the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	1
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Avery Dobozi, Hannah McNeill		Action c	on the Bill
School: Assumption	ı HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Credit for the Contributions of Private School Tuition Organizations

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

Section 1: Be It Enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Low income students all over the state of Kentucky may never gain a private education and are subjected to a failing school system. In order end the cycle of poverty often seen in inner city communities, Scholarship Tax Credits are one of the most practical solutions to this reoccurring issue.

Section 2: Individuals or businesses are offered tax credits worth 95% of the payment made Private School Tuition Organizations. Rather than paying the State, their money is used to provide children from all over the state the opportunity to attend a private or specialized school by aiding in the cost of tuition.

Section 3: The tax credit returned to the individuals or businesses will be tax deductible, so no money will be taken from the state for this bill to go into effect.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2021.

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Sponsors: Lailah Armstrong, Sydney Badon, Emily Delk, Elise Lewantowicz	Action on the Bill	
School: Assumption HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To proposing an amendment to Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to restoring the voting rights of felons.

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

Section 1: Be enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. According to Section 145 of the Kentucky Constitution, Persons convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of treason, or felony, or bribery in an election, or of such high misdemeanor as the General Assembly may declare, shall operate as an exclusion from the right of suffrage, but persons hereby excluded may be restored to their civil rights by executive pardon.

Section 2: Currently, Kentucky is one of two states, the other being lowa, to permanently ban all felons from voting unless restored individually by the governor. According to the sentencing project, one in 10 Kentucky residents, and one in four African-Americans residents, can't vote because of felony convictions. That equates to roughly 312,000 disenfranchised Kentuckians, including nearly 69,000 African Americans, according to the Sentencing Project. Since 2016, the governor's office has approved 975 of the 1,861 restorations of civil rights applications, according to the Kentucky Department of Corrections. About 78 percent have completed their sentences.

Section 3: In Kentucky, someone who is committed of a Class D felony can lose their right to vote. The felony classifications are as follows: a Class A felony is punishable by 20 to 50 years in prison, or life imprisonment. Rape of a child under the age of 12 (first degree rape) or murder is a Class A felony. Class B felonies in Kentucky are punishable by 10 to 20 years of imprisonment. For example, intentionally shooting someone and causing serious injury (first degree assault) is a Class B felony. A conviction for a Class C felony can result in a prison term of five to ten years. Theft of property worth at least \$10,000 but less than \$1,000,000 is a Class C felony in Kentucky. Finally, a Class D felony is punishable by one to five years in prison. Cultivating five or more marijuana plants is considered a Class D felony in the state of Kentucky.

Section 4: Kentucky Constitution section 145 is amended to read as follows: Persons convicted of a Class A felony in any court of competent jurisdiction shall operate as an exclusion from the right of suffrage, but persons hereby excluded may be restored to their civil rights by executive pardon. Other persons disqualified as a voter because of another type of felony shall have the disqualification removed after the expiration of the sentence.

Section 5: This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415.

Section 6: This will go into effect January 1, 2021.

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Bluegrass Bill		Committee: use 2
Sponsors: Ian Long, Laynie Miller	Action on the Bill	
School: Belfry HS	House	Senate
City: Belfry	Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An act to require all secondary schools in Kentucky to hold an annual Suicide Awareness Assembly.

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

Section 1: Alarmed at the increasing rate of teenage deaths by suicide, and 15% of high school students reported having considered suicide within a 12-month period.

Section 2: Requires that all schools in the Commonwealth of Kentucky have an annual assembly on the Wednesday of Suicide Awareness Week, (second full week of September).

Section 3: This assembly must include educational sources about suicide, and mental health. This assembly must be attended by all Kentucky students and draw on a community expert for guidance. This assembly shall also be no less than an hour long.

Section 4: This bill shall be enacted on January 1, 2020.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	4
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Sena	Committee: ate 3
Sponsors: Ethan Weatherspoon, Madi Salyers, Kynady Thomas		Action o	n the Bill
School: Caldwell Co	. HS	House	Senate
Citv: Princeton		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed

An Act Relating To Requiring a Sexual Health Education Curriculum in All KY Public Secondary Schools

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All KY public secondary schools will provide a research based sexual health education curriculum addressing medically accurate, developmentally and age-appropriate sex education in grades 9-12.

Section 2: The bill would require schools to adopt a curriculum that includes the benefits of abstinence and delaying sexual activity in conjunction with the importance of contraceptives in preventing pregnancy and STI's; healthy relationship skills, including violence, coercion and sexual intimidation aversion; healthy decision-making skills; the encouragement of open communication with parents/guardians, health care professionals and other trusted adults; explicit permission for teachers to answer any student questions; and the provision that "sex education shall not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, religion, sexual orientation, or gender identity."

Section 3: The bill requires the school to adopt a written policy ensuring parental or legal guardian notification of the comprehensive sexual health education and the right of the parent or legal guardian to withdraw his or her child from all or part of the instruction and the student be excused from any instruction at a parent.s request without disciplinary action or academic penalty.

Section 4: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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### Referred to Committee: Senate 1

Sponsors: Lili Newcom, Lily Gardner, Callie Brown, Seth Sarles	Action o	n the Bill
School: Crittenden Co. HS	House	Senate

 City: Marion
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 — □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the coverage of EpiPens by insurance companies

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 304.17A WILL BE CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All health benefit plans shall provide coverage for EpiPens for persons diagnosed with anaphylaxis under the age of eighteen (18).

Section 2: The bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2020.

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		Referred to Hou	Committee: se 1
<b>Sponsors:</b> Cade Ha	ggard, Hardy Oldham, Landon Shroyer, Jose Elbl	Action o	n the Bill
School: DeSales HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Creation of a Personalized Annual tax Dollar Spending Report

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 139 IS CREATED TO BE READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) To create a system to ensure the commonwealth is aware of what they are taxed for. We plan on having a letter sent once annually detailing specifics of what each individual has had their tax money spent on. (2) This bill will go into effect on/in the next tax report. (3) A tax report is a form(s) filed with a taxing authority that reports income, expenses and other pertinent tax information. Tax returns allow taxpayers to calculate their tax liability, schedule tax payments, or request refunds for overpayment of taxes.

Section 2: We are wanting to enforce the ability to know what the state is putting your tax money towards. We are planning to enforce this by giving the option to the individual to be able to know where your tax money is going next year on your tax report. We believe this is good for the state because it gives more information to the people of Kentucky. This is beneficial because it gives more facts to the people in case of petition.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: William [	Decker, Dallyn Sloat, Gabriel Parrish, Jake Griffith	Action o	n the Bill
School: DeSales HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To to Domestic violence

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 532 IS CREATED TO BE READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Change the felony of third offense of domestic abuse from Class D to Class C. This means that on the third offense instead of being charged with up to 5 years in prison as before, the offender will be charged with 5–10 years in prison. (2)This bill will go into effect 6 months after passage.

Section 2: Our main goal is to get people who beat, injure, or assault their family members or domestic partners off of the streets for a longer amount of time, more than what is already set in place by the current legal system.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
<b>Sponsors:</b> Sophia B	Bryant, Andrew Kelmanson, Luc Fabiing, Anna Emberson	Action o	n the Bill
School: DuPont Ma	nual HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ ☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To A Rural Urban Study Program

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 154.21 IS CARRIED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 1. An issuance of a department of the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development shall be established as the Kentucky Urban and Rural Development Committee. 2. 5 Cabinet members shall be appointed to enforce the committee. The committee shall act as a financial incentive between urban and rural counties in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. All members shall be appointed as any other committee member of the Cabinet.

Section 2: The previously mentioned Kentucky Urban and Rural Development Committee shall draw upon the previously appropriated fund to the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year 2019-2020, for the stated purposes of the Kentucky Urban and Rural Development Committee. Any appropriation unexpended at the end of the fiscal year 2019-2020 by the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development shall not lapse, but shall be carried forward into the next fiscal year.

Section 3: The Kentucky Urban and Rural Development committee shall review and incentive resolutions to advance economic relations between urban and rural counties. All resolutions formed by the committee shall be reviewed by the Partnership Board of the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development. If the committee is unable to reach a consensus, the resolution shall resort to the full Cabinet for a consensus to be reached.

Section 4: The Kentucky Urban and Rural Development Committee established in KRS 154.211 shall go into effect on January 1, 2021.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Aubrey R	Reitzel, Helen Le, Dara Zahorik, Maddie Rose	Action o	on the Bill
School: DuPont Mar	nual HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Improving The Mental Health Curriculum in Kentucky

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All public schools will implement a revised mental health curriculum that includes educational videos, informative lessons led by school counselors, and hands on activities to increase knowledge about mental illness and how to recognize the signs.

