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# Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Advocacy

**2007**  
**Legislative  
Scorecard**



Northern Kentucky  
Chamber of Commerce



# The 2007 Legislative Scorecard

## A Record of Key Votes Impacting Northern Kentucky

### Overview.

Northern Kentuckians...civic leaders, business leaders, community leaders... all can be distinctly pleased with the outcome of the 2007 General Assembly. Although the General Assembly only had 30 working days to conduct its business, major issues vital to Northern Kentucky's economic future were addressed head on, and became law. These successes included the passage of an expanded economic incentive for manufacturers, a historic tax increment financing measure, and increased funding for workforce development and training funds.

But success should not be narrowly defined as legislation that becomes law. In some instances, particularly in the education arena, legislation was proposed that the Chamber strongly opposed, and our legislators worked together to see that no action was taken on it.

The 16 legislators (5 Senate; 11 House) who comprise the Northern Kentucky Caucus deserve to be commended for their unity of purpose, and their tenacity in action. Not only was it possible for the region to guide and direct the passage of new economic development incentives, but consistently, other counties look to Northern Kentucky because our model of multi-county, bi-partisan spirit works. In fact, *working together....works*.

The Chamber staff frequently saw our Northern Kentucky legislators, both veterans and freshman, Democrats and Republicans, huddled together, strategizing, planning, and then, walking the halls to secure commitments from their colleagues.

Together, we can be very proud of their results.

This edition of *The Legislative Scorecard* attempts to summarize the work of 16 legislators, who, collectively, sponsored more than 50 Senate Bills, 100 Senate Resolutions, 300 House Bills and 130 House Resolutions. By its very nature, this summary fails to mention ALL of the legislation that our Northern Kentucky legislators worked on, focusing instead on 14 priority issues that were adopted by the Chamber's legislative policy committees, the Business & Community Advocacy Council, the Executive Committee and finally, the Chamber's Board of Directors.

If you haven't recently done so, invite your legislators to your office or plant, and thank them for their work on behalf of the Northern Kentucky region. Spend time with them, get to know them, and help them understand your business. It's time well spent!

### Summary Description of Legislation.

**Senate Bill 1 – Teacher Incentive Pay Bill.** Create financial incentives to reward teachers and students who score high in Advanced Placement exams in calculus, chemistry and physics. **Chamber supported.** Bill passed Senate; amended in House; passed House, but Senate and House did not agree on amendments.

**Senate Bill 2 – Teacher Incentive Pay Bill.** Create financial incentives to teachers of chemistry, physics or math in schools with high concentration of students eligible for free or reduced lunch. **Chamber supported.** Bill passed Senate.

**House Bill 5 – Energy Independence.** Encourage Finance & Administration Cabinet to develop strategy to create incentives for alternative or renewable energy facilities utilizing coal liquefaction. **Chamber supported.** Bill passed House and Senate, but both did not agree on amendments.

**House Bill 30 – Special Needs Scholarship Program.** Establish voucher system for students who leave public schools when a parent is dissatisfied, so that public funding follows student to another school. **Chamber opposed.** No action; bill not considered in House committee.

**House Bill 95 – School Calendar Issue.** Prohibit schools from holding first instructional day before the fourth Monday in August. **Chamber opposed.** No action; bill not considered in House committee.

**House Bill 221 – Increase Compulsory School Attendance Age.** Increase mandatory school age attendance from 6 -16 to 6-18. **Chamber supported.** No action; bill not considered in House committee.

**House Bill 235 – Primary Student Readiness Data.** Require Dept of Ed. to establish process for determining school readiness of primary students. **Chamber supported.** Bill passed House.

**House Bill 279 – Increase Compulsory School Attendance Age.** Increase mandatory school age attendance from 6 -16 to 6- 17. **Chamber supported.** No action; bill not considered in House committee.

**House Bill 347\* - Newport On The Levee TDA Incentive.** Allow for tourism development projects to extend their agreement for up to six years in return for an additional investment greater than 10% of the original approved agreement. **Chamber supported.** Bill passed House.  
\* added to priority agenda

**House Bill 349 – Tax Increment Financing.** Create new statutes to allow tax increment financing statewide including state participation. **Chamber supported.** No action; bill not considered in House committee.

**House Bill 431 – Access To Consumer Health Care Information (Transparency).** Make permanent an electronic website of information on charges, quality and outcomes of health care services in order to allow consumers to make better-informed decisions. **Chamber supported.** Bill passed House.

**House Bill 462 – Equity In Economic Development Incentives.** Amend economic development incentives to allow manufacturers to be eligible when they either lease or own premises/ building.

**Chamber supported.** Bill passed House & Senate; signed by Governor. Will become law effective June 26.

**House Bill 530 – Tax Increment Financing In Private Industrial Parks.** Allow tax increment financing in private industrial parks for public improvements, such as roads and drainage. **Chamber supported.** No action, bill not considered in House committee.

**House Bill 549 – Omnibus Tax Increment Finance Bill.** Create new statutes to allow tax increment financing statewide, including state participation. Create four-tiers of increments, based on the size of initial investment. **Chamber supported.** Bill passed House & Senate; signed by Governor. Will become law effective June 26.

## Understanding The Legislative Scorecard

As with any instrument that attempts to measure anything, care must be undertaken to not jump to conclusions. For example, 32 degrees Fahrenheit and 32 degrees Celsius have nothing in common in terms of temperature. The former is quite cold, the latter is quite hot.

Similarly, the Legislative Scorecard does not allow for comparisons of House member vote totals and Senate member vote totals. Kentucky's 1891 Constitution requires that legislation with a financial or fiscal impact begin in the House, and so, historically there are more bills that come to a vote in committee and on the House floor. For decades, the Senate has been the more deliberative legislative body, amending and improving legislative concepts begun in the House.

There is an advantage if you are a veteran legislator who has served in the House or Senate, and your party affiliation is the same as your House or Senate leadership. Similarly, there is an advantage to serving on key committees, where business legislation is more prevalent.

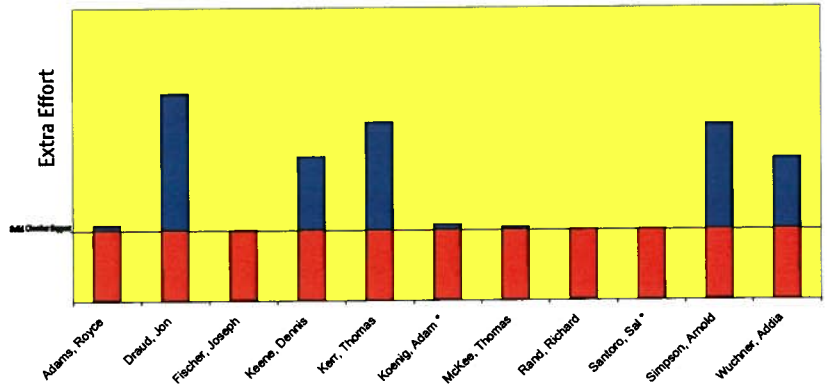
The Chamber's Political Involvement Committee, its Business & Community Advocacy Council, the Executive Committee and Board of Directors agreed to this new legislative scorecard *to reward legislative effort designed to improve the business and community environment in Northern Kentucky, and to identify leadership and hard work. This new system is designed to recognize legislators who sponsor and co-sponsor priority issues, and then push measures through the legislative committees onto the House and Senate floor.*

In an attempt to insure that this Legislative Scorecard is absolutely correct, the Chamber retrieved the voting records of each Northern Kentucky legislator from the Legislative Research Commission web site, then formatted it to fit the various categories of the Legislative Scorecard. Once concluded, the legislators were mailed a copy of their own voting record, asking them to double-check their votes for accuracy.

We fully recognize that legislative success requires House and Senate teamwork, Democrat and Republican teamwork. Only on rare occasions, does a bill become law with one champion. As this new Legislative Scorecard demonstrates, the priority issues of Northern Kentucky are supported, solidly, by all of our legislators. In certain instances, our legislators were in a position to offer extra effort, and we believe this system measures just that.

Let's be clear about one fact: the Northern Kentucky Legislative Caucus must balance the requests (and even demands) of literally hundreds of competing interests, with a statewide perspective and a local perspective, simultaneously. Nearly 1,000 bills and resolutions were introduced in a "short" 30-day session. Our analysis recognizes the effort of our legislators on an agenda of *business and community issues only*, and not every issue they could affect. Our 16 legislators in the Northern Kentucky Legislative Caucus served us admirably!

