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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY YOUTH GOVERNORS REPORT

Since 1946, the Kentucky YMCA has proudly sponsored the Kentucky Youth Assembly, or KYA – the nation’s largest Youth and Government program for middle and high school students.

As KYA delegates, students can serve as Representatives and Senators, Justices and Attorneys, Cabinet Secretaries, Lobbyists, or members of our Media Corps. During the fall, delegates work with their school delegations to research and write legislation that they will sponsor at the Assembly.

The 2018 KYA session was our largest program yet, with hundreds of KY youth participating in debate for the first time. Over the course of 7 assemblies – 3 High School and 4 Middle School – the Y served more students, families, schools, and communities than ever before:

7,536 STUDENT DELEGATES
3,854 HIGH SCHOOLERS
3,682 MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

REPRESENTING **130** HIGH SCHOOLS
260 **130** MIDDLE SCHOOLS
SCHOOLS **808** VOLUNTEER TEACHER
ADVISORS & CHAPERONES

AUTHORED AND SPONSORED **45**
632 **BILLS** SIGNED INTO
LAW BY KYA GOVERNORS

Of the 632 bills that were written, sponsored and debated by our student delegates during KYA 2018, our High School Youth Governors signed 45 of them into law.

The **Youth Governors Report** lists each of these 45 bills by both title and school, and organizes them into policy areas for presentation and consideration by their respective House and Senate Committees.

2018 YOUTH GOVERNORS

Forest Clevenger | HS KYA 1
Louisville • duPont Manual

Kevin Jing | HS KYA 2
Lexington • Paul Laurence Dunbar High School

Brooke Schumacher | HS KYA 3
Prospect • North Oldham HS

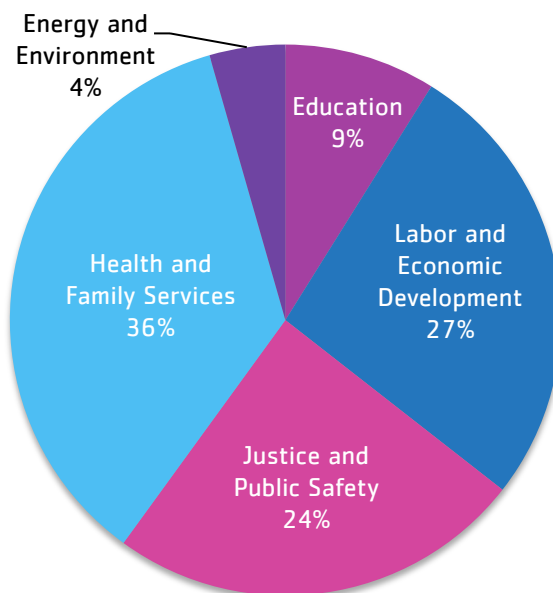
Each Youth Governor is elected by their peers to serve for a full yearlong term with their fellow KYA Presiding Officers.

At each KYA, Governors meet with sponsors of bills passed by the House and Senate, and consult with the Cabinet and Budget Committee before deciding to sign or veto each bill.

POLICY TRENDS

Out of the 45 bills signed into law, multiple bills addressed each of the following policies:

- Animal Abuse
- Mental Health
- Foster Care System
- Medical Marijuana
- Pension Reform
- Physician Assisted Suicide
- Gambling Laws
- Clean Energy Tax Incentives
- Food Deserts
- Voting Rights



SIGNED BILLS LISTED BY POLICY AREA

EDUCATION

An Act Relating to Abolishing Corporal Punishment In All Schools
An Act Relating to Uniform High School Grading Scales
An act to Establish a Student Body Member on SBDM Councils
An Act to Standardize the Grading Scale Across the State
An Act Relating to Educating Students on Signs and Effects of Human Trafficking
An Act Relating to Abolishing Corporal Punishment In All Schools

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

An Act Relating to Establishing Hydroelectric Utilities in the Ohio River
An Act Relating to Providing Tax Breaks to MTR Solar Panel Farms