Section 2: In Kentucky, suicide is the second leading cause of death in adolescents. In a ranking of the states with the highest rate of suicide, Kentucky was number 10. According to education.ky.org, in a 12 month period, 1 in every 7 high school students have seriously considered committing suicide. We propose to update our mental health curriculum. We need to make new videos to inform students, and have hands on situations so that students know what to do and can recognize the signs of their peers experiencing depression. We also need to apply the latest and most relevant research to our curriculum reforms.

Section 3: There is appropriated to the Department of Education 2,500,000 from the AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education) grant in fiscal year 2020-2021 and every five fiscal years following.

Section 4: This Act goes into effect March 1, 2020.

Section 5: Any statue contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to	
Sponsors: Fatima T	alpur, Arsh Tak-Khan, Jackson Shinkle	Action or	the Bill
School: DuPont Ma	nual HS	House	Senate

An Act Relating To Reforming The SNAP Program

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 205 IS TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) retailers' selections of foodstuffs shall consist of at least 10% fresh fruits and vegetables.

Section 2: Existing SNAP Retailers must continue to meet one or both of existing Criterions A and B in order to maintain their SNAP license. A. Criterion A is defined as a store having 3 stocking units of 3 different varieties for each staple food category on a continuous basis, including 3 stocking units of 1 perishable food variety for at least 2 of the staple food categories. B. Criterion B is defined as a store's total gross retail sales consisting of over 50% from the sale of staple foods.

Section 3: If a SNAP retailer is found to be out of compliance with Section 1, they will be given 30 days to meet the requirements or have their SNAP license revoked.

Section 4: Any statute contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed.

Section 5: This Act goes into effect January 1, 2021.

City: Louisville

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Iman Das	shti, John Woodhouse, Natalie Kephart, Kylie Bennett	Action o	on the Bill
School: DuPont Mar	nual HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Regulating Kentucky's Health while Boosting its Budget

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

Section 1: Kentucky's health standards are horrendous, and 29% of the population regularly smoke cigarettes. Kentucky is ranked 45th among the 50 states, making it one of the most unhealthy states.

Section 2: Five acres of Tobacco farmland in Kentucky is worth 100 acres of corn/soybeans. Tobacco hoards 50% of Kentucky's agriculture business. Along with this, Kentucky is extremely underfunded, ranking it 3rd from last in income per capita.

Section 3: The Bill calls upon the government to increase tobacco tax from 15% to 33.33%. This will add approximately 1,320,964,200 dollars to the Kentucky state fund.

Section 4: The Bill calls upon the state government to collect this money from the tax increase and use it to build smoking rehabilitation centers under standards of the American Lung Association.

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Sponsors: Abby Sanders, Jasmine Howard, Sophie Hemingway, Lauren Baker	Action o	n the Bill
School: DuPont Manual HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	Passed	□ Passed

An Act Relating To the Implementation of Single-use Carryout Plastic Bag Fees

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 139 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 1. Businesses are required to implement a five cent (\$0.05) tax for each single-use carryout plastic bag distributed. This fee does not apply to reusable bags. 2. The taxes collected and deposited for Kentucky's educational fund.

Section 2: 1. "Single-use plastic carryout bag" is defined as a plastic bag provided at the point of sale or departure with the purpose of transporting food or merchandise out of the establishment. Single-use plastic carryout bags do not include bags used (1) to transport produce, bulk food, candy or meat from a product, bulk food or meat department within a store to the point of sale; (2) to separate food or merchandise that could damage or contaminate other food or merchandise when placed together in a bag. 2. "Reusable bag" is defined as a bag that is specifically designed for multiple reuse and is either: (1) made of cloth or other machine washable fabric; (2) made of durable plastic that is at least 2.25 mils thick or made of other durable material suitable for reuse.

Section 3: An establishment's failure to collect or deposit the fee will result in a charge of tax evasion.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect January 2021.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Brookely	n Creech, Beth Creech	Action o	on the Bill
School: Great Cross	ing HS	House	Senate
City: Georgetown		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Allowing Excused Absences For College Touring In All High School Grade Levels

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

Section 1: Nearly over 60% of high school graduates attend college. With this in mind, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth graders should be permitted five (5) excused absences each year they are in high school to tour college campuses.

Section 2: Requiring every high school in Kentucky to excuse students from school to tour college campuses will reduce stress on students to find a college. Students will not receive excused absences during a state testing window.

Section 3: KRS 159.035 is amended to read as follows: Amend (3) to read as follows, "A public school principal must also allow ninth (9), tenth(10), eleventh (11), and twelfth (12)graders five (5) additional excused absences to tour college campuses." Any statute contrary to this amendment shall be amended or repealed.

Section 4: This bill will not cost the state of Kentucky any money.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect the 2020-2021 school year.

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### **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill**

Sponsors: Boone Gibson, Caden Hamilton, Zander Osborne, Jonah Gibson

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**Referred to Committee:** Senate 2

**Action on the Bill** 

2	School: Greenup Co. HS	House	Senate
(	City: Greenup	□ Passed □ Defeated	Defeated
1	An Act Relating To lowering the age workers are considered minors for p	ourposes of employ	ment
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
4 5 6 7	Section 1: The age in which a person is considered an adult for purposes of employ years of age.	ment only will be lov	wered to 16
8 9 10	Section 2: The only government money required is the money required to spre employers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.	ad the news of the	e bill to the
11 12 13	Section 3: This will need to be specified in any handbooks or workplace documenthese workers on their rights.	nents as necessary	to educate
14 15 16	Section 4: This bill gets rid of all limitations on 16 year olds' working conditio and items allowed to be sold by the employee.	ning, such as hour	s worked,
17 18 19	Section 5: This bill gives 16 year old employees' the right to sell alcohol and t checking for IDs when selling said products.	obacco products. <i>F</i>	As well as
20	Section 6: All 16-year-olds utilizing this new policy must show proof of curre	nt enrollment in so	me form of

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# VENTUCKY VOLITH ACCEMBLY

Bluegrass Bill		Committee: use 2
Sponsors: Lindsay Smith, Jack Schablik, Breck Bennett, McKenzie Turner	Action on the Bill	
School: Holy Cross HS - Louisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Voting Rights of Convicted Felons

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

Section 1: This bill will allow convicted felons to regain their voting rights after they complete their sentence and probation. The purpose of this bill is to increase the overall voter turnout in the Commonwealth and allow more people to have the same basic rights as their fellow Kentuckians. This would only apply to one-time convicted felons who have completed their sentence and their probation.

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Section 2: This bill will not cost the Commonwealth of Kentucky any money as it only requires the person to register themselves to vote. This right could be stripped (and/or never given in the first place) by parole officers and/or judges as they see fit.

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Section 3: This Act takes effect January 1, 2020.

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the			Committee: ate 3
Sponsors: Woodfor	d Ragland, Lucy McLaughlin, Elliott Abbott, Alexis Haller	Action o	n the Bill
School: Louisville Co	ollegiate HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An act to enstate and enforce road law regulations on electric scooters in Kentucky

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

Section 1: With the growing number of accidents and injuries resulting from the use of electric scooters in Kentucky, special laws should be enacted to regulate their usage. Currently, electric scooters are regulated under the same laws as electric bikes in Kentucky as decided in House Bill 258. This act would require the state to recognize electric scooters and electric bikes as separate transportation devices under the law.

Section 2: With regard to the safety and convenience of pedestrians, this act bars electric scooters from sidewalks. Electric scooters will only be allowed to be driven on roads where the speed limit is equal to or less than 35 mph or on roads with designated bike lanes. On all legal roads, the max speed for an electric scooter will be 15 mph.

Section 3: To ensure the safety of younger users, this act requires children under the age of 18 to wear a helmet while riding an electric scooter on roads or in bike lanes. Additionally, riders under the age of 16 would require parental supervision to pilot.

Section 4: Citizens caught using an electric scooter in an unlawful way: 1st offense- Offenders will be issued a fine of up to \$75. 2nd offense- Offenders will be issued a fine of up to \$150. 3rd offense- Offenders will be given a probationary period of six months in which they may not use an electric scooter and a fine of \$300. Violation of this probation will result in a further six months of probation and a repeated fine of \$300.

Section 5: In the case of an offense committed by a minor, the fine will be issued to that minor's legal guardian.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect one year after its passing.

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the			Committee: ate 3	
Sponsors: Avery Tu	icker, Emmy Slaton, Kaleigh Haulk, Ryan Tucker	Action o	n the Bill	
School: Lyon Co. HS		House	Senate	
<b>City:</b> Eddyville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated	

An Act Relating To Closing a Loophole in Kentucky's Religious Freedom Act

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

Section 1: Kentucky's current Religious Freedom Act reads as follows: The government shall not substantially burden a person's freedom of religion. The right to act or refuse to act in a manner motivated by a sincerely held religious belief may not be substantially burdened unless the government proves by clear and convincing evidence that it has a compelling governmental interest in infringing the specific act or refusal to act and has used the least restrictive means to further that interest. A "burden" shall include indirect burdens such as withholding benefits, assessing penalties, or an exclusion from programs or access to facilities. This bill would reword this act to make illegal the use of illegal recreational drugs including ayahuasca.

