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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY YOUTH GOVERNORS REPORT

Since 1946, the Kentucky YMCA has proudly sponsored the Kentucky Youth Assembly, or KYA – the nation’s largest Youth and Government program for middle and high school students.

As KYA delegates, students can serve as Representatives and Senators, Justices and Attorneys, Cabinet Secretaries, Lobbyists, or members of our Media Corps. During the fall, delegates work with their school delegations to research and write legislation that they will sponsor at the Assembly.

The 2019 KYA session was our largest program yet, with hundreds of KY youth participating in debate for the first time. Over the course of 7 assemblies – 4 High School and 3 Middle School – the Y served more students, families, schools, and communities than ever before:

7,202 STUDENT DELEGATES
3,653 HIGH SCHOOLERS
3,549 MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

REPRESENTING **134** HIGH SCHOOLS
262 **128** MIDDLE SCHOOLS
686 VOLUNTEER TEACHER ADVISORS & CHAPERONES

AUTHORED AND SPONSORED **42** SIGNED INTO LAW BY KYA GOVERNORS
601 BILLS

Of the 632 bills that were written, sponsored and debated by our student delegates during KYA 2019, our High School Youth Governors signed 42 of them into law.

The **Youth Governors Report** lists each of these 42 bills by both title and school, and organizes them into policy areas for presentation and consideration by their respective House and Senate Committees.

2019 YOUTH GOVERNORS

Sammy Smith | HS KYA 1
 Georgetown • Great Crossing HS

Joseph Hettinger | HS KYA 2
 Louisville • St. Xavier HS

Nick Skidmore | HS KYA 3
 Lexington • Lafayette HS

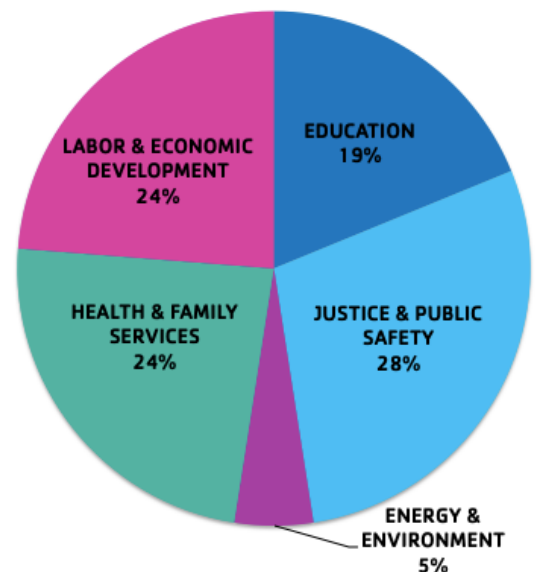
Cammeron Durham | HS KYA 3
 Shelbyville • Martha Layne Collins HS

Each Youth Governor is elected by their peers to serve a full yearlong term with fellow KYA Presiding Officers. At each KYA conference, Governors meet with the sponsors of bills passed by the House and Senate, and consult with the Cabinet and Budget Committee before deciding to sign or veto each bill.

POLICY TRENDS

Out of the 42 bills signed into law, multiple bills addressed each of the following policies:

- Health Insurance
- Death Penalty
- Tax Reform
- Canabis Legalization
- Sexual Assault
- Education Standards
- Gambling Laws
- Clean Energy Tax Incentives
- Maternity & Paternity Leave
- Voting Rights



SIGNED BILLS LISTED BY POLICY AREA

Education

An Act Relating To Public School Students Receiving Excused Absences for Mental Health Purposes.	South Laurel
An Act Requiring All Kentucky High School Students To Take A Financial Literacy Class As A Graduation Requirement	Rockcastle Co. HS
An Act Relating To The Prohibition Of The Use Of Solitary Confinement In The Juvenile Detention System	Gatton Academy
An Act Repealing KRS 158.14: Passing grade on civics test required for high school graduation	Greenwood HS
An Act Relating To Establishing Mandatory Sexual Harassment Curriculum Within Junior High Sexual Education Courses	Mercy Academy
An Act Relating To Regulating Grading Scales in Public Schools	Woodford Co. HS
An Act to Abolish Progress-Monitoring of Standardized Testing in Public Schools	Russellville HS
An Act Relating To Amending Section 2 of KRS 158.1415 pertaining to Sex Education	Russell HS

Justice and Public Safety

An Act Relating To the Requirement of a Kentucky Criminal History Record Check for all Local and State Wide Camp Employees	Trigg Co. HS
An Act Relating To The Legalization Of Religious Reptiles	Boyd Co. HS
An Act Requiring all Legal Drivers over the age of 80 to Retake the Eye Exam and Road Test When Renewing Their License	Lexington Catholic
An Act Relating to Implementing Same-Day Voting Registration	Lexington Catholic
An Act Relating To Solitary Confinement in Kentucky Juvenile Detention Centers	North Oldham
An Act to Require any Remote-Operated Person Watercraft to Have and Use a Skier-Down Flag	Hopkinsville HS
An Act To Repeal The Death Penalty in All Forms In Kentucky	St. Xavier
An Act Relating To Addressing Sexual Offenses Committed By Juveniles	Greenwood HS
An act to Impose Restrictions on Juvenile Solitary Confinement in State Prisons	Bethlehem HS
An Act Relating To Statute of Limitations Regarding Sexual Assault	Rowan Co. Sr. HS
An Act Relating To Eradicating of the "Gay Panic" Defense in Kentucky's Court System	Scott Co. HS
An Act Relating To The Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Kentucky	DuPont Manual

Energy & Environment

An Act Relating To Tax Breaks to MTR Solar Panel Farms	Campbellsville HS
An Act Relating To Converting Coal Jobs Into Hydroelectricity Jobs	Great Crossing HS

Health & Family Services

An Act Relating To Mandated Reduction On Insulin Prices	North Laurel HS
An Act Relating To The Banning of Conversion Therapy On Minors	Ballard HS
An Act Relating To establishing mandatory sexual education courses in all Kentucky public high schools	Spencer Co. HS
An Act Relating To New Requirements of High School Health Courses	Apollo HS
An Act Relating To Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave	North Oldham
An Act Relating To Abortion Access in Kentucky	St. Francis
An Act Relating To Banning Conversion Therapy on Minors	Trimble Co. HS
An Act Relating to Allowing ALS Patients Under the Age of 60 the Opportunity to Apply for Supplemental Insurance	Trigg Co. HS
An Act Relating To The Maximum Amount Awarded to Plaintiffs In Malpractice Lawsuits	Gatton Academy
An Act to Reduce a Patient's Costs of Prescription Insulin Drugs in the State of Kentucky, and in Connection, Make an Appropriation	Louisville Collegiate

Labor & Economic Development

An Act Relating To Raising The State Sales Revenue Tax	Butler Traditional
An Act Relating To the Use of Eminent Domain by Private Companies	Meade Co. HS
An Act Relating To Taxation of Minors	Lexington Christian Academy
An Act Relating To Granting Kentucky NCAA Student-Athletes Compensation for Their Signature, Likeness, and Merchandise	Meade Co. HS
An Act Relating To Occupational Licensing	Heritage Christian
An Act Relating To Removing Discriminatory Workplace Codes on Natural Hairstyles for People of Color	St. Francis HS
An Act Relating To the Creation of a State Program for Vocational Education	Daviess Co.
An Act to Create a Domestic Worker's Bill of Rights	St. Xavier HS
An Act Relating To Legalization of Sports Gambling	Bowling Green HS
An Act Relating To Increase Lottery Revenue to be Returned to the State	Sacred Heart