

Kentucky Senate approves cameras on school bus stop arms

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT – The Kentucky Senate has given approval to legislation that would allow the use of cameras on school bus stop arms, to catch those drivers who pass a bus with its red lights on while picking up or dropping off students.

House Bill 7 was presented by Sen. Greg Elkins, R-Winchester. He stated, “Ad we all know, a lot of times the most dangerous point of a child’s dy is when it lets go of its mother’s hand and

climbs aboard the school bus.”

He explained why the bill is needed. “Data shows we have almost 1,300 school bus safety violations each day. It’s an incredible number.”

Under HB 7, the cameras would only activate when the stop arm is deployed.

“When a stop arm camera detects a violation,” Elkins told his colleagues, “the violator would be sent a letter, a picture of the violation included, informed of the fine and told they have the option to appeal to district court.”

The penalty is \$300 for the first violation and \$500 for each subsequent violation over a three-year period. If the fine is not contested or paid within 60 days, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet could suspend the vehicle’s registration.

The fines collected would go to the schools, which in turn would help them pay off what the expense of these cameras would be to install, which is thousands of dollars for each bus.”

The bill also stipulates that recorded



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Bill targets drivers who illegally pass stopped school buses.

images related to a violation are considered private and would be accessible only by authorized personnel. They would also be erased after 30 days, unless the vio-

lution is contested.

The bill passed on a 37-1 vote, and now goes back to the House for members there to consider whether or not to agree to Senate changes.

Senate votes 38-0 to criminalize child grooming behavior

By Tom Latek
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FRANKFORT – Legislation that would establish the offense of grooming a minor for sexual activity or other prohibited behavior passed the Kentucky Senate by a unanimous vote on Thursday.

Under House Bill 4, sponsored by Rep. Marianne Proctor, R-Union, if someone is 18 or older and engages in grooming behavior directed at a minor who is less than 14 years old; or being a person in a position of authority or position of special trust, as those terms are defined in existing state law, he or she engages in grooming behavior directed at a minor who is under eighteen, they would violate the proposed law.

The first provision would be a Class A Misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail, unless the minor is under 12, when it would qualify as a Class D felony, with a potential penalty of one to five years behind bars, if convicted.

The second provision, involving someone in a position of authority or special trust, grooming of anyone under 18 would be a Class D Felony, unless the victim is under 12.

State bill toughens school violence disciplinary actions

By Tom Latek
Kentucky Today

FRANKFORT, Ky. (KT) – A Senate bill to protect teachers and school staff from violent students passed the Kentucky House on Wednesday, advancing an effort to require stricter disciplinary action and expand reporting requirements in schools.

Under Senate Bill 101, sponsored by Sen. Matt Nunn, R-Sadieville, school boards would be required to expel stu-

dents in grades 6 through 12 for at least 12 months if the student “recklessly” with a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument, or intentionally caused or attempted to cause physical injury to a school district employee on school property or at a school function.

Rep. Patrick Flannery, R-Olive Hill, carried the legislation in the House. He noted provisions in the bill that apply to students with individual education plans (IEP) and disabilities, noting that protections remain

in place under federal law.

“If the student has an IEP and the assault is determined to be a manifestation of their disability they are exempted,” he said. “The student shall be given educational services in an alternative setting as long as they can be provided safely.”

In addition to mandatory expulsions, the bill would strengthen reporting requirements for school personnel. Teachers or staff who fail to report incidents that

occur on school property or at school-sanctioned events, when there is probable cause, could face misdemeanor charges, with penalties increasing for repeated failures.

One amendment adopted by the House expands the bill’s language to include school bus stops as locations where misconduct could trigger expulsion. The change follows concerns about incidents occurring outside traditional school property.

Another one would

allow an expulsion to end after 26 weeks if certain conditions are met, including writing a letter to anyone injured in the incident, completing 15 hours of community service, and earning a 3.0 GPA on coursework completed during the expulsion period, along with any additional requirements set by the local school board.

