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KY Legislative Scorecard 2025

Based on the Principles of the U.S. Constitution

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★ Constitutional ✗ Unconstitutional ? Did not Vote **Vote**

1. HB664 Automated Speed Enforcement (Passed 76 to 20 on 3/28/2025). Establishes a pilot program for automated speed enforcement in highway work zones by issuing civil citations to drivers exceeding the speed limit by more than 10 miles per hour when workers are present. **YES** ✗

2. HB4 DEI Admissions Ban (Passed 79 to 19 on 3/27/2025). Prohibits public universities from using diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives in admissions, hiring, scholarships, and other areas. **YES** ★

3. HB2 Real Money (Passed 80 to 19 on 3/27/2025). Prohibits the state from charging sales or use taxes on gold, silver, and platinum bullion. **YES** ★

4. HB495 Conversion-therapy Protections & Medicaid Gender-procedures Ban (Passed 78 to 20 on 3/27/2025). Overturns Governor Andy Beshear's ban on conversion therapy for minors, protects counselors and religious providers offering it, and bars Medicaid coverage for adult sex-change procedures. **YES** ★

5. SB1 Kentucky Film Office (Passed 77 to 8 on 3/14/2025). Establishes an official Kentucky Film Office within the Cabinet for Economic Development **YES** ✗

6. HB1 Income-tax Cut (Passed 90 to 7 on 1/9/2025). Cuts the state's individual income tax rate from 4% to 3.5%, starting with the 2026 tax year. **YES** ★

Estimated benefit per household: **+$401.00/year.**

Scorecard Votes: 67%

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$289,049

U.S. National Debt Per Household as of April 27, 2026

Why do these votes matter?

1. Automated Speed Enforcement

HB664 establishes a pilot program for automated speed enforcement in highway work zones by issuing civil citations to drivers exceeding the speed limit by more than 10 miles per hour when workers are present. The Transportation Cabinet is tasked active enforcement and issuing courtesy warnings during the first 30 days of operation.

The Kentucky State House of Representatives passed HB664 on March 28, 2025 by a vote of 76 to 20. We have assigned pluses to the nays because traffic cameras undermine due process by removing human interaction and presuming guilt before innocence—principles protected by the Fifth and 14th Amendments of the Constitution. These cameras infringe upon the Fourth Amendment, which protects individuals from unreasonable searches and seizures, and they unfairly grant leniency to some while denying it to others—contradicting the principle that “all men are created equal.”

2. DEI Admissions Ban

HB4 prohibits public universities from using DEI initiatives in admissions, hiring, scholarships, and other areas. It bans DEI offices, training, and related programs. It requires universities to disclose employee salaries and budgets monthly and submit annual reports on government-mandated discrimination.

The Kentucky State House of Representatives passed HB4 on March 27, 2025 by a vote of 79 to 19. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because the goal of DEI is to divide Americans along lines of race, gender, and other identity markers. DEI programs replace merit-based admissions with race- and identity-based preferences. Reverse discrimination is still discrimination, and it violates the constitutional principle of equal protection under the law.

3. Real Money

HB2 prohibits the state from charging sales or use taxes on gold, silver, and platinum bullion. It also allows individuals who paid these taxes since August 2024 to apply for refunds, including interest and damages.

The Kentucky State House of Representatives passed HB2 on March 27, 2025 by a vote of 80 to 19. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill is an important step toward restoring sound, constitutional money and reestablishing the role of gold and silver as legal tender, in accordance with Article I, Section 10 of the U.S. Constitution.

4. Conversion-therapy Protections & Medicaid Gender-procedures Ban

HB495 is an emergency law that overturns Governor Beshear’s executive order banning conversion therapy for minors. It reinstates the practice by protecting counselors and religious providers who offer it from professional discipline or loss of funding. The law also prohibits Medicaid from covering sex-change procedures for adults.

The Kentucky State House of Representatives passed HB495 on March 27, 2025 by a vote of 78 to 20. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because this bill protects parental rights, religious liberty, and free speech for counselors and faith-based providers—rights safeguarded by the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment. Neither healthcare nor social welfare is a legitimate government function. Medicaid and similar entitlement programs unjustly divert taxpayer dollars to select low-income individuals, creating discriminatory and unsustainable burdens.

5. Kentucky Film Office

SB1 establishes an official Kentucky Film Office within the Cabinet for Economic Development and creates a Kentucky Film Leadership Council to oversee it. The office, led by an executive director, will centralize administration of the state’s film-incentive program, market Kentucky as a filming destination, coordinate with regional film offices, support workforce training, and streamline the application process.

The Kentucky State House of Representatives passed SB1 on March 14, 2025 by a vote of 77 to 8. We have assigned pluses to the nays because this bill expands government unnecessarily by creating an office that duplicates functions better handled by the free market. Government involvement in incentivizing the film industry distorts the economy, wastes taxpayer dollars, and invites the influence of Hollywood-style culture and values that often contradict traditional American principles.

6. Income-tax Cut

HB1 cuts the state’s individual income-tax rate from 4% to 3.5%.

The Kentucky State House of Representatives passed HB1 on January 9, 2025 by a vote of 90 to 7. We have assigned pluses to the ayes because cutting the income tax is a crucial first step toward restoring economic liberty and limiting government overreach. The income tax is an immoral, anti-constitutional form of government-imposed theft that seizes wages rightfully earned by individuals. Kentuckians must continue to reject tyrannical big government by upholding the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment.