•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	i 1
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Mandi Cath	ners, Jackson Jones, Teryl Ramsey, and Zach Clifton	Action o	on the Bill
School: Corbin HS		House	Senate
City: Corbin		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

1	An Act Relating To reforming voting methods for all future general elections:
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: Registered voters will be given the option for all future elections to file absentee ballots, early mai
6	in voting, early in person voting or voting in person on election day.
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8	Section 2: Early in-person voting at polling places will begin 1 month prior to election day.
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10	Section 3: Counting of mail in ballots and absentee ballots cannot begin until 7 business days prior to
11	election day and will not be disclosed to the public prior to the close of all voting precincts on election day.
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13	Section 4: Postage cost will be on the public not the state
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15	Section 5: Will go into effect for all general elections after Jan 2021

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 2	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Loriana Phil	lips and Jenna Waltrip	Action o	n the Bill
School: Daviess Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Owensboro		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Discrimination in Kentucky

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

A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 344 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

 Section 1: (1) Discrimination in wages, education, housing, medical services, working and living conditions, ability to foster or adopt, as well as the denial of the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of a place of public accommodation, resort, or amusement, is not lawful when made on basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexuality, or age forty and over, or because a person is a qualified individual with a disability.

Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 3	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Reagan Smi	ith, Marisol Lopez, and Izzie Smith	Action o	n the Bill
School: George Rogers	s Clark HS	House	Senate
City: Winchester		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed

1	An Act Relating To Amending the State Requirements for Voter Registration.
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: KRS 116.045 is amended to read as follows:
6	In (1)1. delete "during the period registration is open"
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8	Delete (2)1.
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10	Amend (2)2. to read as follows, "At all times, the county clerk may accept and process registrations."
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12	Amend (2)3. to read as follows, "Any voter who registers before six (6:00) pm eastern or central time,
13	depending on the timezone and location of their designated polling station, on an election day shall be
14	permitted to vote in the on-going election."
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16	In (3)1. delete "during those periods that the registration books are open except for those transfers
17	pursuant to KRS 116.085(2) or 116.085(3)."
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19	Section 2: Voter registration is closed the fourth Tuesday preceding through the first Monday following any
20	primary or general election, and the twenty-eight (28) days prior to and seven (7) days following any special
21	election. This bill amends the current voter registration deadlines to allow "same-day registration" in the State of

Section 4: Same day registration has shown an increase in voter turnout by 5% in the United States and is expected to make an impact on Kentucky's current voter turnout. Equipment such as e-poll books or ballot-on-demand printers may be used on site of the voting and additional election staff may be needed. These costs will be paid for out of the Kentucky Board of Elections' General Fund.

Kentucky. Same-day registration allows voters to register any day leading up to, or the day of, any election.

Section 3: Proof of Residency and Voter ID must be present in cases of same day registration.

Section 5: The offense for fraudulent voting varies from an investigation process to a felony charge. Registrants of same day voting will be required to sign an affidavit, enforced by the election staff, stating they are eligible to vote.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 4	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Caroline Les	ter and Dorottya Gal	Action o	n the Bill
School: Henry Clay HS		House	Senate
		□ Passed	□ Passed
City: Lexington		Defeated	Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Stabilizing the Kentucky Water Crisis by Transitioning to Sustainable Energy 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: This bill will be under subchapter 70 of chapter 224 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes. 6 7 Section 2: The Federal Abandoned Mine Lands fund will allocate and grant funds to counties in need of 8 service line repair. 9 10 Section 3: Money from the Federal Abandoned Mine Lands fund will no longer be required to go towards 11 economic development. 12 13 Section 4: Yearly leak detection surveys will be conducted on service lines in order to identify further needed 14 repairs. 15 16 Section 5: Begin the transition into sustainable energy by developing training programs for solar panel 17 installers for coal miners 18 19 Section 6: Target energy efficiency and local food production for job growth by not buying as much 20 electricity from outside the region by expanding energy efficiency measures, with the creation of 1220 jobs 21 and with a net saving of more than \$100 million by 2030 to residential consumers and by creating an

estimated 2,681 jobs through growing more food locally to avoid importing food from outside the region.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 5	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: use 2
Sponsors: Holland Kar	ntar, Jenna Moseley, Lucy Rogers, Melody Taghizadeh	Action o	n the Bill
School: Lafayette HS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To amending the current definition of a Criminal Gang (KRS 506.140)
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Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
Section 1: KRS 506.140 is amended to read as follows: "an ongoing group, club, organization, or association
of 5 or more persons;
of 5 of more persons,
(A) that has as 1 of its primary purposes the commission of 1 or more of the criminal offenses
described in subsection (c);
(B) the members of which engage, or have engaged within the past 5 years, in a continuing series of
offenses described in subsection (c); and
(C) the activities of which affect interstate or foreign commerce." 18 U.S.C. I 521(a).
Section 2: The amended definition of a criminal gang will be enforced to the same degree as the current
definition
Section 3: The amended definition of a criminal gang will be enforced to the same degree as the current
definition
definition
Section 4: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2022.
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Section 5: This bill will not require additional appropriations.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 6	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Ellee Price, I	Ryan Brooke Puckett, and Macy Stillwell	Action o	n the Bill
School: LaRue Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Hodgenville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Polling Places

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

Section 1: KRS 118.035 to be amended to read as follows: The polls shall be opened on the day of a primary, special election, or regular election at 6 a.m., prevailing time, and shall remain open until each voter who is waiting in line at the pools at 8 p.m., prevailing time, has voted. At 8 p.m., prevailing time, if voters are waiting at the polls to vote, the precinct election sheriff shall announce that a voter wishing to vote must immediately get in line. When all voters waiting at the polls at the time are in line, the precinct election sheriff shall the determine which voter is last in line, and that voter shall be the last voter permitted to vote. The precinct election sheriff shall wait in line with the last voter who subsequently arrives at the polls that no one shall be permitted to vote after the last voter in line at 8 p.m., prevailing time. After the last voter waiting in line at 8 p.m., prevailing time, has voted, the polls shall then be closed.

Section 2: As provided in Section 148 of the Constitution of Kentucky, any person entitled to a vote at any election in this state shall, if the person has made application for leave prior to the day the voter appears before the county clerk to request an application for or to execute an absentee ballot, be entitled to absent the person from any services or employment in which the person is then engaged or employed for a reasonable time, but not less than four (4) hours on the day the voter appears before the clerk to request an application for or to execute an absentee ballot, during normal business hours of the office of the clerk or to cast a ballot on the day of the election between the time of opening and closing the polls. The employer may specify the hours during which an employee may be absent. No person shall be penalized for taking a reasonable time off to vote, unless, under circumstances which did not prohibit the person from voting, the person fails to vote. Any qualified voter who exercises the right to voting leave under this section but fails to cast a vote, under circumstances which did not prohibit the person from voting, may be subject to disciplinary action. Any person selected to serve as an election officer shall be entitled to absent the person from any services or employment in which the election officer is then engaged or employed for a period of an entire day to attend training or to serve as an election officer. The person shall not be liable to any penalty due to the absence. The employer may specify the hours during which the employee may be absent. No person shall refuse an employee the privilege.

Section 3: This law will go into effect on January 1, 2022.

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the KENTUCKY YOUTI Bluegrass Bill	1 ASSEMBLY		Committee:
Sponsors: Kayla Hamilton, Grace Abbott, and Carter	Stevens	Action o	n the Bill
School: North Hardin HS		House	Senate
City: Radcliff	_	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Extending Absentee Ballot Applications

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

Section 1: SECTION 1 OF KRS 117.085 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All requests for an application for a mail-in absentee ballot may be transmitted by telephone, facsimile machine, by mail, by electronic mail, by the Kentucky State Board of Elections website, or in person.

Section 2: SECTION 1.a.6 OF KRS 117.085 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Prevented from voting in person at the polls on election day and from casting an in-person absentee ballot in the county clerk's office on all days in-person absentee voting is conducted because of his or her employment.

Section 3: SECTION 1.a.8 OF KRS 117.085 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Not able to appear at the polls on election day on the account of age, disability, public health concern, determined by the voter, or illness, and who has not been declared mentally disabled by a court of competent jurisdiction.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 8	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Kaylin Frazie	er, Sanya Ajmani, Ella Scholtz, and Ally Smith	Action o	n the Bill
School: North Oldham I	HS	House	Senate
City: Goshen		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Related To Automated Speed Enforcement to Improve Kentucky Roadway Safety

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

Section 1: This bill is to address roadway safety issues in Kentucky involving citizens driving at excessive speeds. During 2018, speeding was a contributing factor in 18% of traffic fatalities and 44% of all collisions in Kentucky. 25 Americans die each day in a traffic accident when speeding is involved. Use of this technology in other states has been proven successful in reducing traffic accidents, improving driving conditions, and allowing law enforcement officials to focus on other crimes and decreasing traffic fatalities.

Section 2: Automated Speed Enforcement cameras will be placed along Kentucky roadways that have historically seen a high rate of traffic accidents related to speeding (road signs, etc.). Placement, maintenance and operation of cameras will be overseen by state and local agencies that are responsible for traffic enforcement for that area.

Section 3: The cameras will be able to detect the speed of the vehicles in motion. If a vehicle is shown going over the limit, the camera will take a picture of the license plate and driver operating the automobile. Tickets will be mailed to the address on the vehicle registration.

Section 4: Noncompliance If the ticket is not paid by deadline, additional penalties will be assessed for nonpayment. Nonpayment of fines and penalties could result in suspension of driving privileges. Drivers may protest their fine by submitting it to the agency assessing the infraction.

Section 5: This bill will take effect on October 21st, 2021.

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the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill Referred to Comm	nittee:	
Sponsors: Elanor Johnson and Emma Dobson Action on the I	Bill	
School: Pleasure Ridge Park HS House Ser	enate	
	Defeated	

An Act Relating to accommodate homeless students resources such as adding washer/dryers, showers along with other personal items available

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

Section 1: Install 1–2 washer and dryer sets in each Kentucky School Install 2 shower stalls in each school; one for female students and one for male students Schools create a policy for private times or opportunities for students and families can utilize showers and washing machines

Section 2: Schools create take-home meals ready for students on weekends, holiday breaks, after school, etc. While also providing feminine products, tooth brushes, detergent, soap, and toilet paper available for all students in all student resource centers.

Section 3: As of july 2020 Kentucky currently has 1,233 schools and out of those 1,233 schools there are currently 818 student resource centers in Kentucky and 300 of those share with 2 schools.

Section 4: homeless people have a higher prevalence of mental illness when compared to the general population. 20–25% of the homeless population mentally ill Most common mentall illnesses among homeless people are: depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders, and substance abuse disorders "Mental illness can contribute to homelessness when symptoms become so severe that the person can't function." Families may not be able to maintain a job to pay house payments for various reasons

Section 5: We can reallocate 1-4% of funds from the police budget. According the data, 4% of the police budget is 7.62 million. We could use 1-4% of the budget from the police and put it towards helping the homeless kids in Ky.

• •	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	10
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Cayla Marcı	um, Kaylee Chadwell, and Paige Cash	Action o	on the Bill
School: Rockcastle Co.	HS	House	Senate
		Passed	Passed
City: Mt. Vernon		Defeated	Defeated

1	An Act to provide access to wifi to every public school student in Kentucky
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: All students will be provided access to wifi hotspots regularly at their learning institution.
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7	Section 2: All Kentucky schools are required to have an in use wifi network for students to utilize.
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9	Section 3: This bill does not relate to providing technology to all students, simply the wifi network.
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11	Section 4: This will cost \$16 million dollars for the entire state, disregarding that many schools already have
12	and utilize WIFI networks.
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14	Section 5: This act will take effect 180 days after passage.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	11
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Lakyn Stear	ns, Olivia Pierce, and Lillian Bradley	Action o	n the Bill
School: Russell Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Russell Springs		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act To permanently terminate all current and future custody rights of Kentucky parents who have had children removed from their homes.