Section 2: Currently, as long as an organization is registered as a church, and receives tax exempt status, the government can no longer interfere with the church's affairs. With the recent show on Vice Network titled "Kentucky Ayahuasca," it has come to attention that many people in the state are abusing Kentucky's Religious Freedom Act to use illegal drugs. On the show, a convicted felon has formed a Native American church (he admits on the show that he is not Native American) in Greensburg, KY in order to use the Schedule 1 narcotic, ayahuasca.

Section 3: Specifically, ayahuasca is a schedule 1 narcotic that is similar to LSD or heroin. It can potentially be fatal as well. Other potentially deadly risks associated with ayahuasca and DMT include seizures, respiratory arrest, and coma. In people who have pre-existing mental disorders like schizophrenia, there can also be severe side effects when using ayahuasca.

Section 4: The penalty for using illegal drugs in your church would include the church losing their tax-exempt status, and legal consequences that go along with the use of illegal drugs.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2020.

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Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: House 3	
Sponsors: Jiali Graham, Hannah Hutchinson, Marie Whitehouse	Action on the Bill	
School: Model Laboratory HS	House	Senate
City: Richmond	Passed	□ Passed

An Act Relating To Encourage Schools, Churches, and Workplaces to Have an Abuse Prevention Program

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

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to lower the abuse rate of children, the elderly and disabled adults in Kentucky. According to the Kentucky Health News, the Commonwealth has the highest rate of child abuse in the nation. As of 2017, Kentucky has 22,410 child abuse victims. This means that there are twenty-two are victims of child abuse for every 1,000 children. Adults and persons with disabilities are also abused at alarming rates throughout the Commonwealth.

Section 2: This bill will establish a program for people that were abused or are being abused to seek assistance. This program will create a series of "Safe Havens" throughout the Commonwealth. These "Safe Havens" will provide a convenient, familiar location such as local libraries, schools, churches, and businesses for abused or individuals concerned about victims of abuse to speak with volunteers about what they or others are going through and seek help for themselves and others being abused.

Section 3: The "Safe Havens" will be run by professionally-trained volunteers, such as ones that already work on the Commonwealth child/elder abuse hotline using existing state services. Poster advertisements for "Safe Haven" locations would be made available online for "Safe Haven" volunteers and other interested community members to print and display in easily accessible places such as around workplaces, like restaurants or stores, schools, and churches.

Section 4: A study done by Frank Edwards showed that the states with policies that place prominence on describing the signs of abuse and providing easy ways to report abuse, have lower rates of abuse overall. The "Safe Havens" will allow for efficient and low-cost distribution of this information and the reporting processes.

Section 5: The program will only require modest funding for promotion and advertisement. Training services for volunteers already exist through the abuse hotline services. Posters could be designed through a public competition requiring nominal funding. Community members will volunteer space and time for these "Safe Havens" to open and operate. A one-time appropriation of \$15,000 should cover the original promotion efforts needed for the program launch. The program should remain financially sustainable through existing services offered through the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2020.

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Section 5: This bill will take effect on January 1 of the following year the bill is passed.

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### Referred to Committee: Senate 3

2	ponsors: Fatima Ahmad, Hannah Jarrell	Action or	the Bill
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C	City: Pikeville		Defeated
1	An Act Relating To tax e-cigarette products and increase the	purchase age	
2 3 4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
5 6 7	Section 1: All e-cigarettes, which include but are not limited to box vapes, Juuls, Blu stick, vape mods, box mods, vape pens, and smoking coils, will be defined as tobacco 138.140 will also be applied.		•
8 9 10	Section 2: A 10 percent sales tax will be put on all e-cigarettes and vaping pro	oducts (refer to Se	ction 1)
11 12 13	Section 3: All people who sell or distribute e-cigarette and vaping products (reretail license for the product.	efer to Section 1) n	nust have a
14	Section 4: The age to buy e-cigarettes and other vaping products will be raise	d to 20 years of ag	je.

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Bluegrass Bill		Committee: use 3
Sponsors: Harper Grizzle, Emma Arbogast, Madison Leadingham, Jessica Ratliff	Action o	on the Bill
School: Russell HS	House	Senate
City: Russell	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Increase Education Funding

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

Section 1: Increase the funding formula for education. KRS 157.010 allows for 6% bond funding for public schools.

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Section 2: Education funding should be increased at a rate of 3% per year over a two year period. This will bring the funding percentage to 12%.

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Section 3: The purpose of the increase is to provide the necessary materials and technology to better educate Kentucky public school students.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY
	Bluegrass Bill
Sponsors: Verity br	own, Schuler Hildenbrand, leonora reader

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**Referred to Committee:** House 1

**Action on the Bill** 

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School: Sacred Heart Academy	House	Senate
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City: Louisville	Defeated	Defeate

An Act Relating To Allowing College Athletes to be paid for use of their Name, Image, and Likeness

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

Section 1: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2023.

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Section 2: This bill will allow all college athletes to be paid for commercials, endorsements, and other uses of their name, image, and likeness. The athletes will not receive payment from their college or university for their name, image, or likeness.

Section 3: The players must stay in compliance with their school's contracts. The payment the players receive will receive a normal 5% income tax with an additional 5% tax that will be put towards either the school's research or scholarship programs. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG	BG   22	
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Sponsors: Kate Say	vlor, Isabela moreno, Lucy Green, Ryleigh Stark	Action or	n the Bill	
School: Sacred Heart Academy		House	Senate	
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An Act Relating To Initiate a Tax Free Weekend For School Supplies

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

Section 1: Section 1: A new section of KRS 200 is created as follows: A tax-free holiday will be instituted on all school supplies. As stated in KRS 200, the gross sales tax is 6 percent

Section 2: On the last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of July, the sales tax shall be released from all school materials; for example: notebooks, binders, and pencils. Products with a price exceeding \$100, excluding tax, shall not be tax-exempt. Other exceptions include computers which must be less than \$1,500, computer software which must be less than \$350, and graphing calculators which must be less than \$150.

Section 3: Designated products will be placed in an assigned section at the store for easy identification.

This bill shall be implemented by May of 2020.

City: Louisville

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Sponsors: Molly Ov	ven, Emma Talbott, Reese Quinlan	Action o	on the Bill
School: Sacred Hear	rt Academy	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Require Trailer Tails be Attached to all Kentucky Semi-Trucks

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

Section 1: A trailer tail is a product that can be attached to the rear end of a semi-truck and, when the truck is moving, extends for feet out at an angle that reduces wind drag.

Section 2: The American Trucking Association (ATA), says this product provides 5% to 15% fuel efficiency. According to ATDynamics, a trailer tail manufacturer, a semi-truck that travels at least 60,000 miles a year can save approximately 480 gallons of diesel fuel, which is about 4.0 metric tons of carbon dioxide. This is equivalent to taking one car off the road for a year The average aerodynamic panel system (trailer tail) costs around \$2,200.

Section 3: As of September of 2025, all Kentucky based semi-trucks are required to attach trailer tails to their vehicle. Fulfilling this requirement before the deadline will allow a .02 tax break for that fiscal year. Failing to meet this requirement will require a .02 penalty until all semi-trucks are outfitted appropriately.

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Bluegrass Bill		Committee: use 1
Sponsors: Dakota Musgrave, Gigi Cornett	Action o	n the Bill
School: Sayre School HS	House	Senate
City: Lexington	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed

An Act Relating To Reporting Suspected Animal Cruelty

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

Section 1: In 2018, the Animal Legal Defense Fund ranked Kentucky 50th (out of 50 states) as having the least effective animal protection laws in the United States. One Kentucky law, KRS 321.185, prohibits veterinarians from reporting suspected animal abuse, privileging the "confidential relationship between the veterinarian and the veterinarian's client" unless a waiver or court order is signed by the client allowing the veterinarian to report the abuse.

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Section 2: To better protect animals from cruelty, a state law should be established to require veterinarians or any pet care institution to report suspected cruelty. According to KRS 446.010, "'Cruelty' as applied to animals includes every act or omission whereby unjustifiable physical pain, suffering, or death is caused or permitted."

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Section 3: Suspicions of animal abuse reported to local (city or county) animal control agencies, law enforcement, or humane societies will be investigated by local officials and prosecuted under local and state ordinances. If legitimate reports of animal abuse yield records of previous veterinary visits, neglect by veterinarians to report the abuse will entail a \$250 fine on first offense, and suspension of license on a second offense.

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Section 4: According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, researchers have studied and analyzed the co-occurrence of animal abuse and domestic violence. These studies have yielded state laws that mandate the cross-reporting of animal and child abuse between animal health care providers, animal control agencies, child health care providers, and child protection agencies. Just as physicians and dentists are required to report child abuse to social services, veterinarians should be required to report animal abuse.