Northern Kentucky Caucus Representatives

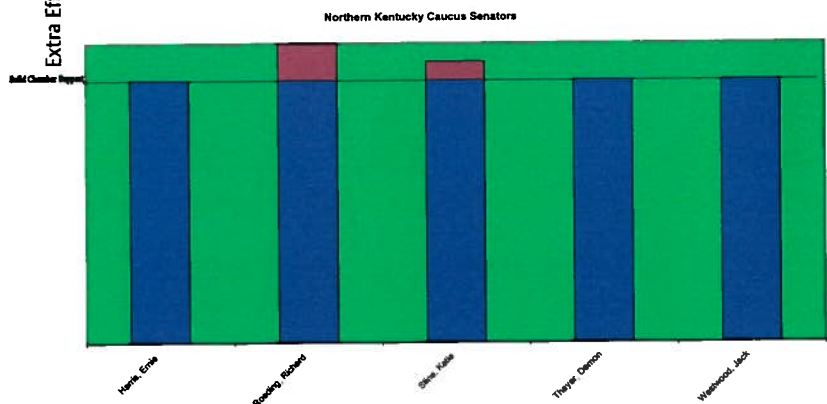


\* - Producers/Plant Town

	HB 5	HB 30	HB 95	HB 221	HB 235	HB 279	HB 347	HB 349	HB 431	HB 462	HB 530	HB 549	SB 1	SB 2	Total Points
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Draud, Jon	25	0	0	0	150	0	25	10	25	20	0	150	20	0	425
Fischer, Joseph	20	0	0	0	20	0	25	0	20	20	0	20	20	0	145
Keene, Dennis	25	5	0	0	20	0	150	0	20	20	10	25	20	0	295
Kerr, Thomas	25	0	0	0	20	0	25	5	20	220	5	25	20	0	365
Koenig, Adam *	20	0	0	0	20	0	25	5	20	25	0	20	20	0	155
McKee, Thomas	25	0	0	0	20	0	20	5	20	20	0	20	20	0	150
Rand, Richard	20	0	0	0	20	0	20	0	20	20	0	20	20	0	140
Santoro, Sal *	20	0	0	0	20	0	25	0	20	20	0	20	20	0	145
Simpson, Arnold	25	0	0	0	20	10	20	0	20	220	0	25	20	0	360
Wuchner, Addia	20	0	0	0	20	0	25	5	150	25	0	25	20	0	290

Note: Total points do not reflect committee votes.

Extra Effort

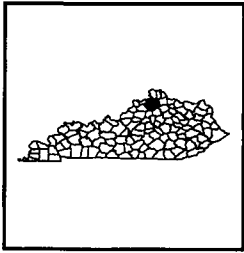


Legislator	SB 1	SB 2	HB 5	HB 462	HB 549	Total Points Achieved Per Legislator
	Education - Teacher Incentive Pay	Education Teacher Incentive Pay	Energy Independence	Equity In Economic Development Incentives	Omnibus Tax Increment Finance Bill	
Harns, Ernie	20	20	20	20	20	100
Roeding, Richard	25	25	20	20	20	110
Stine, Kate	20	20	25	20	20	105
Thayer, Damon	20	20	20	20	20	100
Westwood, Jack	20	20	20	20	20	100

Note: Total points are impacted by which bills passed from the House.



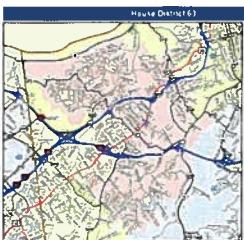
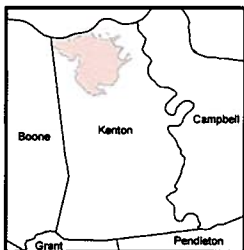
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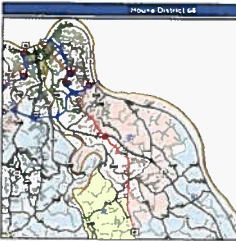
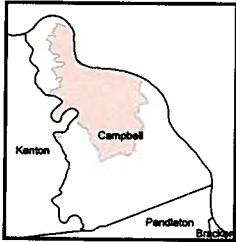
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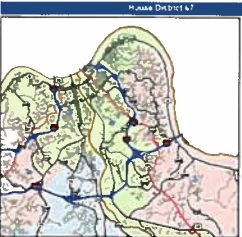
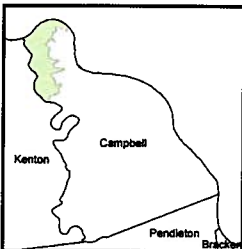
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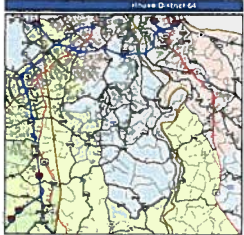
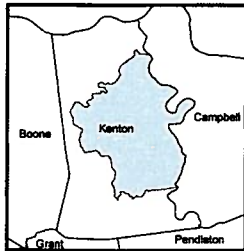