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

Section 1: Each year, more than 3 million cases of child abuse are reported. Child abuse harms every child exposed to it. Whether it be mental abuse, when a parent verbally abuses a child; physical abuse, when a parent leaves visible scratches, bruises, or broken bones on their child; neglect, a type of abuse that occurs when a parent refuses or fails to provide for their child's most basic needs; or sexual abuse, when an adult or older adolescent uses a child for sexual stimulation. No matter the case, abuse surrounds our commonwealth.

Section 2: Approximately, five children die each day because of child abuse. If we don't create a solution for this ongoing issue, this number, unfortunately, will rise rapidly. When a child is taken away from their parent(s), the parent(s) can regain custody over 50% of the time, which allows them to abuse their child further. Children will also be affected by abuse in the future because of their parents' impact on them in their youth. In the end, innocent children will become physically and mentally impacted for life because of their abusive parents.

Section 3: 1,825 children deaths are caused annually by their own parents. This is atrocious. Countless other children are simply negatively affected for their entire lives. We would like to put an end to Kentucky parental rights after children have been removed from their custody. This would lessen the number of deaths because this would withdraw the chance of the parents abusing their child again, after the child is taken away. The child will go to a foster family already prepared and provided.

Section 4: Foster families are paid for taking the child into their custody. These families are paid based on how much the child needs in order to survive. They could be paid 9,125 dollars a year or they could be paid 2,000; it all depends on the child's needs. The government already covers these payments, so there will be no additional taxes for American citizens.

Section 5: This will go into effect January 1st, 2021.

• •	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	12
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee House 2	
Sponsors: Aathman Bh	navaraju, Mason Wooldridge, and Mahir Gokaraju	Action o	n the Bill
School: Western Hills H	dS	House	Senate
City: Frankfort		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Reduce Mercury In Kentucky Rivers

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

Section 1: Rivers in Kentucky are very polluted in this day and time. There are large amounts of mercury found within rivers all across Kentucky. Mercury is a metal with a high toxicity and affects citizens of Kentucky greatly due to the high levels which are not safe for human encounter including drinking, eating, and other ways humans use rivers such as swimming, fishing, and many more recreational uses. Approximately 95% of Kentuckians get their drinking water from rivers all across the state.

Section 2: This bill will help reduce the amounts of mercury in rivers all across Kentucky. To do so, we will reduce the amount of mercury which is in waste that is deposited into the rivers in Kentucky. There are many products such as thermometers and other electrical devices, which contain high levels of mercury inside of them. Mercury is also deposited in the rivers by means of various companies and suppliers who dump products with high levels of mercury in the river up to the allowable amount, only making sure not to surpass the maximum level of the capacity of mercury. We can stop this by requiring citizens and facilities of Kentucky to recycle their products that contain mercury in a more acceptable and environmentally friendly manner, instead of throwing them in the trash.

Section 3: This bill will not use any money to enact upon, however, will require citizens and facilities of Kentucky to properly manage their products containing mercury to be recycled or taken care of in a proper manner. This bill will actually save citizens money because it will reduce the price of drinking water in Kentucky because the more pollution in the rivers, the more citizens of Kentucky have to pay for their drinking water because the extra money is required to for testing and to maintain a pollution level which isn't deadly to citizens.

Section 4: The Kentucky EPA will enforce this bill. They will enforce this bill by ensuring that citizens and facilities recycle mercury products properly. The 1st offense of not following this bill will be \$1000, the 2nd \$5000, 3rd \$25000, 4th is that the company will be shut down for 6 months, offenses will be decided by the Kentucky EPA.

