

An act to require recycling bins in schools and provide a monetary incentive for recycling.

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2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 6 Section 1: All public Kentucky schools and school systems (grades K-12) will be required to provide recycling for: glass and metal food/beverage containers, plastic containers, newspaper, magazines, scrap metal, waste 7 oil, storage batteries, leaves, grass clippings, plastic, aluminum, as well as the currently mandatory cardboard 8 and paper. 9 10 Section 2: Each school will designate a "recycling team leader" in charge of providing recycling bins, collecting 11 recyclables twice a month (to avoid contamination), and selling recycled materials. Each county has 12 designated recycling areas found on waste.ky.gov. The school leader will also be responsible for filling out 13 the Kentucky Pride Fund Recycling Grant application in order to possibly receive school grants. This program 14 is already in place to prevent landfills. In addition, the school recycling leader will receive no extra payment 15 as their responsibilities will take no extra time outside of school. 16 17 Section 3: All schools will choose where money made from recycling goes to. Schools will initially pay for bins 18 and transport, but that will be paid back within the school year. On average, recycling is 36% cheaper than 19 trash collection. Schools can save up to \$550,000 per year with this plan. Thus, getting reimbursed. 20 21 Section 4: For schools who fail to start this recycling program, certain consequences will be enforced by the 22 State Department of Education: 23 1st Offense: Warning 24 2nd Offense: \$500 fine 25 3rd Offense: \$550,000 (profit of recycling) 26 27 All fines go to support Kentucky Pride Fund (section 2) 28 29 Section 5: This bill will be mandatory for all KY public schools grades (K-12) 30

31 Section 6: This bill will go into effect at the start of the 2014–2015 school year (varies for each district)