

KEA President's Points

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This edition is a special Pension UPDATE.

1) ***The Governor released the 505 page pension reform bill late Friday afternoon.*** KEA has combed through the bill over the weekend. Many of the points that were released previously about the plan are included, but the overall bill has many more changes that undermine the Kentucky public education system. A joint statement from education groups will be published later today in the form of a press release. Please find a new [KEA document](#) to post on bulletin boards or to hand out in mailboxes to members. Feel free to use these resources to guide future conversations with your legislators.

Please click on the names of the documents to find the draft of the [PENSION Bill](#), a [SIDE by SIDE comparison](#), and a [SECTION by SECTION Summary](#). Please do not print this bill at school as it is very lengthy. The Governor's Budget Director Chilton is expected to review the bill draft with the PPOB on Thursday Nov. 2nd at 1 PM ET in the Capitol Annex Room 154. Anyone that can attend is encouraged to do so.

2) ***MUST SEE TV-*** KET's October 30 *Kentucky Tonight* program at 8:00 pm ET with Renee Shaw will discuss public employee pensions. Scheduled guests are:

- Stephanie Winkler, president of the Kentucky Education Association
- Dave Adkisson, president and chief executive officer of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
- Jason Bailey, executive director of the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy
- William Smith, member of the pension reform team for the Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions

The program is live on KET and at [KET.org/live](#) at 8:00 pm ET/7:00 CT. Viewers with questions and comments may send e-mail to kytonight@ket.org or use the message form at [KET.org/kytonight](#). Viewers may also submit questions and comments on Twitter @KyTonightKET. The phone number for viewer questions during the program is 1-800-494-7605. All messages should include first and last name and town or county. Kentucky Tonight programs are available online at [KET.org/kytonight](#) and are rebroadcast on KET, KET KY, and radio

3) **"United We Stand" Pension Rally** will be held on Wednesday November 1, 2017 from 5-7 pm ET rain or shine. This rally is sponsored by a coalition of pension advocates that support public employees. Anyone is welcome to attend. Bring warm clothes, comfortable shoes, and rain gear. Don't forget to bring signs that support our message!

4) **Please continue to contact legislators EVERY DAY to protect public school employees from unnecessary structural changes our pension system.** The system is not the problem- don't be misled. The problem lies in the lack of funding. Our legislature needs to **#FindFundingFirst!** Call the Legislative Message Line 1-800-372-7181- tell your legislators to **#FindFundingFirst** Email your Representative and Senator and tell them **#APensionIsAPromise**



Save the Date



Oct. 31	Halloween
Nov. 1	"United We Stand" Pension Rally at the state Capitol 5-7pm ET
Nov. 4	PPOB Meeting Capitol Annex 1PM ET
Nov. 11	Veteran's Day (observed on Friday 10th)
Nov. 30	KEA Locals deadline to submit KEA DA Delegate list to KEA

Sincerely,

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