Section 5: This bill will be enacted in August 2021.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to	
Sponsors: Elliot Gross	, Laurel Peyton, Brian Schneider, and Whitman Barber	Action o	n the Bill
School: Atherton HS		House	Senate
City· Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	Defeated

1 An amendment to raise the minimum wage in Kentucky 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: To raise Kentucky's minimum wage to \$12.00 an hour over the next 5 years. 6 7 Section 2: The following KRS chapters will be amended: 337.275 & 139.200 8 9 Section 3: Recent History of Kentucky Minimum Wage - The minimum wage was set at a minimum of \$5.85 10 as of June 26th, 2007 - Set to increase by \$0.70 annually as of July 1st, 2008 - The minimum wage 11 increase was stopped at \$7.25 as of July 1st, 2009 - No further increase has been made in the last 13 12 years 13 14 Section 4: Wage Increase - The minimum wage will be increased to \$12.00/hour from \$7.50/hour over the 15 next 5 years - This will gradually occur at a rate of \$0.95 annually - This is approximately a 60% increase 16 overall, with an annual increase of approximately 13% 17 18 Section 5: Tax Increase - To combat inflation the sales tax will also be increased as well - The increase in 19 sales tax will be to 7.25% from Kentucky's existing 6.00% over this 5 year period - The tax will increase 20 annually by 0.25% to match the wage incr 21

Section 6: Enaction Date This will be put into effect on July 1st, 2020

□	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	cw	2
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Tilly Knoch	el, Toby Hall, Sean Anthony, and Owen Hobbs	Action on	the Bill
School: Breckinridge (Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Harned		□ Passed _ □ Defeated	□ Passed

An Act Relating To require education to drivers on the proper manner in which to react when being pulled over by a law enforcement officer.

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

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to keep the roads, police officers, and citizens of Kentucky safe.

Section 2: This bill will allow citizens of Kentucky a chance to know what is necessary to do when getting pulled over by law enforcement and how to avoid injury and/or prosecution.

Section 3: This will be added to state mandated drivers education programs already in place in Kentucky, including but not limited to, "Alive at 25" and drivers education courses being offered in public schools.

Section 4: It will be enforced by the department of motor vehicles.

Section 5: Citizens who pursue his/her drivers license and have not received the required education will not be eligible to receive their full license until after doing so.

Section 6: No additional state funding.

Section 7: Will go into effect on January 1, 2022.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		
Sponsors: Blake Settle	e and Myricle Gholston	Action o	n the Bill
School: Campbellsville	HS	House	Senate
City: Campbellsville		☐ Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To legalize the operation of casinos in the Commonwealth of Kentucky by proposing an amendment to Section 226 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to casino gaming

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

Section 1: Kentucky's budget has been a major problem for our state for many years, and has caused controversy from both sides of the aisle each time the budget is renewed. Our commonwealth is facing record high unemployment rates and a growing homeless population, and with a pandemic striking our nation this year alone our state had a budget shortfall of 500 million dollars. Leaving families to not be able to feed themselves, our local businesses closing, and our infrastructure to suffer due to this shortfall.

Section 2: The General Assembly may by general law define and permit casino gaming as an amendment of Section 226 of the state constitution as it reads pertaining to the lottery and the allocation of funds derived from the lottery in the state of Kentucky.

