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State Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education (SACGTE)

Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL), Division of IDEA
Implementation and Preschool (DIIP)

Hybrid Meeting-In Person and Virtual via Teams

Feb. 11, 2026

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Welcome

Veronica Sullivan, KDE Division Director

Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL)

Introduction of Members and Roll Call

Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

Review Meeting Norms and Duties

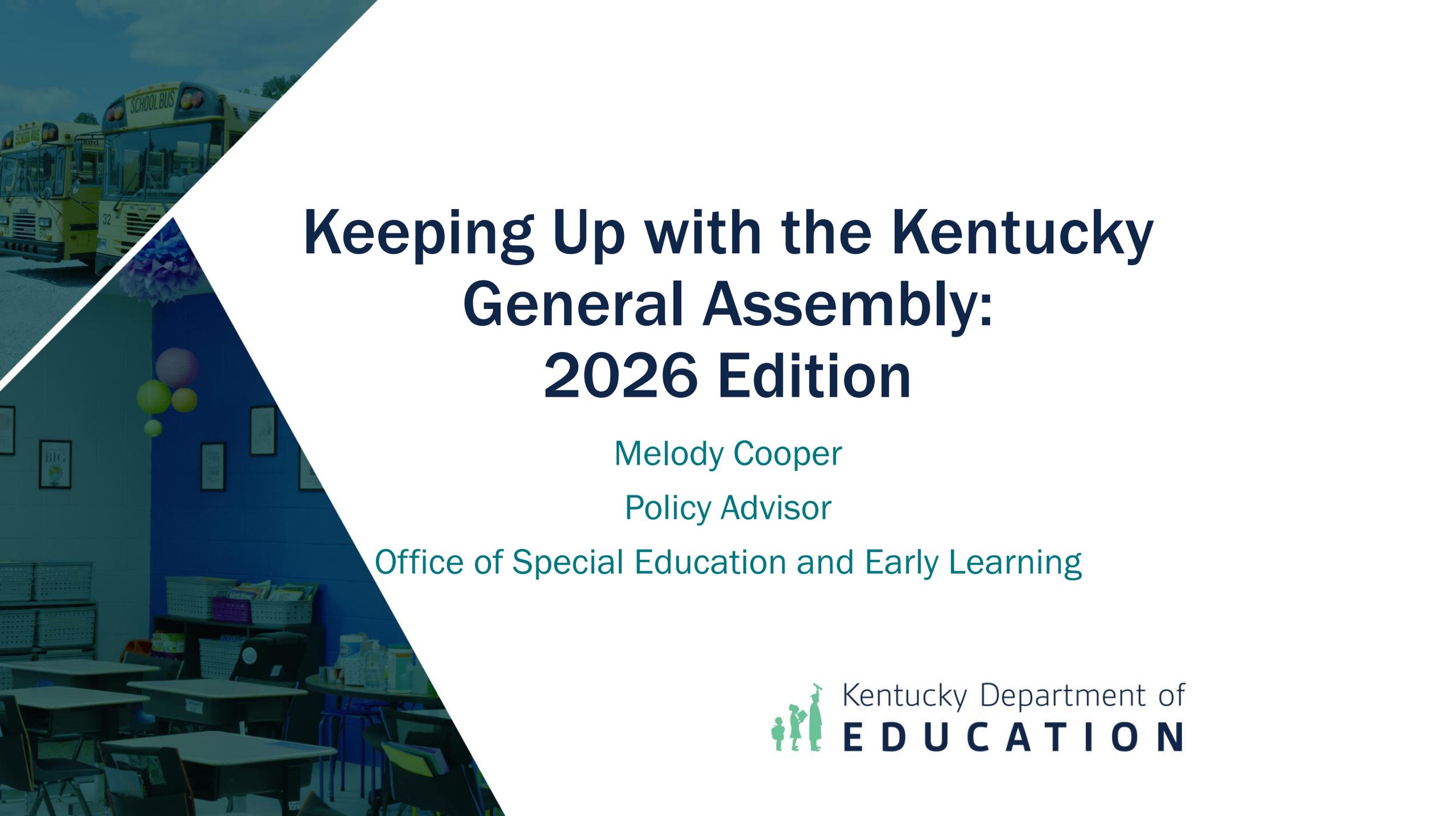
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Approval of SACGTE Minutes

