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Legislative News January 20, 2012

The week that was:

The Senate Education Committee convened briefly on Thursday morning. Although they had a published agenda, no bills were heard. The items on the original agenda included SB 21 and SB 86. [SB 21](#) (Higdon, R-Marion) is a calendar bill that KEA supports. It is intended to allow local districts more flexibility to adjust their calendars to account for weather related, safety, or health emergencies or other disasters. [SB 86](#) (Winters, R-Calloway), is a bill that allows students to graduate early from high school and be guaranteed admission to a 2 or 4 year state college or university. KEA opposes this bill because it allows the student's SEEK allocation to be used to pay tuition at the college or university.

HB 30 (Mills, D-Marion), which allows advertising on school busses, passed the House on a vote of 67-29, but only after it was amended to prohibit advertising by "sexually oriented businesses." KEA opposes this bill. <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/12RS/HB30.htm>

HB 40 (Rollins, D-Woodford), which establishes the framework for a statewide system of teacher evaluation, unanimously passed out of the House without any changes. KEA is tracking this bill. <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/12RS/HB40.htm>

HB 91 (Belcher, D-Bullitt), is a "digital citizenship" bill. This proposal requires local boards of education to adopt acceptable use policies and student behavior codes that include the "characteristics of digital citizenship." The bill passed the House on a vote of 59-35 and moves to the Senate for consideration. KEA is tracking this bill. <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/record/12RS/HB91.htm>



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