

HB223 • Kentucky

AN ACT relating to autonomous vehicles.

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Amendment

Last Action (Jan 14, 2026): to Transportation (H)

Summary

This bill amends KRS 186.763 and KRS 281.764 to prohibit Kentucky school districts from using fully autonomous vehicles as school buses or for student transport. It also prohibits operating a fully autonomous vehicle if it requires an operator with a commercial driver's license.

Business Impact

If you operate a school district in Kentucky, you must not use fully autonomous vehicles for student transport to avoid penalties.

Key Provisions

- Prohibits Kentucky school districts from using fully autonomous vehicles as school buses.
- Prohibits operating a fully autonomous vehicle if it requires an operator with a commercial driver's license.
- Amends KRS 186.763 and KRS 281.764 to conform with the new regulations.

Compliance Checklist

- Cease operation of fully autonomous vehicles for student transport | Who: School districts in Kentucky | Penalty: Potential legal repercussions and safety liabilities

Industries Affected

Transportation

Education

Technology

Topics

Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
C. Freeland		Primary
J. Blanton		Primary
P. Pratt		Primary
D. Graham		Primary
N. Kulkarni		Primary
J. Jenkins		Primary
K. Banta		Primary
L. Willner		Primary
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R. Roberts		Primary
A. Tackett Laferty		Primary

Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2025-02-26	Pass	95	0	Passed

Official Source

<https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26RS/hb223.html>

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