

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</b> <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b> <b>Premiere Bill</b>	<b>Red   Bill # P21</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee:</b> <b>Senate 2</b>						
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1 An act to authorize incentives for companies providing fast, reliable Internet to rural Kentucky counties.

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

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5 Section 1: It is well documented that 21st Century learners must have the correct tools to compete with  
6 their counterparts in other parts of the country and world. Unreliable Internet wastes technology monies  
7 already invested in hardware and web-based programs that cannot be effectively used. This waste  
8 negatively affects 21st Century teaching and student learning, undermines innovative opportunities to  
9 network and hinders the ability to access resources that are normally out of reach.

10 Internet provider monopolies occur within certain counties and are causing communities to be under-served  
11 with no alternatives. This then becomes a justice issue, as students in rural schools, especially in Eastern  
12 Kentucky, are not given the same opportunities to learn, use and apply 21st Century skills.

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14 Section 2: State tax incentives shall be awarded by the KY Department of Revenue/KY Cabinet for Economic  
15 Development to companies that provide reliable Internet to under-represented rural Kentucky counties by  
16 December 31, 2016. Incentives are available for up to 20 years and include: 1) credit of up to 100% of tax  
17 paid on corporate income and 2) sales and use tax refunds of up to 100 percent of tax paid on property to  
18 construct, retrofit or upgrade a facility. To ensure and establish reliability, an eligible company may not  
19 apply for the tax incentive until six months after required service is provided.

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21 Section 3: The KY Office of Technology shall establish and maintain the minimum requirements necessary for  
22 incentive eligibility. These minimum requirements for eligibility shall be reviewed and/or updated every five  
23 years and approved by the KY General Assembly. A list of underrepresented counties will be posted and  
24 maintained by the KY Office of Technology. Counties or communities that feel they are being underserved  
25 will apply to the Office of Technology to be included on this list. Monitoring and enforcement of minimum  
26 requirements for incentive shall be the responsibility of the KY Office of Technology. The KY Office of  
27 Technology shall communicate with the KY Department of Revenue/KY Cabinet for Economic Development to  
28 make sure the incentives are awarded or retracted accordingly.

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30 Section 4: This bill will go into effect upon its passage.