The bill cleared the House on an 84-5 vote, and now returns to the Senate to see if they agree to the House changes.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE NUMBER 26-P-58

NOTICE is hereby given that Pat Crowe Hager has qualified as Administrator of the estate of Nina Faye Crowe, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on February 25, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Pat Crowe Hager, 1793 River Road, Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to her, attorney, Martin East, 400 S. Main, Nicholasville, KY 40356 no later than August 25, 2026.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

Jessamine Journal:
Apr. 2, 2026
EST/CROWE, N.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Jessamine County Board of Elections will hold a meeting on April 7, 2026, at 10:00A.M. in the Jessamine County Clerk's Office, 101 North Main Street, Nicholasville, KY 40356.

Johnny M. Collier, CJC
Jessamine County Clerk

Jessamine Journal:
Apr. 2, 2026
MEETING 4.7.26

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Nicholasville Board of Adjustment will meet in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2026 in the Community Room of the Nicholasville Police Station, 717 North Main Street, Nicholasville, Kentucky.

Conditional Use Permit

1060 Elizabeth Street, Suite 6. Conditional Use Permit to operate a fitness and sports training facility that also provides wellness services for youth and adults in an I-1 Light Industrial District. Requested by Randy Raglin c/o In Flight Training, Nicholasville, KY.

Dimensional Variance

301 West Oak Street. Dimensional Variance to construct a 20' x 30' detached garage that would be less than the required 30' from the front build line and less than the required 6' from the rear property line as specified per ordinance. Requested by William and Tracy Gatliff, Nicholasville, KY.

932 South Main Street. Dimensional Variance to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages to the customers of the nail salon located less than the required 100' from the residential zone. Requested by Lush Nails & Bar, Nicholasville, KY.

132 Locust Heights. Dimensional Variance to construct a detached garage that would be larger than the allowed 650 sq. ft. and to allow the existing two detached structures to remain. Requested by Randy David, Nicholasville, KY.

165 Gainsway Drive. Dimensional Variance to allow a 6' privacy fence placed less than the required 12.5' from the inside edge of the sidewalk. Requested by Amanda Grace Davis, Nicholasville, KY.

Appeals

Boone Development Appeals the Notice of January 22, 2026.

Via Vitae Appeals the Notice of January 22, 2026.

Annual review of previously approved Conditional Use Permits.

Alex Lyttle, Chairman
Nicholasville Board of Adjustment

Jessamine Journal:
Apr. 2, 2026
MEETING 4.13.26

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The Jessamine County-City of Wilmore Joint Board of Adjustment will meet in regular session at 6:30pm, Thursday, April 16, 2026 in the second-floor courtroom of the Jessamine County Courthouse located at 101 North Main Street, Nicholasville, Kentucky. The agenda will be as follows:

Old Business

Case #11096 – Application for Dimensional Variance to reduce the required road frontage from 200' to 0' for construction of a residence, submitted by Bryan & Melissa Tipton for property zoned A-1 at TBD Mackey Pike, Jessamine County, KY, Parcel: 088-00-00-049.00.

Case #11161 – Administrative Appeal of Notice of Violation to discontinue operation of a business in the A-1 zone submitted by Evan Ford and Marquie Cassidy for property zoned A-1 located at 185 Hilltop, Jessamine County, KY.

Case #11189 – Application for Conditional Use permit to operate a special event venue submitted by Kevin and Chrissy Udd for property zoned A-1 at 175 Cassidy Way, Jessamine County, KY.

Case CE2096 – Public Hearing pursuant to County Ordinance, Chapter 151 (Unfit Buildings), Forrest Ham and Wilbur Ham, for 120 Pekin Lane, Jessamine County, KY.

New Business

Case #STR15 – Application for Conditional Use Permit to operate a Short-Term Rental submitted by Heidi Monzon for property zoned A-1 and located at 1218 Baker Lane, Jessamine County, KY.

Case #CUP16 – Application for Conditional Use Permit to operate an event venue submitted by M3 Family Investment, LLC for property zoned A-1 and located at 5028 Ashgrove Road, Jessamine County, KY.

Case #VAR23 – Application for Dimensional Variance to reduce the required setback from the eastern side-yard from 15' to 6' and western side-yard from 15' to 10' for conformity of a pre-existing garage and placement of a manufactured home submitted by Victor Sanchez for property zoned A-1 and located at 123 Griffin Drive, Jessamine County, KY.