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Section 5: There are currently 18 states in the U.S. requiring veterinarians to report abuse and 20 states that at least allow them to report the animal abuse. Kentucky is one of only 12 states that prohibit veterinarians from taking action. So our state should pass

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Section 6: This bill will take effect on January 1, 2021.

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Sponsors: Dixie Roo	dgers

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**Referred to Committee:** 

Bluegrass Bill	Ног	ıse 2
Sponsors: Dixie Rodgers	Action o	n the Bill
School: Scott Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Georgetown	Passed \(\sumbdelset\) Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Regulating the Price of Insulin in Kentucky

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

Section 1: In Kentucky, the average cost of one vial of insulin is \$300. This is nearly 10 times as much as a vial in neighboring countries like Canada. Many citizens are forced to illegally cross the border into Canada to purchase their insulin. People affected by diabetes are oftentimes forced to ration their insulin, or go without it for days. This can have devastating effects on their health, and even lead to death. Further complicating the matter is many insurance companies refusal to cover the cost of the medication.

Section 2: This bill will impose regulations regarding how much a company can charge for a vial of insulin. The average production cost of one vial is approximately 3 dollars. Putting a cap on the price of insulin, 2000% of a vial's production cost, will allow the insulin manufacturer to record profits, whilst also allowing the average Kentuckian to be able to purchase the medication as needed. With this regulation in place, a vial that costs 3 dollars to produce cannot be sold for more than 60 dollars.

Section 3: KRS CHAPTER 304 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) The price of prescription insulin shall not exceed 2000% of its production cost.

Section 4: This Act will require insurance companies to cover the cost. With the sudden increase in the price of medication, many insurance deductibles have increased as well. Only certain types of insulin are covered under most insurance policies. Insulin put into pumps or other machines are less likely to be covered by the company. This bill would put a standard deductible on the cost of insulin, so patients can not be overcharged. This will allow for many to purchase their medication with more ease than in the past years.

Section 5: There will be no direct cost of this bill.

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Section 6: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed

Section 7: This Act will take effect March 1, 2020.

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**Referred to Committee:** House 3

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Sponsors: k	Cate McDonald, Ava Borchers, Sophie Schaeffer, Maddie Timm	Action on the Bil

School: Villa Madonna Academy HS ☐ Passed ☐ Passed □ Defeated □ Defeated City: Villa Hills

An Act Relating To the Taxation of Single-use Plastic Products

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

Section 1: A new section of KRS Chapter 224 Subchapter 1 is created to read as follows: 1. "Single-use plastics" means any plastic product that is used once before being thrown away or recycled. 2. When any single-use plastic product is purchased, an additional 1% tax will be imposed. 3. If companies do not collect tax, a \$150 fine will be imposed every month the company does not collect the tax.

Section 2: The money collected from this tax will be placed in a fund used to aid researchers in studying materials used to create alternatives to single-use plastic products.

Section 3: This bill will be enacted on January 1st of 2022.

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		Bluegrass Bill

School: Walden School HS

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### **Referred to Committee:** Senate 1

Sponsors: Devin Brandon, daniel Bower, Nathan Green, Tyler Orne	Action on the Bill	
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An Act Relating To The Standards of Ambulance Inspections

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 311A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) The inspections of ambulances by the Kentucky Board of Emergency Medical Services will no longer be scheduled in advance. The inspectors will show up for the inspection at a random time and date. Companies must keep their supplies up to code at all times. (2) If the inspection fails, regular fines and procedures will ensue as normal. (3) The time between inspections will be reduced from two years to one year. This will prevent companies and organizations from violating the inspection standards after an inspection.

Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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1 2	An Act Relating To enforcing public Universities in Kentucky to rep	ort sexual assaults
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky
4 5 6 7 8 9	Section 1: Be enacted by the youth assembly of the commonwealth of Kentucky On men will be assaulted while at College. Colleges are not held accountable for any of environment for Kentucky's youth. This bill will require all universities supported by General Assembly to report sexual assaults they are aware happened on their campidefined by the KRS Section 35.681 Rape and Sexual Assault Generally.	this which encourages an unsafe funds allocated by the Kentucky
11 12 13 14	Section 2: Universities will be required to have resources that are known to the students can report these assaults safely and privately. The college will overs their school.	•
15 16 17	Section 3: A division will be created in the department of education that will t will oversee publicly displaying the data causing it to be in the public domain.	ake in the data. This division
18 19 20 21	Section 4: Universities will be required to report the sexual assault at the end The reports will include the specifics of gender of the assaulted and the assault.	•
22 23	Section 5: Universities who do not report their sexual assaults at the end of epenalized by the withholding of 10% of their governmental funding.	ach calendar quarter will be

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Section 6: This bill will go into effect at the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

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Sponsors: Rachel Barber, Sarah Chung, Delaney Schwab, Adelaide Madden	Action o	n the Bill
School: Assumption HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	Passed Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To Protect Consumers From Predatory Loan Practices

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

Section 1: Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, KRS 286.9-010 be amended to establish a maximum annual percent interest rate of 36 percent. This limit will be in accordance with the Consumer Protection Act. Seeing that Kentucky has the 10th highest rate of payday loan buyers per capita, this contributes to Kentucky being the 4th most impoverished state in the nation with 18.1% of Kentucky residents living in poverty. According to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, "While there is no set definition of a payday loan, it is usually a short-term, high cost loan, generally for \$500 or less, that is typically due on your next payday." Since those who are taking out these loans are typically already impoverished, they are unable to repay the excessively high interest rate on payday loans and find themselves in a vicious cycle of debt owed to the loan shark. Over 80% of payday loan buyers nationally end up in this debt-trap of payday loan sharks, and Kentucky is no different. Currently, Kentucky's maximum interest rate is 460%, according to the Center for Responsible Lending. In addition, there is also a service fee that is capped at \$15 per \$100 loaned. With these expenses, a small loan will quickly grow into an insurmountable sum.

Section 2: In response, we propose limiting the maximum annual percent interest rate to 36 percent. If a loan provider knowingly violates the maximum allowable interest rate for the transaction, the entire interest on said loan is forfeit and the person who paid the interest, or his or her legal representative, may recover twice the amount paid in any action against the lender if commenced within two years of the deferred deposit transaction.

Section 3: Additionally, in the first instance of violation of the maximum annual percent interest rate, the loan provider will be charged with a Class B misdemeanor. With additional violations, the loan provider will be charged with a Class A misdemeanor.

Section 4: If the loan provider reaches a total of five violations, its license, in accordance with 808 KAR 9:050, will be revoked.

Section 5: This bill will be enacted on January 1, 2021 and will be overseen by the Kentucky Department of Financial Institutions.

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Sponsors: Chloe Estepp, Michaela Blackburn, Tayegan Webb, Kyle Elkins	Action o	n the Bill
School: Belfry HS	House	Senate
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An act to implement safety measures for inexperienced drivers.

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

Section 1: In the United States, 43% of first year drivers are involved in motor vehicle crashes. This translates to the state of Kentucky in terms of how only 6% of inexperienced drivers make up the population in the state; however, they are involved in 20% of all highway crashes across the state. The statistic is alarming: the inexperienced drivers make up a small part of the population, yet they are involved in so many accidents and contributes so much towards the overall percentage of these accidents. This is a situation that needs addressed in order to create a safer environment for all drivers.

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Section 2: This bill will require new drivers to place a sticker on the inside of their back windshield to indicate their inexperience. The driver is required to use the sticker from the time they receive their learner's permit until they receive their full unrestricted license.

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Section 3: All drivers are currently subject to Kentucky's point system. A driver under the age of 18 who accumulates over 6 points, or a driver over the age of 18 who accumulates 12 points, may have their driving privileges suspended and their time progress reset. If a driver under the effect of this bill is found to be driving without the sticker, 2 points will be added to their Graduated Drivers Licence (GDL) profile.

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Section 4: The cost of a learner's permit in Kentucky is \$10. The funding can easily come from an increase in the total amount paid for the permit by raising it by a mere \$3. Due to the nature of how three stickers will be given to the driver in question, it will amount to approximately \$1 per sticker.

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Section 5: This bill will go into effect in July 1, 2020.

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Commonwealth Bill		ise 2
Sponsors: Jay-Lynn Mullen, Reagan McCalister, Morgan McDaniels	Action o	n the Bill
School: Caldwell Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Princeton	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Organ Donation Registration

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 186 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All licensed drivers shall be automatically registered as an organ donor upon registering or renewing a motor vehicle or hunting license. (2) If one wishes to opt out, there are multiple opportunities to do so. The individual may remove their name in person at their local DMV, visit https://donatelifeky.org/, or make their wishes known in an advanced directive.

Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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## KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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Senate 3

Sponsors: Ellie McGowan, Mary Ann Gobin, Kenlee McDaniel, Belle Minton  Action on
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School: Crittenden Co. HS

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An Act Relating To the purchase of tobacco products to those ages eighteen to twenty

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 438 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: An additional tax of five percent (5%) will be placed on purchases of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products to those aged eighteen (18) to twenty (20). This tax is in addition to the taxes set in KRS 138.140 and KRS 138.143.

Section 2: The bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2020.

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Sponsors: Matthew Mathesius, Juatin Ogle, Nolan Cotton, Trenton Thieneman	Action o	n the Bill
School: DeSales HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	□ Passed □ Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To the initiation of a building code policy in which all buildings being made or repaired after January 1st 2023, are required to be built using an Energy Star(R) approved "cool roof."

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 56 IS CREATED TO BE READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All new buildings and repairs must have roofs built with 65% reflectivity minimum as recommended by the EPA. (2) This bill will go into effect on January 1st 2023.

Section 2: The state of Kentucky has one of the worst urban heat indexes in eastern United States. According to a report by climate central, the city of Louisville alone has the 5th highest urban heat index of 4.8° fahrenheit. One of the primary causes of this problem is the color of shingles/roofing materials. This bill proposes that any roof (residential or commercial) being built or repaired after January 1st 2023 be built using an Energy Star® approved "cool roof."

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Sponsors: Norah W	ulkopf	Action o	n the Bill
School: DuPont Mar	nual HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐	□ Passed □ Defeated
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An Act Relating To Better Economic Justice in Kentucky

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

Section 1: The following KRS Chapter is repealed: 152 - State Lottery.

Section 2: This bill will go into effect January 1st 2021.

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An Act Relating To The Legalization of Euthanasia

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

Section 1: Euthanasia is defined as the practice of permitting the death of hopelessly sick or injured individuals in a relatively painless way for reasons of mercy.

Section 2: 55% of terminally ill patients die while in excruciating pain.

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Section 3: The following KRS section is repealed: 311.639 - Mercy killings not condoned, authorized, or approved.

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Section 4: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 202 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: a. Patients who wished to be euthanized must be confirmed by both their attending physician and another physician to have a terminal diagnosis and they have less than 6 months to live. b. Written consent with a witness present must be provided. c. The patient must be at least 16 years old with parent's consent and must provide proof of residency within Kentucky. d. A mental health professional must confirm that the patient is stable and in the correct state of mind to make the decision.

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Section 5: Similar Death With Dignity Laws have been enacted in Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, New Jersey, Oregon, and Vermont.

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Section 6: This bill will be enacted June 1st, 2020.



## KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

### Referred to Committee: Senate 4

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Sponsors: Scott Dinh, Paige Mammorella, Sebastian Brightwell	Action on the Bill		
School: DuPont Manual HS	House	Senate	
	Passed	□ Passed	
City: Louisville	Defeated	Defeated	

An Act Relating To The Legalization of Recreational Cannabis in Kentucky

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

Section 1: KRS 218A.1422 is to be amended to read as follows: (1) A person is guilty of possession of marijuana when he or she knowingly and unlawfully possesses or buys marijuana and is under the age of 21. (2) All marijuana must be sealed in all public spaces, including vehicles. (3) Possession of marijuana is a Class B misdemeanor, except that, KRS Chapter 532 to the contrary notwithstanding, the maximum term of incarceration shall be no greater than forty-five days.

Section 2: KRS 218A.1423 is amended to read as follows: (1) A person may only cultivate or sell marijuana with a government issued license. (2) To obtain a license, sellers must be at least twenty-one years old and pass criminal background checks. (3) Dispensaries may only operate from 8am and 10pm. (4) All products must be cleared by a State Cannabis Regulation Commission formed under the KY Department of Public Health (5) All sales are subject to a 30% state cannabis tax which will be put towards the KY Department. Of Education and Funding the State Cannabis Regulation Commission

Section 3: A new section of KRS Chapter 218A is created to read as follows: Persons older than eighteen but younger than twenty-one years old are permitted to purchase and use marijuana for medical purposes with a prescription and state issued identification.

Section 4: A new section of KRS Chapter 218A is created to read as follows: A person may not purchase more than twenty-eight grams of flower, eight grams of concentrate, or edibles containing over 800 milligrams of THC.

Section 5: A new section of KRS Chapter 218A is created to read as follows: The use of marijuana products is prohibited in all public spaces and federal property.

Section 6: A new section of KRS Chapter 218A is created to read as follow: A person who openly and publicly displays, consumes, or has intent to distribute are subject to the following punishments: (a) Under two ounces: \$100 fine, 24 hours of service, or both. (b) B

Section 7: A new section of KRS Chapter 189A is created to read as follows: (1) A person should not operate a motor vehicle with over five nanograms of THC per milliliter of blood. (2) Refusal to partake in blood tests shall result in the suspension of driving licen

Section 8: This bill will go into effect January 1st, 2021.

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### Referred to Committee: Senate 1

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Sponsors: Caleb McClellan	Action on the Bill
School: Great Crossing HS	House Senate
City: Georgetown	Passed Passed Defeated Defeated

An Act Relating To Converting Coal Jobs Into Hydroelectricity Jobs

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

Section 1: 18,850 Kentuckians are directly employed in the coal industry. 94% of Kentucky's electricity comes from coal, while only 4% comes from hydroelectricity. There are 33 dams in the state, built for reasons such as flood control, water supply, or navigation but not presently used for the production of hydroelectricity. Adding turbines and generators to these dams could quadruple Kentucky's annual hydroelectric production, convert 3,000 (15%) of Kentucky's coal jobs into hydroelectricity jobs, and raise Kentucky's hydroelectric use to 16%.

Section 2: This bill calls upon the legislature of Kentucky to begin construction on half of the state's dams in June of 2020. These dams will be finished by December 2021. The first half of the state's dams will be operated and constructed by 1,500 coal workers. The next phase of construction, on the second half of the state's dams, will begin in January of 2022 to be completed by 2023. These dams will be constructed and operated by another 1,500 coal workers.

Section 3: The environmental budget which is already in place will be used for this cause.

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Commonwealth Bill	Hou	ise 2
Sponsors: Abbie Turner, Caroline Bohannon, Mia Tyler	Action o	n the Bill
School: Great Crossing HS	House	Senate
City: Georgetown	Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Establishment of a Residential Eating Disorder Rehabilitation Facility

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

Section 1: At least 30 million Americans suffer from eating disorders. 5-10% of anorexics die within 10 years after contracting the disease and 18-20% of anorexics will be dead after 20 years. Out of mental disorders, eating disorders have the highest mortality rate. Knowing these statistics, the commonwealth of Kentucky still doesn't have a residential eating disorder rehabilitation facility.

Section 2: This bill will create a state-funded grant specifically for the building/establishment of a residential eating disorder rehabilitation facility. The grant will be funded through Kentucky's Division of Administration and Financial Management.

Section 3: The grant amount will be \$2 million, to purchase the building and to pay the faculty's salaries for the first year of being in use. In order to receive the grant the founder must meet the following requirements: a. Be a psychiatrist with a medical degree, and have all proper credentials in order. b. Have experience treating patients with eating disorders. c. Have a written plan for food, bedding, pricing, insurance policies, and around the clock care for all patients.

Section 4: Kentucky's Department for Public Health will oversee the facility's programs and track patients' progress to ensure the facility is operating as it should. Progress will be determined by requirements written by medical professionals that work in tandem with Kentucky's Department for Public Health.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on June 1, 2020.

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### Referred to Committee: House 1

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9	School: Greenup Co. HS	House Senate
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1	AN ACT ON THE TAXATION OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC	BAGS
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: The bill would levy a 5% tax on the purchase of single-use plastic bags u	sed in retail stores for groceries
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8	Section 2: This bill would not include bags used for fruits, vegetables, and oth	er produce commonly found
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11	Section 3: 4% of the collected tax would be directed to the Kentucky Energy a	nd Environment Cabinet The
12	other 1% would be left for the business that supplies the bag.	nd Limitonnient Cabinet. The
13	other 1% would be left for the business that supplies the bag.	
14	Section 4: The purpose of the bill would be to encourage the use of reusable t	nade such as cloth namer and
15	reusable plastic bags.	rags sacil as clotil, paper, and
16	reasable plastic bags.	
17	Section 5: The penalty for not complying with the law would an increase of 10	)% added to the business'
18	annual reporting fee.	

Section 6: This bill, if passed, would become law on January 1, 2021 leaving time for an adjustment period.

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#### **KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION**

# Commonwealth Bill

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### Referred to Committee: Senate 2

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Sponsors: Adam LeMaster, Taieyete Duncan	Action o	n the Bill
School: Greenup Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Greenup	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act relating to the redefinition of the Second Amendment in Kentucky

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

Section 1: Starting with the National Firearms Act of 1935, colloquially referred to as the NFA, the types of weapons eligible for ownership have been a long-questioned subject. A redefinition of the US Second Amendment is necessary to the security of a free state.