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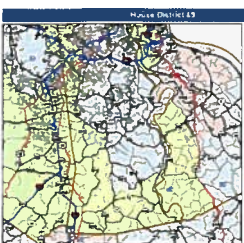
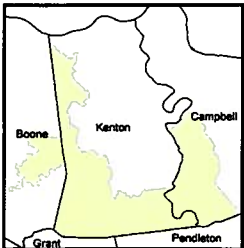
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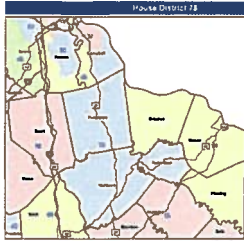
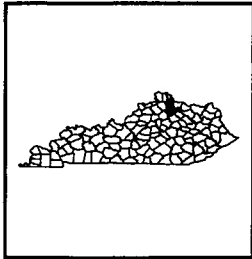
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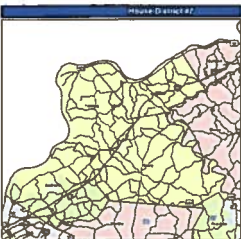
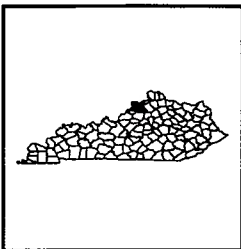
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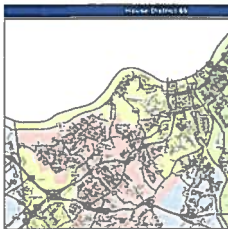
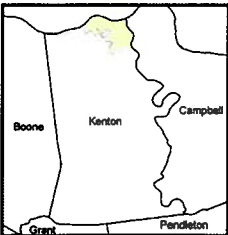
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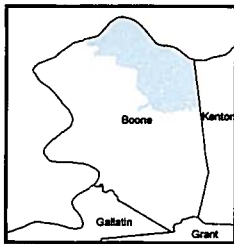


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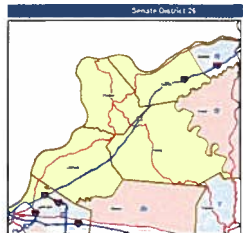
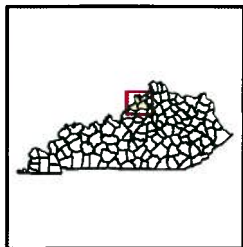
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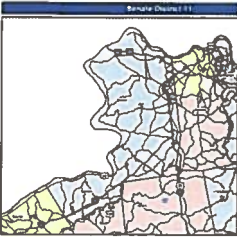
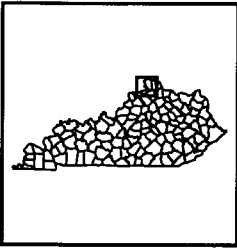


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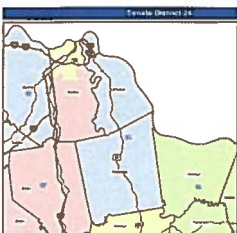
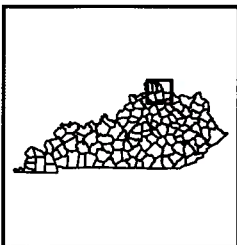


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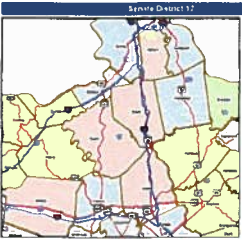
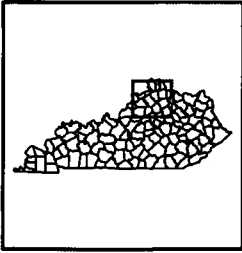
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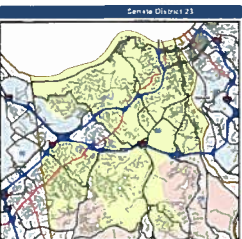
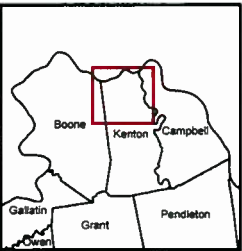
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