Lindsay Burton, Secretary of SACGTE

Legislative Update

Melody Cooper, Policy Advisor
OSEEL

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Keeping Up with the Kentucky General Assembly: 2026 Edition

Melody Cooper

Policy Advisor

Office of Special Education and Early Learning



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Agenda

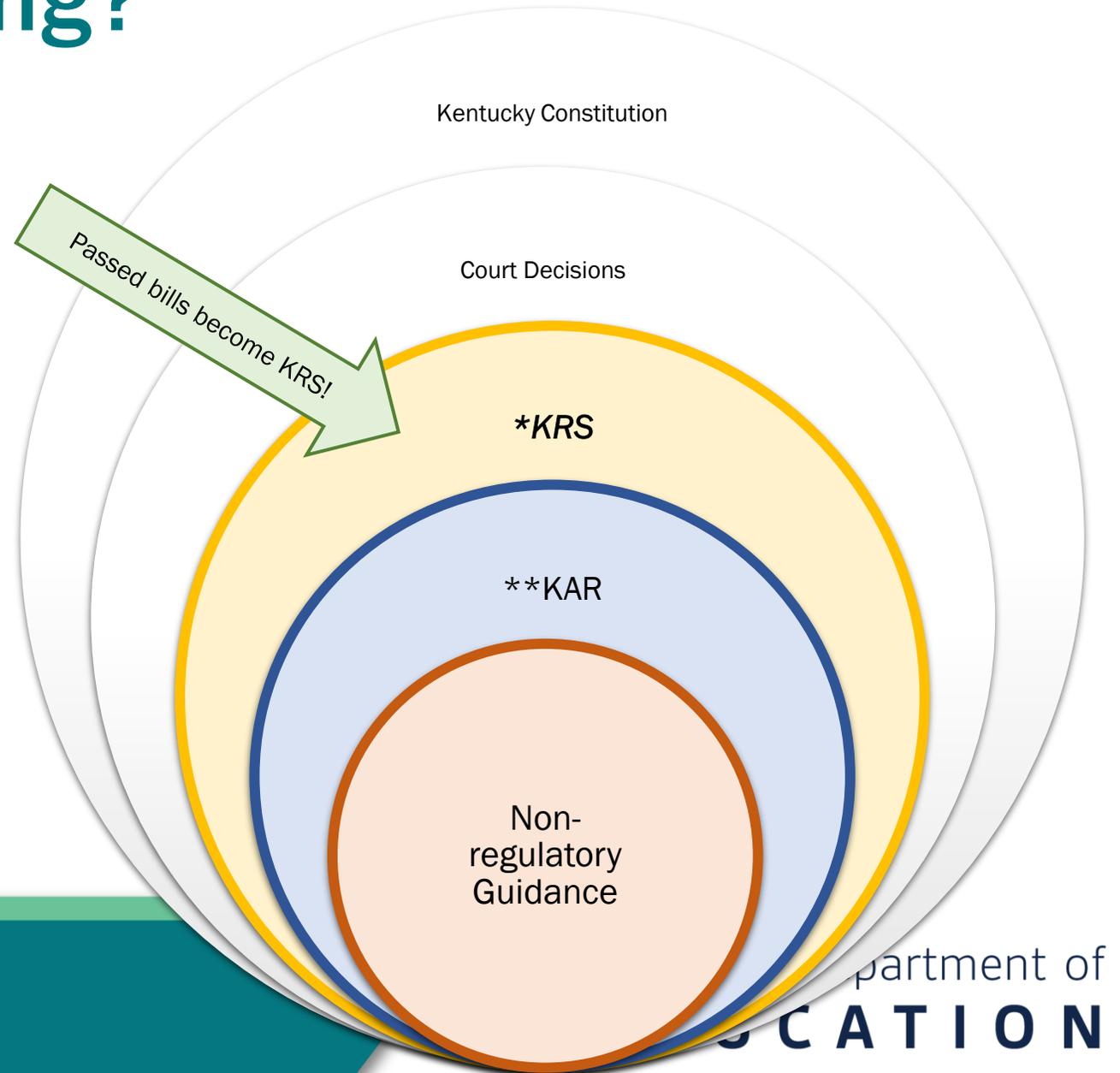
- Fun facts
- What's dropped
- Stay tuned

Fun Facts!