Section 2: The "New Second Amendment Act" shall be written as follows: "No individual may be denied access to any firearm or weapon, including all past, present, and future technology, regardless of the purpose of the weapon's development. Additionally, munitions for such weapons shall not be restricted. This is not subject to debate."

Section 3: Such weapons include, but will not be limited to: H&K M27, FN Herstal M240, M249, MK19, Barrett M107A1, Browning M2, General Electric™ M134, and any other weapon of any modification and all the accessories for such weapons that exist or may exist in the near and distant future."

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY  Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Sena	
Sponsors: Sabrina	Jackson, Katey Reynolds	Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Cross	HS - Louisville	House	Senate
-		□ Passed	🗆 Passed

An Act Relating To Hygiene Products for Female Prisoners

☐ Defeated

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

City: Louisville

Section 1: The Department of Corrections shall: a) Promulgate administrative regulations for the government and discipline of the penitentiary, for the government and official conduct of all officials connected with the penitentiary, and for the government of the prisoners in their deportment and conduct.

Section 2: b) Promulgate administrative regulations for the character of food and diet of the prisoners; the preservation of the health of the prisoners; the daily cleansing of the penitentiary; the cleanliness of the persons of the prisoners; the general sanitary government of the penitentiary and prisoners; the character of the labor; the quantity of food and clothing; and the length of time during which the prisoners shall be employed daily.

Section 3: The department may impose a reasonable fee for the use of medical facilities by a prisoner who has the ability to pay for the medical and dental care. These funds may be deducted from the prisoner's inmate account. A prisoner shall not be denied medical or dental treatment because he has insufficient funds in his inmate account. The department may promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A to implement a program that provides for reimbursement of tele-health consultations. Fees for the use of medical facilities by a state prisoner who is confined in a county jail pursuant to KRS 532.100 or other statute shall be governed by KRS 441.045.

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### **Referred to Committee:**

Commonwealth Bill	House 4	
Sponsors: Caleb Wiegandt, Mason Hirst, Nick Meiman	Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Cross HS - Louisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville		

An Act Relating To reinstating voting rights to all felons that have completed their sentences

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

Section 1: KRS 116.113 is amended to read as follows: Amend (3) to read as follows, "Upon receipt of notification from the Administrative Office of the Courts that a person has been convicted of a felony offense (excluding Class B, C, and D offenders), the State Board of Elections shall within five (5) days cause the removal of the name of that person from the voter registration records it maintains, except that no voter's name may be removed during the period of time the registration books are closed for any primary, general, or special election. Upon completion of a capital offender's or Class A felon's sentence and the mandated one-year rehabilitation period, the offender's name may be reinstated to the voting registration records, restoring all voting privileges in primary, general, or special elections."

Section 2: A NEW SUBSECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 116.113 (3) IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) The mandated one-year rehabilitation period for capital offenders and Class A felons will be considered complete when the offender completes twenty-six (26) bi-weekly therapy sessions with a licensed therapist over the course of the three hundred and sixty-five (365) days immediately following the offender's release from imprisonment.

Section 3: This act will come into effect on January 1st, 2020.

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### KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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### Referred to Committee: Senate 4

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Sponsors: Riley Mayberry, Schuyler Van Tassel, Caroline Kilgore, Jordan Moore	Action o	n the Bill
School: Louisville Collegiate HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An act to reduce a patient's costs of prescription insulin drugs in the state of Kentucky, and in connection, make an appropriation.

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

Section 1: To require statewide insulin copays to have a maximum of \$100 to improve the accessibility of prescription insulin.

Section 2: Legislative Declaration. The Youth Assembly finds and declares that: (a) An estimated 366,000 adults in Kentucky have diabetes with nearly 29% of diabetes cases being undiagnosed. (b) An estimated 226,000 adult Kentuckians have pre-diabetes and are at very high risk for developing the disease. (c) Diabetics have medical expenses approximately 2.3 times higher than those who do not have diabetes. (d) Diabetes and prediabetes cost an estimated 4.8 billion dollars in Kentucky each year. (e) Every Kentuckian with type 1 diabetes and many with type 2 diabetes rely on daily doses of insulin to survive; (f) Insulin prices rose by forty-five percent between 2014 and 2017, and over the last fourteen years, the price of insulin has risen by five hundred fifty-five percent, adjusted for inflation; (g) One in four type 1 diabetics have reported insulin underuse due to the high cost of insulin; and (h) Therefore, it is important to enact policies to reduce the costs for Coloradans with diabetes to obtain life-saving and life-sustaining insulin.

Section 3: A carrier that provides coverage for prescription insulin drugs pursuant to the terms of a health coverage plan the carrier offers shall cap the total amount that a covered person is required to pay for a prescription insulin drug at an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars per thirty-day supply of insulin, regardless of the amount or type of insulin needed to fill the covered person's prescription. (a) Nothing in this section prevents a carrier from reducing a covered person's cost sharing by an amount greater than the amount specified above.

Section 4: Appropriations. For the 2020–21 state fiscal year, \$26,000 is appropriated to the department of regulatory agencies for use by the division of insurance. This appropriation is from the division of insurance cash fund.

Section 5: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Section 6: This act applies to health coverage plans issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2021, or the date of the official declaration of the vote by the governor, whichever is later.

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Sponsors: Allye Culp, Cole Schroeder, Kate Gray, Todd Huddleston	Action on	the Bill
School: Lyon Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Eddyville	Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Community Service, Education Courses, and/or Job Requirements to Receive Welfare Benefits.

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 194A READS AS FOLLOWS: (1) Any and all adults who receive welfare benefits with or without an immediate family shall be required to complete at least 20 hours per week or 1,040 hours per year of approved community service or work at a part or full time job. (2) If the person is a student, he/she shall be required to complete 15 hours of classes per week, or if he/she is a part-time student, he/she shall be required to complete community service hours to meet the minimum requirement of 15 hours.

Section 2: Hours at a part or full time job would be tracked by the employer and submitted to the local Department for Community Based Services (DCBS). Community service hours must be pre-approved by the local DCBS, and the community service coordinator would confirm hours through a submission process to the DCBS. Those who are students would be required to submit a transcript to the DCBS as proof of enrollment. The DCBS would submit all required proof to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS).

Section 3: If failure to comply with this policy, welfare benefits will cease, and Child Protective Services will be notified (if children are involved).

Section 4: This bill will only apply to able-bodied, and able-minded persons. It does not effect those with physical or mental disabilities.

Section 5: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

Section 6: If passed, this Act will go into effect one year after its passage.

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#### **KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION**

# Commonwealth Bill

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### Referred to Committee: House 2

Sponsors: John Graham	Action o	n the Bill
School: Model Laboratory HS	House	Senate
City: Richmond	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Allow KEES Money to be Spent Outside the State of Kentucky with No Restrictions

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

Section 1: In 2018 alone, over \$218 Million dollars was awarded to over 131,000 Kentucky high school students who have earned a minimum of a 2.5 GPA, across the programs of KEES (Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship), CAP(College Access Program), and KTG (Kentucky Tuition Grant). Currently this money is restricted to be spent only in Kentucky, except in special cases where a chosen major isn't offered at any Kentucky university. This bill would allow all Kentucky high school students the ability to spend their hard earned money at the college or university of their choice.

Section 2: This bill would apply only to KEES money, and it would give students the ability to spend the money just as they currently do at Kentucky colleges and universities, but it would allow them to spend their money at any college or university outside of Kentucky as well. Students who stay in Kentucky for college will receive a 3.5% incentive/ bonus on top of their total amount (Ex: 3000\*1.035= \$3,105) per year that they receive KEES money. This extra 3.5% per student who stays in Kentucky is the only increase in funding that would be required for this bill, as there is no additional money required to allow students to spend their KEES money at the college or university of their choosing outside of Kentucky.

Section 3: There would be no need for any changes to the way KEES money is distributed. Currently KEES money is distributed through the college or university in Kentucky that the student attends. The college or university then sends proof of enrollment to KHEAA(Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority), and then KHEAA issues the scholarship money earned during the student's high school career to the college/ university where the student is enrolled. There is no change to the current process of distribution. The only change would be that students that attend a Kentucky college or university would get an extra 3.5%, and students who attend a college or university outside of Kentucky will be able to spend their KEES at the institution of their choice.

Section 4: Upon its passage, this bill would go into effect July 1st, 2021, and would apply to all students in high school who graduate after the 2019-2020 school year.

