

# KEA President's Points

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The Kentucky Education Association is the preeminent voice for quality public education.

We unite, organize and empower members to advocate for themselves and to ensure a quality public education for every Kentucky student.

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Dear Member,

Last week was a whirlwind beginning to the 2017 Legislative Session, including an unprecedented Saturday session. This Saturday cost the taxpayers \$70,000 to rush the passage of 7 pieces of legislation into law effective immediately upon Governor Bevin's signature. Not all of these bills were related to KEA members. Highlighted below were some that are related. Click the links to read the final version of the bills and how your legislator voted on them.

**[HB1](#)**: Sponsored by Speaker Jeff Hoover (R- Jamestown), this is the perennial "right to work" legislation that will prohibit financial support of a labor organization as a condition of employment. **KEA OPPOSED this bill.**

### [Final Passage](#)

Senate: Yeas, 25 - Nays, 12  
House: Yeas, 58 - Nays, 39

**[HB3](#)**: Sponsored by Speaker Jeff Hoover (R-Jamestown), this bill will repeal prevailing wage provisions for public works projects in the state. **KEA OPPOSED this bill.**

### [Final Passage](#)

Senate: Yeas, 25 - Nays, 12  
House: Yeas, 57 - Nays, 40

**[SB6](#)**: Sponsored by Senate President Robert Stivers (R-Manchester), this bill adds new requirements related to collection of member dues and reporting requirements. It was amended, prior to passage in the Senate, to remove restrictions to KEA member voice at the Capitol and the ability for members to automatically renew membership. **KEA OPPOSED this bill.**

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How to be an active participant in the 2017 Legislative Session

KEA has billboards up in Frankfort at both exits for all to see as they come and go from the Capitol city. If your local association is interested in sponsoring a similar billboard in your local community, please contact KEA Communications Director Charles Main.



Members are also encouraged to:

1. Sign up for **Legislative Action Text Alerts** by sending a text to **67076** and in the message line type "KEAactionalert".
2. Like the **Kentucky Education Association** Facebook page
3. Set up the **Legislative Message Line** as a "CONTACT" in your phone: 1-800-372-7181
4. Follow us on Twitter @KYEducators
5. Sign up for your KEA **District's Day of Learning**. Contact your local KEA office for dates and details. The Days of Learning give educators an opportunity to travel to Frankfort and attend education committee hearings and meet with legislators.
6. Check out the [KEA online store](#) today and get your association swag delivered right to your door. Let's spread our love for public schools far and wide.

## Dates to Remember:



- Jan 13** KEA Student Empowerment Essay and Visual Art Contest Entries Due
- Jan 16** MLK Holiday
- Jan 17** → Deadline to file for 3 year term for both an NEA Director and state Ethnic Minority Seat  
→ KEA Deadline to submit KEA Constitutional Amendments  
→ Application deadline for KEA Teaching in Excellence Award and ESP of the Year  
→ Nominations for NEA RA due to KEA HQ office by 5:00 pm EST
- Feb 7** Legislature resumes

Sincerely,

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