Section 3: Upon the passage of our bill and the addition of legalization of casinos our state will see an increase of an estimated 550 million dollars in our annual budget, and unemployment rates will decrease due to the thousands of jobs now open to the commonwealth. With the newly added source of income and the thousands of jobs open and over a step in the right direction and a brighter future for the commonwealth.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect July 1st, 2021

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Sponsors: David Abel

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Referred to Committee: Senate 1

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C	City: Owensboro		□ Passed □ Defeated
1	An Act Relating To the prohibition of Mountaintop Removal <i>I</i>	Mining (MTR)	
2 3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kontucky	
3 4	be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	ioi keiitutky	
5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 350 IS CREATED TO READ AS FO	OLLOWS: (1) The m	ethod of
6 7	strip mining coal referred to as mountaintop removal mining is prohibited unde		
8 9	Section 2: The following KRS section is repealed: 350.133 - Mountaintop remo	oval.	
10 11	Section 3: Any statute contrary to this act should be amended or repealed.		
12 13 14	Section 4: This act will cost nothing, due to the companies being required to we to a more renewable mining process.	ork out the transiti	ion of MTR
15 16	Section 5: If companies do not comply they will be penalized:		
17 18	1st Offense: Company will be required to donate 10% of their annual in	ncome to SouthWir	ngs
19 20 21	2nd Offense: Company will be required to donate an additional 10% of SouthWings	their annual incom	ne to
22 23	3rd Offense: Company will be shut down		

Section 6: Companies will be required to prove that they have started their transition away from MTR by

2021, and be completely transitioned to a more renewable form of mining by January of the year 2024. 1

SouthWings -- SouthWings is an organization that works to bring awareness to the detrimental effects of

MTR by taking images and collecting data of areas being affected by MTR and posting them to the public. 2 Mountaintop Removal Mining- "a mining practice where the tops of mountains are removed, exposing the

seams of coal. MTR can involve removing 500 feet or more of the summit to get at the buried seams of coal.

The earth from the mountaintop is then dumped in neighboring valleys" as determined by the EPA.

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Referred to Committee: Senate 2

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Sponsors: Audrey Demann, Emerson Gersony, and Ghazzal Hammad	Action o	n the Bill
School: Henry Clay HS	House	Senate
City: Lexington	Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating implementing criminal justice reform measures

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

Section 1: This bill would be a new chapter under the crimes and punishments section of the Kentucky Revised Statutes

Section 2: Abolish the death penalty and reallocate funds that were once used on executions and death penalty cases to services for victims and their families including but not limited to counseling, funeral costs, paid leave from work to attend court proceedings, etc.

Section 3: Those convicted of non-violent drug offenses will no longer face prison sentences, but will be placed in staterun rehab facilities instead. Those who are currently incarcerated for non-violent drug offenses who have already served three months or more of their sentence will be put into programs through the Division of Reentry Services that work with recently released prisoners on reintegration into society.

Section 4: Legalize marijuana for recreational and medical use and implement a 15% excise tax and 10% sales tax. Funds from the marijuana tax will be allocated to improving and expanding existing state–run rehab centers as well as constructing new ones.

Section 5: A state Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) would be established that is 15% of the federal credit. Individuals who are below the poverty line and unemployed, with the exception of the disabled, will be required to attend a job training program until they are able to get back into the workforce. The job training program would be accepted as a minimum wage job for the EITC in order for unemployed participants to benefit from it.

Section 6: A gradual increase in the minimum wage will be implemented and will stop upon reaching \$15.00. January 2021: \$8.40, January 2022: \$9.50, January 2023: \$10.60, January 2024: \$11.70, January 2025: \$12.80, January 2026: \$13.90, January 2027: \$15.00.

Section 7: Amending KRS. 15.383, which requires that Kentucky officers annually meet training requirements for their marksmanship qualification for the Kentucky State Law enforcement council. Instead, officers' annual firearm training will be subsidized every five years for CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) training and refresher courses, for the purpose of increasing de-escalation procedure knowledge among law enforcement. CIT training will also be implemented within the police academy.

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

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Referred to Committee: Senate 1

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Sponsors: Teagan Fowler and Abby Peck	Action o	n the Bill
School: Lafayette HS	House	Senate
	🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Lexington	Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To the repercussions of students engaging in violent and non-violent offenses motivated by discrimination.

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158.148 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Public schools will hold students accountable pursuant to Section 4 of this law for hate speech, bullying, slurs, harassment, violence, and other offenses based on race, ethnicity, nationality, speech, heritage, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ability, religion, and economic standing targeted motivated by discrimination.