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### **Referred to Committee:** House 3

	Commonwealth Bill	Hous	e 3
2	ponsors: Brooklyn Cotton, Lauren Ford	Action on	the Bill
9	chool: Muhlenberg Co. HS	House	Senate
C	ity: Greenville	□ Passed .	□ Passed □ Defeated
1	An Act Relating To		
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
5 6 7	Section 1: Kentucky does not have a law granting homeschooled students the right athletics, letting public schools decide whether to allow them to participate or not.	to participate in pub	olic school
8 9 10	Section 2: We propose to require schools across the state to allow homeschoin their school district's athletic program.	oled students to pa	rticipate
11	Section 3: This hill requires no funding		

Section 4: This bill will go into effect at the start of the 2020-21 school year. This will allow schools to

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### **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

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Commonwealth Bill		ate 4
Sponsors: Riley Gilliam, Brianna Howell, Jeremy Lee	Action o	n the Bill
School: Pikeville HS	House	Senate
City: Pikeville		□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To tax cuts for solar panel installation on homes

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

Section 1: This bill would reimburse people money for converting to solar panels instead of using non-renewable resources. Solar Panels are expensive so the tax cut would help to make up for that expense. Solar power is the most abundant energy on earth. Solar energy is much cheaper than using our fossil fuels. The average price per watt for solar panels ranges from \$2.58 to \$3.38, and solar panel costs for an average-sized installation in the U.S. usually range from \$10,836 to \$14,196 after solar tax credits from the federal government.

Section 2: The Commonwealth of Kentucky will grant a tax cut for people using solar panels for their house. 1st year of using solar will be a 10% tax break By the 5th year it will be a 5% tax break Any power that is left over from the solar, power companies can buy the leftover power from the household.

Section 3: This bill will take effect on January 1 of the following year the bill is passed.

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Sponsors: Will Prater, Sara Abul-Khoudoud, Barrett Blevins	Action o	n the Bill
School: Russell HS	House	Senate
City: Russell		Defeated

An Act Relating To Amending Section 2 of KRS 158.1415 pertaining to Sex Education

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

Section 1: It is proposed that Section 2 of KRS 158.1415 is amended to read as follows: Amend (2) to read as follows, "Contraceptives as well as abstinence from sexual activity are effective ways to avoid unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, and other associated health problems."

Section 2: Any person that willfully violates the provisions of KRS 158.1415 shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) on the first offense. Fines will increase by five hundred dollars (\$500) with each consecutive offense by an individual.

Section 3: This bill shall be enacted by the Kentucky Department of Education.

Section 4: This act shall take effect July 1, 2020 for all schools in the state of Kentucky.

Section 5: There is appropriated to each school in Kentucky from the Kentucky Department of Education Fund \$4,000 in fiscal year 2020-2021 for the purposes of purchasing new materials that do not reflect abstinence-only curriculum.

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Commonwealth Bill		Committee: use 2
Sponsors: Mya Von Behren, Cameron Allen, Gracie Elliott	Action o	n the Bill
School: Sacred Heart Academy	House	Senate
City: Louisville	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Create a Work Program for the Homeless

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

Section 1: An act to create A Bridge to Work Program in the state of Kentucky, which will pay homeless to work 4 to 5 hours a day Monday through Friday, earning \$9.25 an hour

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Section 2: This is appropriated to the Department of Housing and Urban Development which has a 9.4 million dollar budget to help the homeless people in Kentucky. To aid the homeless in an attempt to provide them an income to become more self sufficient.

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Section 3: This bill will be implemented in March of 2020. This funding is important to those on the streets and in shelters.

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Commonwealth Bill		Committee: ate 3
Sponsors: Anna Hamilton, Hadley Warstler, Juli Gomez, Elise Gould	Action o	n the Bill
School: Sacred Heart Academy	House	Senate
City: Louisville	Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Increase Lottery Revenue to be Returned to the State

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

Section 1: Section 1 of KRS 154A.130 is amended to read as follows: [1] "After the start-up costs are paid, it is the intent of the Legislature that it shall be the goal of the corporation [Kentucky Lottery] to transfer each year seventy five percent (75%) of gross revenue to the general fund." The remainder of KRS 154A.130 refers to the various state education funds that the lottery revenue will contribute to.

Section 2: The amendment will increase the amount of lottery proceeds that are distributed to the state government. This increase in revenue with therefore be used to benefit the state of Kentucky by funding a variety of public education programs such as the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development, the College Access Program, the Kentucky Tuition Grants Program, as well as the Reading and Diagnostic Intervention fund.

Section 3: This Act will take effect January 1, 2021.

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	Commonwealth Bill	House 1
9	Sponsors: Melissa Shane, Harrison Ward, Prerna Maggan, Clark Kwun	Action on the Bill
9	School: Sayre School HS	House Senate
(	City: Lexington	Passed Passed Defeated
1 2 3	An Act Relating To Greater Access to Safe and Effective Contraception for W Counter Purchase of Progestin-Only Birth Control Pills in the Sta	
4 5	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky
6 7 8	Section 1: To allow for the over-the-counter purchase of birth control pills for work pharmacies within the state of Kentucky.	nen 16 and older at select
9 10 11	Section 2: Pharmacies eligible to distribute and sell the given drug are those I Board of Pharmacy.	icensed under the Kentucky
12	Section 3: Minipill norethindrone, or, Progestin-Only birth control pill may be	sold over the counter.

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Section 4: Women 16 or older, 16 being the legal age of sexual consent in Kentucky, may purchase the Progestin-Only birth control pill over the counter as this act is not meant to supersede the discussions between any individual and their healthcare, but simply to provide an avenue for females to access their

individual right to birth control. Section 5: This bill will go into effect one calendar year after it is passed and fall under KRS Chapter

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211.005: Public Health Laws.

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# KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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### Referred to Committee: Senate 4

Sponsors: Jackson Cornett, Nathalie de Sousa, Cate Goodman	Action on the Bill	
School: Sayre School HS	House	Senate
City: Lexington	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
City: Lexington		

An Act to Mandate all Public Schools Hire Counselors to Combat Rising Rates of Depression, Anxiety, and Suicide

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

Section 1: In the state of Kentucky, 53.6% of students ages 12–17 were reported to have diagnosed depression. While both anxiety and depression are treatable, they require a trained professional in order to properly help afflicted children. In Kentucky, it was reported that 4.3% of teens had serious suicidal thoughts, which is higher than the national average of 3.8%.

Section 2: There are currently 29 states, along with The District of Columbia, (AL, AR, GA, ID, IN, IA, ME, MD, MS, MO, MN, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, ND, OK, OR, RI, SC, TN, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, and WY) who require training in order to be hired. The teachers are required to have the specific majors to hold this position and have training in a classroom environment and as a counselor.

Section 3: This would require a degree in education, counseling, and psychology. New counselors would be required to take a training course before being hired at a school. Current counselors would be required to take a training course in order to keep their position at the school. Counselors would need prior background experience and would be required to pass a background check before obtaining the position at the school.

Section 4: The American School Counselor Association recommends 250 students for every one counselor, but in Kentucky, the average counselor had a 453 students to cover in the 2014-2015 academic year, which is 203 students above the national recommendation.

Section 5: According to House Bill 604, 1 mental health professional is required for every 1500 students. We seek to lessen this ratio by further training KY counselors and employing a team under the mental health professionals to create a greater outreach for studets. This team will be required to be made up of other trained mental health professionals.

Section 6: Research at Loyola University Chicago and University of Illinois, spanning 300 studies of programs that promote social and emotional learning, demonstrates that a greater concentration in the aforementioned programs improves many aspects of a student's academic life including standardized test scores, attendance records, and classroom behavior. This would also provide students who do not have easy to access to mental health professionals a way to get professional help without paying a large fee.

Section 7: The Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) requires each candidate for professional school counselor licensure in Kentucky to hold a master's degree in school counseling.

Section 8: Funds for the training of counselors and the foreseeable employment of further ones will be implemented when they become readily available.

Section 9: This bill will go into effect in the 2020 school year, and individual schools will have 2 years to implement said bill.

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# Commonwealth Bill

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### Referred to Committee: Senate 1

Commonwealth Bill	Sena	ate 1
Sponsors: Daryn Seals, Keiana Slaughter	Action o	n the Bill
School: Scott Co. HS	House  — Passed	Senate
City: Georgetown	Defeated	□ Passed

An Act Relating To Eradicating of the "Gay Panic" Defense in Kentucky's Court System

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

Section 1: To acknowledge the story of Guin Richie who in 2003 who was murdered in Elizabethtown, KY. Guin's body was found in a suitcase in rough river valley. The defendant used "gay panic defense" as a means to justify the offense. The defendant, Joshua Cortell, charges were reduced from reckless homicide, murder, or manslaughter to 2nd degree manslaughter and his sentence was mitigated from max 20 years to merely 2 ½ years with parole. The term "LGBTQ+ panic defense" is based off an outdated term taken out of the DSM ( the diagnosgtic and statistical manual of mental disorders) in 1973 that reads "gay panic disorder" is the causation of a mental breakdown of the defendant due to the sexual orientation of the plantiff.