What's even happening?

Legislative Process

- Bills become statute (law) through legislative action.
- Agencies promulgate regulations, which carry the weight of law and support the statutes.
- Agencies release nonregulatory guidance to help the public implement statutes and regulations.



*KRS=Kentucky Revised Statutes

**KAR=Kentucky Administrative Regulations

Show me the bills!

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Current Bills (26RS)	Schedules & Calendars	Legislators
Committees	KRS	2026 Budget Bills
Redistricting Info	KAR	Live Coverage

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The Big Picture: Bill Landing Page

House Bill 190 <small>Actions ↓ Amendments ↓</small>	
Last Action	04/01/25: signed by Governor (Acts Ch. 148)
Title	AN ACT relating to advanced educational opportunities.
Bill Documents	Acts Chapter 148 Current/Final Introduced
Bill Request Number	1017
Sponsors	R. Duvall, V. Grossl
Summary of Enacted Version	Amends KRS 158.6453 to define "advanced coursework"; requires each local board of education to develop a district plan for advanced coursework and accelerated learning; establishes minimum requirements for the plan; establishes permissive components of the plan; authorizes the Kentucky Board of Education to promulgate administrative regulations related to the district plan; directs the Department of Education to establish recommendations; and amends KRS 160.348 to direct each school-based decision making council, or principal if none exists, to adopt designated policies relating to advanced coursework and accelerated learning.
Legislative History	
Summary of Original Version	Amend KRS 158.6453 to define "advanced coursework"; require each local board of education develop an accelerated learning plan for students with identified strengths; direct local board of education to adopt policies for advanced coursework in designated subject areas; establish a reporting requirement for the Kentucky Department of Education related to the number of accelerated learning courses offered, the demographics of eligible students, the number of students placed in those courses, and the number of students not placed in those courses; amend KRS 160.348 to direct school-based decision making councils to adopt designated policies relating to advanced courses; provide that students who meet certain criteria shall be granted automatic enrollment in advanced coursework; provide that a student shall not be withdrawn or excluded from advanced coursework without written parental consent.
Index Headings of Original Version	Education, Elementary and Secondary - Advanced coursework, requirements Administrative Regulations and Proceedings - Kentucky Board of Education, minimum requirements for advanced coursework Children and Minors - Advanced coursework, requirements Boards and Commissions - Local boards of education, advanced coursework for designated subjects, requirements
Jump to Proposed Amendments	House Committee Substitute 1 ↓

← Bill Number

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Getting to the good stuff...

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25 RS HB 190/GA

1 AN ACT relating to advanced educational opportunities.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

KRS
Amendment

➔ Section 1. KRS 158.6453 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Accelerated learning" means an organized way of helping students meet
6 individual academic goals by providing direct instruction to eliminate student
7 performance deficiencies or enable students to move more quickly through
8 course requirements and pursue higher level skill development;

9 (b) "Advanced coursework" means educational programs or opportunities
10 designed to challenge students with more rigorous content beyond the
11 standard curriculum, including but not limited to advanced placement,
12 International Baccalaureate, and honors courses;

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Let's Break This Down: Reading a Bill

10 ➔ Section 2. KRS 160.348 is amended to read as follows:

11 (1) (a) The Kentucky Department of Education shall make available to ~~middle and~~
12 ~~high~~ schools information concerning the prerequisite content necessary for

13 in advanced coursework, including secondary courses, Advanced

14 Placement or AP courses, and International Baccalaureate or IB courses. The

15 department shall provide sample syllabi, instructional resources,

16 instructional supports for teachers that will assist in preparing students for

17 more rigorous coursework. ~~Instructional supports shall include professional~~

18 ~~development for assisting students enrolled in the Kentucky Virtual High~~

19 ~~School or other virtual learning settings.]~~

Add New Language

No Change to Existing Language

Remove Old Language

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What's Dropped

What's up in the House?