Section 2: All offenses must be corroborated by at least two witnesses or have recorded documentation. Repercussions will be implemented through a tiered system, and every offense will include an intervention meeting with the student, legal guardians, and school administration, as well as optional meeting(s) with school counselors or therapists. Every repercussion unless otherwise labeled is for middle and high school students.

- (a) Tier one: Parent intervention for bullying of a person(s) in a semester or less, and if a child in pre-education or elementary school says a slur.
- (b) Tier two: Move offender's classes for pattern of bullying and harassment of one person; in pre-education/elementary school, physical violence, pattern of bullying or harassment, repeated offenses.
- (c) Tier three: Detention for one or more instances of a slur(s) and bullying and harassment.
- (d) Tier four: Suspensions. One day for one fight in a semester. Three days for one to three fights in a semester. One week for three or more fights in a semester with additional offenses.
- (e) Tier five: Expulsion for hate crimes, serious physical violence with the intent to seriously injure (ie. stabbing, head punching, choking, assault with a weapon), or serious physical harm to one multiple people in one instance.

Section 3: This will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE). Schools who fail to consistently implement this law will be investigated by the KDE.

Section 4: There will be no cost for implementation.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 7		
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: use 2	
Sponsors: Ezra Brooks	and Priya McNamara	Action o	n the Bill	
School: Metro Homesc	hool	House	Senate	
City I assisted		□ Passed	Defected	
City: Louisville		L Defeated	Defeated	

An Act Relating To Accountability of Public Officials

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

Section 1: Qualified immunity and applicable Commonwealth laws shall no longer be a legal defense. Any person whose rights have been violated by a public official, under a Kentucky Commonwealth or constitutional law, has the right to bring charges against the offending party in a local or Commonwealth court of law. However, if a public official is found to be acting in good faith, and has probable cause to believe so, that official is exempt from liability. In all cases, with the exception of part (b), qualified immunity and other immunities are not valid defenses to liability in such cases involving public officials.

Section 2: All Commonwealth laws in contradiction are hereby declared null.

Section 3: This bill will go into effect 90 (ninety) days after its signing.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 8	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Maggie Feg	enbush and Madeline Hatton	Action o	n the Bill
School: Montgomery (Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Mt. Sterling		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed

1 An Act Relating To Gun Permits in Kentucky. 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Any Kentuckian 6 who wishes to carry a gun must have a permit to do so. (2) Any Kentuckian who wishes to obtain this permit 7 must undergo a background check and training specific to their weapon-type. 8 9 Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act must be repealed. 10 11 Section 3: The following KRS section is repealed: 527.020 - Plan for implementation of state assessment 12 and accountability system. Penalties: Class D Felony - 1 to 4 years of imprisonment; fine of \$1,000 to 13 \$10,000 14 15 Section 4: It is appropriated to the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security from the general fund of \$10,000 16 in fiscal year 2021–2022 for the purposes of gun control reform. 17 18 Section 5: This Act takes effect January 1, 2021.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 9	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Taylor Brock	x, Taylor Mather, Cheyenne Morton, Shelby Bollinger	Action o	n the Bill
School: North Hardin H	S	House	Senate
City: Radcliff		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

AN ACT Relating to All Railroad Crossings in the State

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 177 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Whenever it shall appear a public highway and a railroad cross one another at the same level a grade crossing make it necessary that gates be erected or that some other reasonable provision for the protection of the traveling public be adopted, the transportation board may order the railroad or street railway company or both, to install such protective device or adopt such other reasonable provision for the protection of the traveling public at the crossing as in the discretion of the board shall be necessary;

Section 2: In each annual budget request prepared, ten per cent, but not more than two hundred thousand dollars, of the total amount approved for the same year by the federal highway administration for railroad-highway projects within this state under the provisions of the federal highway acts of 1973 and 1976, and subsequent acts, shall be set aside from the general or any other fund for the installation of automatic warning signals or devices or the upgrading of existing warning signals or devices at public railroad grade crossings;

