

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Legislative Bill</p>	<p>Blue Bill # 20</p>						
	<p>Referred to Committee: House 2</p>						
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<p>School: Community Montessori</p>							
<p>City: New Albany, IN</p>							

1 An act to encourage higher STEM education and jobs for a bright Kentucky future.

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

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5 Section 1: This bill will allow interested Kentucky 9th graders to participate in a program that upon
6 completion of high school will also award a Kentucky State Associates Degree (KSAD) in a certified STEM
7 field. Current tracks are, but are not limited to, Biomedical Sciences, Mechanical/Electrical Engineering, and
8 Computer Science. If the student doesn't meet the requirements for receiving the KSAD they will not be
9 eligible for any further benefits from the program.

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11 Section 2: After obtaining the KSAD the students then have the ability to obtain an on the job Bachelors
12 Degree in whichever STEM field they have chosen from an accredited university located in the state of
13 Kentucky. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in internships and apprenticeships if they
14 choose to go to school for their Bachelors Degree instead of on the job training.

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16 Section 3:
17 A. The KSAD will be a new program only valid in the state of Kentucky. To further incentivise recipients to
18 stay, the on the job Bachelor's Degree will only be subsidized if the student remains in Kentucky for the
19 duration of the program. By allowing students to build their ties to the state of Kentucky, we will be able to
20 become a leader in infrastructure development, advanced medicine, and will be able to serve as an example
21 to the rest of the nation on the value of education.
22 B. In order to attain the KSAD, each student must hold and maintain at least a 3.5 GPA.

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24 Section 4: Each student who completes the program to get the KSAD and the on job Bachelor's degree along
25 with holding a job (or obtaining a higher degree) in the state of Kentucky for eight (8) years will receive a
26 pension and take part in a tenure type system. Along with working in the Commonwealth for eight years, the
27 student will also need to meet certain benchmarks to be set forthwith by the appropriate agencies.

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29 Section 5: The total funds requested for this program are equal to the per student expenditure per year for
30 all students in the program (if all 53,000 8th graders join the program, the sum will equal: \$202,963,500),
31 plus a discretionary supplemental fund not to exceed \$50,000,000.

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33 Section 6: The actions described herein will be executed by a special committee who will determine the
34 appropriate agencies to be involved, as well as a timeline for rollout. This committee will be formed upon
35 passage of this bill. The four authors shall be granted positions on the committee.