Jessamine Journal:
Apr. 2, 2026
MEETING 4.16.26

PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE NUMBER 26-P-69

NOTICE is hereby given that Martin B. Tucker has qualified as Executor of the estate of Dorothy A. Swintosky, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on March 19, 2026. All persons having claims against the said

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estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Martin B. Tucker, 14 Court of Champions, Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to his, attorney, Wade Lawson, 100 West Main Street, Suite 900, Lexington, KY 40507 no later than September 19, 2026.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

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Apr. 2, 2026
EST/SWINTOSKY, D.

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NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the Jessamine County Fiscal Court on March 17, 2026 enacted an ordinance, the full text of which is available for public inspection in the office of the Jessamine County Clerk, Jessamine County Courthouse, Nicholasville, Kentucky 40356. The Ordinance by title and summary is as follows:
An Ordinance relating to: Budget Amendment pertaining to revenues for State Grants in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 and appropriations for Economic Development Project in the amount of \$2,000,000.00

JESSAMINE COUNTY FISCAL COURT

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Apr. 2, 2026
ORDINANCE 3.17.26

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JESSAMINE COUNTY FISCAL COURT NOTICE OF BID

The Jessamine County Fiscal Court will be accepting sealed bids for disposal and haul from the Jessamine County Convenience Center. Bid specifications can be picked up at the office of Jessamine County Judge/Executive David K West, 101 North Main Street, Nicholasville, KY 40356 or available at www.jessamineky.gov. Sealed bids will be accepted until April 20, 2026 at 11:00 am at the Office of Jessamine County Judge/Executive, David K. West, 101 North Main Street, Nicholasville, KY 40356. The Fiscal Court reserves the right to reject or refuse any or all bids.
Jessamine County Fiscal Court

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CASE NUMBER 26-P-72

NOTICE is hereby given that Hershel Joe Morris Jr. has qualified as Administrator of the estate of Joseph Gorman Morris, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on March 19, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Hershel Joe Morris Jr., 2075 John Watts Road, Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to his, attorney, David W. Thomas, 400 South Main Street, Nicholasville, KY 40356 no later than September 19, 2026.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

Jessamine Journal:
Apr. 2, 2026
EST/MORRIS, H. JR.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE NUMBER 26-P-87

NOTICE is hereby given that Heather Warren has qualified as Administratrix of the estate of Claire E. Folz, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on March 19, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Heather Warren, 108 W. Maple St., Nicholasville, KY 40356 or to her, attorney, Heather Warren, 108 W. Maple St., Nicholasville, KY 40356 no later than September 19, 2026.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

Jessamine Journal:
Apr. 2, 2026
EST/FOLZ, C.

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NOTICE OF PROPERTY SALE

The Jessamine County Board of Education will receive sealed proposals from qualified parties to purchase certain real property consisting of 0.21 acres of real property located at 400 Bohicket Road, Wilmore, KY until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at its office address shown below. Required RFP-SPB01FY26 bid packets may be obtained by contacting Kim Flynn - Purchasing Supervisor, Jessamine County Board of Education, 871 Wilmore Road, Nicholasville, KY 40356 (859) 885-4179 ext 3023 kim.flynn@jessamine.kyschools.us

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN THAT THE CITY OF WILMORE ON MARCH 16, 2026, ENACTED AN ORDINANCE. THE FULL TEXT OF WHICH IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION IN THE OFFICE OF THE WILMORE CITY CLERK @ 210 S. LEXINGTON AVE. WILMORE, KY 40390. THE ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ORDINANCE 2026-1 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ETHICAL CONDUCT CODE APPLICABLE TO THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY AND ITS AGENCIES.

Jessamine Journal:
April 2, 2026
ORDINANCE 2026-1

PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE NUMBER 26-P-76

NOTICE is hereby given that Jill Jennings Hensley has qualified as Executrix of the estate of Glenn Wilson Hensley, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on March 9, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid Jill Jennings Hensley, 1561 Jessamine Station Road, Nicholasville, KY 40356 no later than September 9, 2026.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

Jessamine Journal:
Apr. 2, 2026
EST/HENSLEY, G.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CASE NUMBER 26-P-80

NOTICE is hereby given that William Kelly Dowell has qualified as Administrator of the estate of Cassie Danielle King, deceased of Jessamine County, Kentucky on March 19, 2026. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same properly proven as required by law to the aforesaid William Kelly Dowell, 101 San Antonio Way, Nicholasville, KY 40356 no later than September 19, 2026.

Doug Fain
Jessamine County Circuit Clerk

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