Section 3: This act would go into effect upon the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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Referred to Committee: House 1

Commonwealth Bill	House 1
Sponsors: Alex Cantin and Braden Hough	Action on the Bill
School: North Oldham HS	House Senate
City: Goshen	Passed Defeated Defeated
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An Act Banning the Ownership of Pets Following an Animal Cruelty Conviction

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

Section 1: Currently under Kentucky law, there are no provisions limiting pet ownership for convicted animal abusers, regardless of the severity of their crime. This allows people convicted of cruelty to animals in the second degree, cruelty to animals in the first degree, torture of certain species of animals, and bestiality to own pets without restrictions.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 436 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS

- (1) All persons convicted of cruelty to animals in the first degree, cruelty to animals in the second degree, torture of a dog or cat, or sexual crimes against an animal shall receive a lifelong ban on pet ownership or adoption upon conviction
- (2) This ban extends to all individuals residing with the offended, so long as they share an address
- (3) Mandated annual checkups will be performed by one or more peace officers or animal control officers in order to verify the offendent's compliance with this ban.
- (4) Non-compliance with these restrictions will result in up to 2 years imprisonment and a fine up to \$5,000.

Section 3: As used in this Act: Pets are to be defined as non-wild animals that are dependent on humans for survival. Animals are to be defined as any non-human creature.

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

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

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW	11
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Ethan Watki	ns Watkins, Emily Watkins, Peyton McCubbin, Jadyn Bell	Action o	n the Bill
School: Taylor Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Campbellsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act To Require a Boating License to Operate a Boat in Kentucky

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

Section 1: In 2017, Kentucky's waterways reported 41 boating accidents which resulted in 13 deaths and 23 non-fatal injuries. Common causes of boating accidents in the United States are operator inexperience, improper lookout, and violations of navigation rules. Such causes could be largely avoidable with proper boating education.

Section 2: In the state of Kentucky, the only current restriction requires 12–17 year olds to obtain a Kentucky Safe Boating Certificate Card. Any person that is 18 or older requires no education on boating and can pilot a boat at free will. Our bill would require all persons wishing to pilot a watercraft to take the Kentucky Safe Boating Education course.

Section 3: If this legislation is passed, the acquisition of this license by boaters will be supervised by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife and enforced by the Corps of Engineers.

Section 4: The funds to administer the course and issue the license would be allocated by a mandatory \$45 fee people must pay to acquire the boating license. The Kentucky Safe Boating Certificate Card will arrive in the mail upon passing the exam. The license will need to be renewed every 10 years at a \$10 fee.

Section 5: This bill will be enacted January 1st, 2022 upon its passing.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW	12
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Emily Grise,	Piper Hancock, and Alison Craig	Action o	n the Bill
School: University Hei	ghts Academy HS	House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act To Amend Kentucky Foster Care Age Requirements

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

Section 1: The minimum age requirement to be a foster parent is currently 21. This is a problem because most people ranging from 21–24 are still trying to either finish schooling or find a stable job. This bill will raise the age requirements for foster parents to the age of 25 to ensure that foster children have a stable and fully developed foster parent.

Section 2: It is scientifically proven that a person's frontal lobe is not completely developed until the age of 25. The frontal lobe is responsible for problem solving, impulse control, and judgement. If a person's frontal lobe is not completely developed, they are not able to do these three things that are important for fostering a child.

Section 3: This bill, when enacted, will allow for foster children to have a more mature and developed adult in their life. By changing the age minimum to 25, foster kids will have someone in the home who is at least 8 years older than them (the scenario being a 17 year old child housed with a 25 year old adult). This will make a huge impact on their lives.

Section 4: This will affect foster parents and children in the state of Kentucky.

Section 5: This bill will be enacted in the state of Kentucky in January of the year 2022