Section 2: In the state of Kentucky there is protocol if it is recognized by the judge that the cause if the offense was due to one's race, national origin, sexual orientation, or religion can be pursued as a hate crime.

Section 3: To clarify in an analysis from the FBI shows that LGBTQ+ people are disproportionately targeted: In 2017, there were 1249 recorded hate crimes against people for their sexual orientation and gender identity.

Section 4: Deeply alarmed by the amount of cases around the commonwealth involving the persecution of the LGBTQ+ we plan to cease any further use of "gay panic deffense" in the court room.

Section 5: Homophobia surrounding the phrase "gay panic" causes jurys despite there responsibilty to leave all bias in the court room to act in favor of the agressor which has led to the migatetion of sentences and charges.

Section 6: We are proposing the eradication of the "gay panic" defense in kentucky to set a precedent for other states.

Section 7: This bill go into effect 120 days after enactment.

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### **Referred to Committee:** Senate 2

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s	ponsors: Amari Hardin, Emma Barbour, Izabella Ramey	Action o	n the Bill
s	chool: Tates Creek HS	<b>House</b> □ Passed	Senate  ☐ Passed
C	ity: Lexington	□ Passed	Defeated
1 2	An Act to Require All Public Schools to have a fourth history credit to graduate	te: Cultural Awarer	ness Course
3 4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
5 6 7 8 9	Section 1: Knowing that Kentucky is becoming increasingly diverse, we ask a fourth Awareness Course be required to graduate. The course is to be compiled of unbiase various aspects of cultures within society. This will include, but not be limited to, et and gender.	d in depth teaching	s of the
10 11 12 13	Section 2: Seeing that other states require four history credits for graduation history credits for graduation this class would be added as a required history students four years.	•	•
14 15 16 17	Section 3: The curriculum would be modeled after similar classes developed in be reviewed by The Board of Education, as well as the Kentucky Diversity Cou and accurate.		_
18 19 20	Section 4: The course will be taught by teachers certified to teach English, So Humanities, and Music.	cial Studies, World	d Language,
21 22 23 24	Section 5: The only costs will be for teacher training conferences which would schools and additional funding, if necessary, can come by adding a four dollar The School Board of Education.	•	
25	Section 6: This bill will be enforced by making it a graduation requirement for	all Kentucky publi	ic schools.

Section 7: The act will go into effect at the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

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Commonwealth Bill		Committee: use 1
Sponsors: Isaac Kennedy, Mitchell Wright, Ben Coburn, Sam Squeri	Action o	n the Bill
School: Villa Madonna Academy HS	House	Senate
City: Villa Hills	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To having gun safety classes and field awareness in health class in the state of Kentucky.

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

Section 1: Kentucky public schools shall teach students about gun safety and field awareness as a part of the required health class. Some courses of the class will teach about field awareness, which will include how to act in certain life threatening scenarios, how to keep your composure, how to barricade a door, what to do when a qunman is in the room, and self-defense. These courses will always teach on qun safety, which will inform students to treat every qun like a loaded qun, how to dispose of a firearm, trigger discipline, and general firearms safety.

Section 2: These courses will be taught by a health teacher as well as an officer from the local police station. This course will bring in someone who is experienced in combat to help teach self-defense and teach students on how to disarm armed gunman.

Section 3: The courses will be paid for by each school as a .01% tax increase on property tax in Kentucky. This will easily raise over \$1000 per school.

Section 4: This act will go into effect for the 2021-2022 school year.

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### KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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### Referred to Committee: Senate 3

	Senate 3
Sponsors: Abigail Muncy, Rosa Gerner	Action on the Bill
School: Villa Madonna Academy HS	House Senate
City: Villa Hills	Defeated Defeated

An Act Relating To Repealing KRS Statute Chapter 528

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

Section 1: Seeing that casinos will build a better economy for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and will lead to income growth rate rising,

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Section 2: The following KRS sections are repealed: 528.020 - Promoting gambling in the first degree, 528.030 - promoting gambling in the second degree, 528.070 - permitting gambling, 528.080 - possession of a gambling device, 528.090 - prima facie proof, and 528.100- Forfeiture.

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Section 3: Any private casino company will have to pay 5% of earnings to the government of Kentucky. This money will go towards education and other public services.

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Section 4: This Act will take effect January 1, 2020.

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Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Committee: House 3
Sponsors: Alyssa Alvarez, Heba Qaissi, Jack Dugan	Action on the Bill
School: Walden School HS	House Senate
City: Louisville	Defeated Defeated

An Act Relating To the Tax on Menstrual Products

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 139 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) The taxes imposed by this chapter shall not apply to the sale or purchase of all menstrual items including tampons, panty liners, menstrual cups, sanitary pads, menstrual sponge.

Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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### KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

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Commonwealth Bill		House 4  Action on the Bill	
Sponsors: Julia Rice, Aubrey Lightner, Spencer Lillich, Matthew Meyer	Action o		
School: Walton-Verona HS	House	Senate	
City: Walton	Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated	

An Act Relating To creating newborn safety devices

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 405 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: A newborn safety device, to be known as a "safe haven baby box," will be developed in ten (10) designated fire department locations across the Commonwealth of Kentucky to ensure access for all Kentuckians. Funding will be covered through the nonprofit Safe Haven 501c3 organization, whose purpose is to raise funds to cover the initial cost of all baby boxes. One (1) safe haven baby box will cost in total \$10,000. Five baby boxes will be created by a year from this legislation's enactment date. Boxes will be created in the following counties: Fayette, Jefferson, Kenton, Pike, and Warren, Five additional baby boxes will be created by two years from this legislation's enactment date. Boxes will be created in the following counties: Daviess, Greenup, Hardin, McCracken, and Whitley. An emergency medical services provider shall, without a court order, take custody of a child who is, or who appears to be, not more than thirty (30) days of age if the child is voluntarily left in a safe haven baby box that Is located at a fire department, including a volunteer fire department, that is staffed by an emergency medical services provider on a twenty-four (24) hour seven (7) day a week basis; Is located in an area that is conspicuous and visible to staff; and Includes an adequate dual alarm system connected to the site that is tested at least one (1) time per month to ensure the alarm system is in working order. Immediately after an emergency medical services provider takes custody of a child under section 2 of this chapter, the provider shall notify the department of child services that the provider has taken custody of the child. The department of child services shall: Assume the care, control, and custody of the child immediately after receiving notice, relieving parents of all custody rights to the child; and Not later than forty-eight (48) hours after the department of child services has taken custody of the child, contact the Kentucky clearinghouse for information on missing children and missing endangered adults to determine if the child has been reported missing. Whenever a child is taken into custody without a court order, the attorney for the department of child services shall, without unnecessary delay, request the juvenile court to: Authorize the filing of a petition alleging that the child is a child in need of services; Hold an initial hearing not later than the next business day after the child is taken into custody; and Appoint a quardian ad litem or court appointed special advocate for the child.

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# **KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY**

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Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Aiden Stewart, Camryn McPherson, Abigail McKinley, Ellie Rice	Action on the Bill	
School: Walton-Verona HS	House Senate	
City: Walton	Passed Passed Passed Defeated	

An Act Relating To Juvenile Offenders Rights

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

Section 1: Any juvenile in custody must be advised prior to questioning: (1) That the juvenile has a right to remain silent; (2) That any statement the juvenile does make when in the presence of an attorney can be and may be used against the juvenile; (3) That an attorney must be present during questioning.

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Section 2: When the juvenile is less than 16 years of age, no in-custody admission or confession resulting from interrogation may be admitted into evidence unless the confession or admission was made in the presence of an attorney.

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Section 3: If the juvenile indicates in any manner and at any stage of questioning that the juvenile does not wish to be questioned further, the officer shall cease questioning.

** KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW   33  Referred to Committee: House 1	
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY  Commonwealth Bill		
Sponsors: Angel Gordon, Karr Sweet, Tameira Edwards, Lakot Lakang	Action on the Bill	
School: Western HS	House	Senate  ☐ Passed

An Act Relating To Homeless Youth in Kentucky

City: Louisville

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

Section 1: Considering that over 25,000 students in Kentucky public schools will experience homelessness at some point in the school year and that many of them are unaccompanied. Acknowledging that homelessness is still a significant issue in the state Kentucky, despite recent decreases, this bill will seek to provide reliable shelter to homeless youth in the Commonwealth. This bill would require that the counties that have the most prevalent homelessness problem build shelters dedicated to housing homeless youth.

Section 2: This bill will mandate that any county in Kentucky that has at least .2% of their population classified as homeless will build a homeless shelters geared towards homeless youth. Counties may evaluate their ability to either build an entirely new shelter or to re-purpose existing buildings to meet their needs.

Section 3: The cost for this endeavor will be split between the Kentucky Department of Housing and Urban Development and individual county governments.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect by January 1, 2025 to give counties ample time to review their needs and plan accordingly.