# **EXEA President's Points**



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**January 18, 2017** 

Dear Member,

During this legislative recess, KEA is working hard to analyze and research the impact many of the filed pieces of education legislation will have on Kentucky students, schools, and state employees. Included in this edition of President's Points is a survey about the impact of one of those bills. I hope you will take just a few minutes to fill out this short survey.

#### KEA asks for member input on SB 80

Senate bill 80 is sponsored by Sen. Mike Wilson, the Senate Education Committee Chair. The full text of the bill can be viewed <u>here</u>.

This bill would amend KRS 161.095 to prohibit the Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) from imposing conditions for a teacher to maintain his or her certification; amend KRS 161.1211 to prohibit the EPSB from requiring a Rank III teacher to obtain a Rank II or Rank I to maintain his or her certificate; and amend KRS 161.020 and 156.553 to conform.

Please take this short <u>survey</u> so that we may share your thoughts with Senator Wilson. This survey will be open from Wednesday, Jan 18 through Friday, Jan 20 at close of business.

#### KEA seeks Teacher and ESP of the Year Nominees

Any KEA member who works in a public school can be nominated by another member as a nominee for the teacher or ESP of the year. Self-nominations are also accepted. Applications can be found on-line <a href="here">here</a>. The deadline to submit nomination is *Feb 17th*, *2017*.

## California Casualty asks you to take the safe driving pledge

KEA members who make a promise to drive safely will be eligible to win a new car from California Casualty. The yearlong Promise to Drive Focused campaign is dedicated to preventing needless tragedies from inattentive or distracted driving. For more information about how you can sign the pledge and a chance to win a new car please visit <a href="here">here</a>.

#### Dates to Remember:



Jan 20 Presidential Inauguration Day

Feb 7 Legislature resumes

Feb 15 Deadline for KEA President Scholarship Applications

Feb 17 Deadline for KEA Teacher and ESP of the Year

**Nominations** 

Sincerely,

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