House State Government Committee

Passed [HCR 7](#)

- Sponsored by Rep. Kenny Imes, this resolution urges the United States Congress to amend Title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government Pension Offset Provision. **KEA SUPPORTS this bill.**

Senate Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection

Passed **SB17**

- Sen. Robinson is sponsoring [SB17](#), which is meant to permit students freely express religion or political viewpoints in certain spaces. **KEA OPPOSES this bill.** KEA recognizes that protections for free speech exist. However there are concerns about what the bill could mean for in class assignments and potential problems with curriculum and standards work.

### Nominations being taken for KEA Administrator Delegate to attend the NEA RA

The National Education Association (NEA) notified KEA on January 15 that because of growth in our membership numbers among public school administrators, KEA is again eligible to send an administrator delegate to the NEA Representative Assembly. The 2017 NEA RA will be in Boston, Massachusetts, June 30 to July 5.

Administrators will vote in their own category in KEA's online delegate election, which will run March 1 to 31 at [www.KEA.org](http://www.KEA.org). If you are an administrator member of KEA and wish to nominate yourself to be a delegate to the RA, please complete this [form](#) and return it to KEA Headquarters by **5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time Friday, February 17**. Only the [official nomination form](#) (whether the original or a copy) will be accepted. You must limit the biographical information you provide to 25 words or less. Information is posted at [here](#).

Teachers needed to apply for work with teacher

## preparation programs

The Council on the Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP) is looking for K-12 teachers to apply to be on a CAEP Accreditation review panel. There is information about volunteers on CAEP's website at <http://caepnet.org/working-together/volunteers/selection-and-timeline>. There is also an application [here](#).

## Dates to Remember:



- Feb 15**      Deadline for KEA President Scholarship Applications
- Feb 17**      Deadline for KEA Teacher and ESP of the Year Nominations
- Feb 17**      Deadline to submit workshop proposals for the 2017 TALK Conference
- Feb 13-17**    *\*\*This week KEA DA delegates should receive hotel and conference information packets in the mail!*

Sincerely,

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