- HB 253 – Language arts instruction
- HB 257 – Assessment and accountability
- HB 307 – Proactive post-secondary admission program
- HB 383 – Children of military families
- HB 389 – Reading and writing in schools
- HB 500 – House Majority budget bill
- HB 609 – Classroom libraries grant

How about the Senate?

- Senate Bill (SB) 3 – School district finances
- SB 4 – Principal leadership program
- SB 22 – Dual credit scholarship program
- SB 181 – Traceable communication system clean-up

Stay Tuned

What's next?

General Schedule

- The 2026 regular session began on Jan. 6
- Last day for new House bills is March 4, for the Senate, March 2
- The veto recess is April 2-13
- The final two legislative days (29 and 30) are April 12 and 15 (sine die).

Committees

- Education Committees and Appropriations and Revenue Committees are of the most interest, also Children and Families for early childhood topics
- All are streamed live via the [KET \(Kentucky Educational Television\) feed](#) or [LRC's YouTube channel](#).

Budget Process

- Governor's proposal will be in a House Bill (HB 304)
- House leadership will propose their budget in a separate House Bill (HB 500)
- Governor has line-item veto power in the budget bill
 - Which can be overridden with a simple majority vote in each chamber.

Free-time fun!

- [Kentucky General Assembly Homepage](#)
- [2026 Regular Session Calendar and Standing Committee Schedules](#)
- [The Legislative Calendar](#) – Summary of daily and weekly activity.
- [The Legislative Record](#) – This is where you will find information about current bills.
- [Kentucky Legislator Directory](#) – This is where you can find information about the background of individual legislators. Please note that you should NOT contact legislators directly.
- [KET Legislative Coverage](#) or [LRC's YouTube channel](#)– Live and archived coverage of legislative meetings.

Questions?

State Gifted Education Update

Melissa Thompson, Gifted Education Consultant

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Gifted Student Service Plan (GSSP)

Accessible to General Education Teachers:

- Permissions are granted at the local district level.
- The district Kentucky Student Information System (KSIS) contact must assign the necessary permissions.
- These permissions must be granted individually for each school year.

KAGE Presentation

Transforming Learning for Gifted Students

Feb. 24, 2026

2026-2027 SACGTE Priorities and Recommendations

Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

Kentucky Association of Gifted Education (KAGE) Update

Julia Roberts

Chair of SACGTE

Questions and Additional Feedback

Lynn Lockard, SACGTE Facilitator

Closing Remarks

Julia Roberts, Chair of the SACGTE

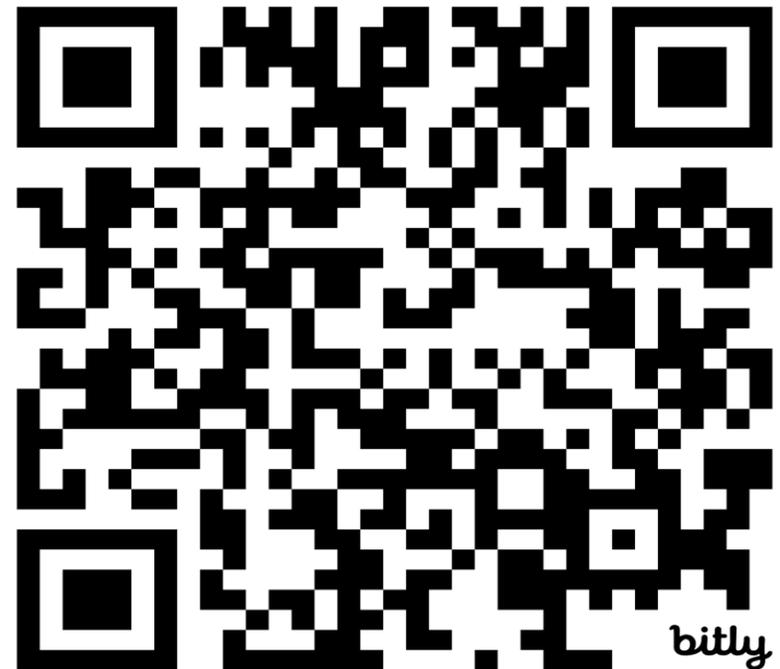
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April 24, 2026