

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill	Red Bill # 26						
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1 An act to revise lottery legislation to ensure that all revenue collected by the state from the lottery funds
2 education, specifically KEES scholarships

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

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6 Section 1: It is common knowledge that in Kentucky, according to section two of KRS 154A.063, the
7 establishment of casinos is illegal. However, exceptions have been made for horse tracks and lottery tickets.
8 The purpose of this bill is to revise the legislation of Kentucky allowable gambling in order to ensure that ALL
9 Kentucky Lottery revenue goes specifically towards education. This was a highly debated issue in Kentucky
10 before being passed in 1989 based on the premise that the lottery proceeds would be used solely to
11 improve education for Kentucky children. Since its beginning the Kentucky Lottery has provided funding to
12 establish the KEES (KHEAA) program (merit based scholarships) and has also provided additional funds for
13 the College Access Program and Kentucky Tuition Grants.

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15 Section 2: According to a report conducted on the lottery in 2013, total sales of the lottery were \$846.6
16 million, prizes constituted 61.1%, \$517.3 million, net to the state was 27.5%, \$232.8 million, retailer
17 commissions were 6.4%, \$54.2 million, and ticket cost and operating expenses were 5.0%, \$42.3 million.
18 Although many of these expenses are required \$280,000 dollars has been earmarked recently for an
19 advertising campaign and \$81 million was shifted by state legislators to the state fund to seal up budget
20 gaps.

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22 Section 3: This legislation will ensure that all revenue collected by the state of Kentucky from the lottery will
23 fund education, specifically KEES. Since KEES (KHEAA) scholarships are based on a student's academic
24 accomplishment, we propose that this additional funding be awarded only to these merit-based scholarships.
25 The additional \$81 million could allow for an incremental rise in KEES money helping to offset the burden of
26 rising college costs. This bill will not cost anything; it will simply re-align the original purpose of the lottery
27 revenues: education only.

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29 Section 4: Upon passage, this bill will immediately go into effect to benefit scholarships and students who
30 take advantage of KEES money for the next school year.