

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Blue Bill # HB 32						
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1 An act to revise the tax code of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and provide funding for STEM education.

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3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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5 Section 1: In times of financial stress, it becomes increasingly important to attract industries and
6 corporations to Kentucky in order to stimulate the growth of Kentucky's economy. In order to do this,
7 Kentucky's current uncompetitive corporate income tax rate must be revised so that it becomes more
8 profitable for private industries to operate and therefore flourish in Kentucky. With this growth in Kentucky's
9 industry, Kentucky students will have increased job opportunities that will require the knowledge of science,
10 technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) content areas. To make both of the two aforementioned
11 goals feasible, the current tax code of Kentucky can be adjusted in order to help generate the additional
12 revenue necessary to attract businesses to Kentucky and boost the economy, as well as increasing the
13 education quality of Kentucky's future labor force.

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15 Section 2: The Commonwealth of Kentucky's state sales tax shall be increased from six percent to seven
16 percent. Current items that are exempt will remain so. This will raise approximately \$516,666,000 more
17 than the current rate.

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19 Section 3: A portion of the increased revenue (approximately \$374,000,000, the current revenue brought in
20 by the corporate income tax), shall go towards compensating for the elimination of the Kentucky State
21 Corporate Income Tax. The overall state revenue shall not be compromised in any way.

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23 Section 4: The remaining portion of the increased revenue (approximately \$142,666,000) shall go towards
24 the establishment of a grant program to be named the Henry Clay STEM endowment fund. This fund shall
25 specifically provide monetary support to local high school programs that enrich student's exposure to
26 content concerning the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics as to help prepare them
27 for integration into Kentucky's workforce. Kentucky schools will have the opportunity to apply for funding
28 through the grant program and will be given monetary support based on the state's discretion.

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30 Section 5: The bill will go into effect upon the commencement of the Commonwealth of Kentucky's next fiscal
31 year, beginning July 1st, 2014.
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