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Authors: Madison Carrico	Action on the Bill	
School: Spencer Co. High	House □ Passed □ Defeated	Senate □ Passed □ Defeated
City: Taylorsville		

An act to increase the tax on junk food to help with Kentucky's obesity rates

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

Section 1: By placing a tax on junk foods such as chips, snack cakes, and other high calorie foods, it would cut obesity rates in Kentucky. We are 1st with obesity rates for high schools students.

Section 2: Procedure: start with a 1% tax rate increase on said junk foods in addition to the already 6% sales taxes produced automatically. Then increase it 1/2% annually for the next two years until it reaches 8%.

Section 3: There is no initial start up cost for this legislation. With 50% of the revenue generated by the tax, the revenue would be used to subsidize the farmers who are growing or contributing to the healthier lifestyles.

With the other parts of the tax revenue, jobs could be created such as truck drivers to transport goods,

inspectors for the goods and to make sure of compliance.

Section 4: enacted at the beginning of the fiscal year– July 1, 2015.