

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</b> <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b> <b>Legislative Bill</b>	<b>Blue   Bill # 20</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee:</b> <b>Senate 4</b>						
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1 An act to redistribute lottery proceeds by adjusting merit and needs-based scholarship percentages in  
2 Senate Bill 21 (1989).

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

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6 Section 1: This amendment will increase the funding of the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship.  
7 Currently, the KEES program provides scholarships to students who earn at least a 2.5 GPA each year they  
8 attend a certified KY high school. The better they do in class, the more they earn toward college. They may  
9 also earn awards for ACT/SAT scores and Advanced Placement (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB) test  
10 scores. Home school and GED graduates may earn awards based on their ACT scores.

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12 Section 2: This act shall serve as an amendment to Senate Bill 21. Provisions of the General Assembly copy  
13 of the bill shall be retained with the following changes:

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15 Section 3: Currently 55% of lottery proceeds are used for NEEDS-BASED scholarships. Both the College  
16 Access Program (CAP) and the Kentucky Tuition Grants Program (KTGP) are needs-based scholarships that  
17 require an application. Students who meet the criteria for financial "need" may apply and scholarships are  
18 awarded based on availability of funds. This needs-based percentage will be adjusted to 40%.

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20 Section 4: Currently 45% of lottery proceeds are used for the MERIT scholarship program known as KEES  
21 (Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship). Students earn this scholarship and are guaranteed the money  
22 they earn based on academic performance. This merit-based percentage will be adjusted to 60%.

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24 Section 5: By adjusting these percentages we will ensure that the KEES Trust Fund will adequately support  
25 the scholarships awarded yearly.

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27 Section 6: The Commonwealth Merit Scholarship Trust Fund Council will be responsible for the financial  
28 stability of the KEES Trust Fund, ensuring that the designated lottery proceeds adequately fund the KEES  
29 eligibility awards yearly.

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31 Section 7: The Commonwealth Merit Scholarship Trust Fund Council shall also convene every five years to  
32 evaluate surplus funds in the trust fund and make recommendations to legislators on eligibility and  
33 supplemental award adjustments. This shall include a review of the base amount of the Commonwealth  
34 merit scholarship and the availability of funds.

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36 Section 8: This amendment will go into effect immediately upon passage. Lottery proceeds will be adjusted  
37 the fiscal year of the date of passage.