HEALTH & FAMILY SERVICES

An Act Relating to Reduce the Number of Uncontrolled Opioids
An Act Relating to Prohibition of Sexual Contact with Animals
An Act Relating to Establishing a Specialized Driving Program for Senior Citizens
An Act Relating to The Abolition of Dry Counties
An Act to Revitalize State Parks
An Act Relating to Reformation of Foster Care System in Kentucky
An Act to Propose the HEROES Act: Helping Emergency Responders Overcome Emotional Suffering.
An Act to Legalize the Practice of Physician Assisted Suicide for Persons Above the Age of 18 with Terminal Illnesses
An Act Relating to Medical Marijuana for Eligible Patients in the State of Kentucky
An Act Relating to Protect Victims of Revenge Pornography Who Are Minors From Being Registered As Sex Offenders
AN Act Relating to the Random Drug Testing of Persons Licensed As Foster Care Parents
An Act Related to Giving Kentuckians The Option To Have Their Blood Type On Their Drivers License
An Act Relating to Improving Grocery Access in Food Deserts
An Act to Ban the Tampon Tax
An Act to Ban Conversion Therapy for Minors in Kentucky
An Act Relating to the Requirement of Hunting and Fishing License Applications to Provide and Organ Donation Option
An Act Relating to the Legalization of Physician-Assisted Death (PAD), or Euthanasia, in the State of Kentucky.

JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

An Act Relating Strengthening Elder Abuse Penalties.
An Act Relating to Veterinarians Reporting Suspected Animal Abuse
An Act Relating to the Use of Long-Term Solitary Confinement in Kentucky State Prisons
An Act Relating to Increasing the Punishment for Adults DUI with Children in the Vehicle
An Act Relating to Reinstating Voting Rights to Former Felons
An Act Relating to Allow Kentucky Teens with a Single Parent to Apply for a Driver's License Six Month Early
An Act Relating to Overturning Kentucky Revised Statute 510.100
An Act to Promote the Protection of Domestic Animals
An Act Relating to the Civil Rights of LGBT Citizens
An Act to Restructure the Ballot

LABOR & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

An Act Relating to Requiring All Employers to Give Paid Leave to Vote
An Act Relating to The Elimination of Civil Asset Forfeiture
An Act Relating to the Expansion of the Dept. of Workplace Standards Regarding OSHA Complaints
An Act Relating to the Removal of State Regulations on Labor
An Act Relating to Regulated Gambling Practices in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
An Act Relating to Providing Domestic Workers with a Fair Bill of Rights
An Act Relating to Government Technology
An Act to Reward Financial Incentives to Businesses Hiring Ex-Convicts
An Act to Require Citizens Receiving Welfare to Participate in a Job Training Program
An Act Relating To KRS 344.040 Workplace Discrimination
An Act Proposing an Amendment to Section 49 of the Kentucky Constitution to State That ARC's For All State Pension Programs be Considered a Form of Debt in the State Budget

SPONSORING SCHOOL

George Rogers Clark HS
Boyle Co. HS
Marshall Co. HS
Henry Clay HS
Greenup Co. HS
George Rogers Clark HS

SPONSORING SCHOOL

Lafayette HS
Campbellsville HS

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Corbin HS
Apollo HS
Daviss Co. HS
Paul Laurence Dunbar HS
Bowling Green HS
West Carter Co. HS
Holy Cross HS - Covington
Marshall Co. HS
Montgomery Co. HS
Ballard HS
Williamstown Sr. HS
Presentation Academy HS
STEAM Academy
McCracken Co HS
Christian Academy of Louisville
Trigg Co. HS
University Heights Academy

SPONSORING SCHOOL

Louisville Male HS
Presentation Academy
Barbourville City School
duPont Manuel HS
Trinity HS - Louisville
Lexington Catholic HS
South Oldham HS
North Oldham HS
Bluegrass HLC
Rockcastle Co. HS

SPONSORING SCHOOL

Scott Co. HS
Sacred Heart Academy
duPont Manuel HS
Steam Academy
Christian Academy of Louisville
Meade Co. HS
Walden School HS
Bowling Green HS
Henry Clay HS
Kentucky Country Day
Model Laboratory HS