•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	1
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Mary Walke	r West, Mary Abigail Gerke, and Morgan Rafter	Action o	n the Bill
School: Christ the King		House	Senate
City: Lexington		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Relating to Animal Welfare in Kentucky.

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

Section 1: Despite having the numerous animals that Kentucky harbors, surprisingly, Kentucky is amongst the weakest in animal protection laws. Kentucky is known for their animals, specifically their horses. That is why this is so important. This bill would increase the severity of legal consequences related to animal abuse conviction.

Section 2: Kentucky is ranked the #47th worst state in relation to animal abuse cases and punishments. Illinois is ranked #1. If Kentucky adopted even just a few of the systems or punishments prompted by Illinois. We could not only move up in the ranking, but in our peace and justice system entirely. A study by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty found that animal abusers are five times more likely to also harm humans. Getting these people their necessary help, or jail time, could save animals and humans alike.

Section 3: It doesn't necessarily take a large sum of money to put a law or bill into the books, but it does take a fee of money to enforce that law or bill. I feel the state could pull off the more severe punishment for animal neglect and general levels of abuse if the law enforcement had more specific areas of the topic to target. I believe that most of the change would take place in the level of the severity of crimes and the sentences for the abusers.

Section 4: The impact this would have on shelters and animal rescues in general would be very rewarding. The amount of animals that have been adopted recently, especially due to the pandemic, has skyrocketed. The rehoming of the abused animals would raise our rank, as well as treating the abusers with the punishment or treatment that is necessary.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on April 1, 2021

* KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	2
the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Lara Beth Hall, Reagan Laferty, Marleigh Lawson, Kaelyn McWherter	Action o	n the Bill
School: Duff-Allen Central ES	House	Senate
City: Eastern	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Increasing The Amount of Guidance Counselors in Kentucky Public Schools

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

Section 1: With the increased need for mental health resources in schools, Kentucky public schools are in desperate need of more guidance counselors. Guidance counselors assist students through various events in their lives, whether personal or academic. They are there for students on their worst days.

Section 2: The recommended ratio of guidance counselors to students is 1 guidance counselor for every 250 students, but it is not required that Kentucky public schools meet this ratio. Therefore, many Kentucky schools lack the proper amount of guidance counselors, and students suffer as a result. This also hurts guidance counselors in understaffed schools because they become overworked.

Section 3: The creation of this bill will require all Kentucky public schools to maintain the proper ratio of guidance counselors to students. For every 250 students, there should be one full-time guidance counselor in the school.

Section 4: This bill will be funded by an increase in the Kentucky tobacco sales tax of an additional \$0.10 per pack of cigarettes.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2021–2022 school year.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG   3	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Brayden Joh	inson	Action o	on the Bill
School: Edmonson Co.	MS	House	Senate
<b></b>		Passed	Passed
City: Brownsville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating to Requiring Recess Time at Schools in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160.345 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: a. All elementary schools in Kentucky will be required to offer at least 20 minutes of recess time to students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade. b. Recess shall be defined as a period of time where students are given a break from the classroom. They must be given the opportunity for physical activity, conducted outside if weather permits. Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed. Section 3: This Act takes effect on July 1, 2021.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG   4	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Addye Law,	Mya Moore, Bree Forshee, and Sarah Beth Schlosser	Action o	n the Bill
School: Franklin-Simps	on MS	House	Senate
City: Franklin		Passed	□ Passed

1	An Act Relating To Requiring Seat Belts on All New School Buses.
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: This bill will require seat belts on all new school buses that the school district purchases each year
6	and by 2032 all school buses will be required to have seat belts.
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8	Section 2: The purpose of this bill is to prevent distractions to the bus driver and ensure the safety of all
9	passengers in case of an accident.
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11	Section 3: Failure to comply with this regulation will result in a 10% cut in the SEEK transportation funds.
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13	Section 4: This bill will not cost the Commonwealth of Kentucky any money to implement.
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15	Section 5: This law will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education.
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17	Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed.
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19	Section 7: This law will go into effect on January 1, 2021.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG   5	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Dane Deper	nbrock, Elena Desantis, and Noah Fox	Action o	n the Bill
School: Good Shepher	d ES	House	Senate
City: Frankfort		☐ ☐ Passed ☐ ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Cleaner Water Conditions in Kentucky

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

Section 1: This law will increase accountability and awareness of causes related to unclean water conditions.

Section 2: To increase accountability and awareness, it is proposed that the fine for littering will be raised to up to \$1,000. Security cameras will be placed in high traffic areas next to major waterways such as farmlands, factories and parks and will be monitored by the parks and recreation departments of each city. Citizens of the state of KY will also be encouraged to share good faith efforts of keeping water clean as well as reporting any suspicious activity related to clean water conditions on social media.

Section 3: This bill will go into effect on August 1, 2021.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	6
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Katherine R	ueff, Elizabeth Huff, and Annabelle Benson	Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Trinity Pa	rish School	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ ☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

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An Act Relating To Amending 235.990, Section 2 to Increase Fines and Legal Consequences for Operating a Water Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
Section 1: This bill will amend KRS 235.990, section 2 to increase the fines for drinking while operating a water vehicle, if the driver is found to have a blood alcohol content level more than 0.08.
Section 2: According to KRS 235.990 section 2, a person's first offense will result in a fine of at least \$200 but no more than \$250. With this revision amendment, this fine would stay the same, and in addition the offense would be added to the person's criminal offense record.
Section 3: A person's second offense will result in a fine of \$500. This is an increase from the current KRS 235.990, which sets the fine at \$350.
Section 4: Under the current law, a person's third offense results in a fine of at least \$600 and at most \$1,000 and/or at least 30 days in jail. This bill changes the consequences to always be a minimum of 30 days in jail and a fine of \$1000.
Section 5: After a 4th offense, and subsequent offenses, the offender would get increased time in jail.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect 90 days after passage.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Hadley Baza	ant, Kathryn Bovine, Hank Vickers, and Ruby Lilla	Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Trinity Pa	arish School	House	Senate
City: Louisville		<ul><li>☐ Passed</li><li>☐ Defeated</li></ul>	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Requiring Kentucky's Public Schools to Have a Licensed Medical Provider on Campus

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

Section 1: Every school that is funded by the Kentucky government would be legally required to have a school nurse that's medically trained and certified on campus within school hours.

Section 2: There is already a 2-day inspection required by law every four years to make sure that schools are maintaining a safe and healthy environment for students. The Kentucky Department of Education also evaluates schools on a regular basis. When this inspection takes place, the inspectors will check to make sure that the school has a licensed medical provider on campus.

Section 3: If the inspection does not find that a school nurse is on staff, the school will have 120 days to fill the position. After the 120 days, if no nurse is hired, there will be a \$500 fine. Every 120 days that pass in which the school has not hired a nurse, the fine will continue.

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

Section 5: This bill will take effect beginning with the 2021 – 2022 school year.

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	8
the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Khandro Butler and Katherine Nickols	Action o	n the Bill
School: Louisville Collegiate MS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Bio Coal Use in the State of Kentucky

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

Section 1: In eastern Kentucky land and air are contaminated by mountaintop removal. Studies show that humans are harmed by exposure to dust and many toxins released into the air and water from surface mining. People living near the mining have cancer rates of 14.4% and 9.4% for other people in Appalachia. Rates of children born with birth defects was 42% higher in areas near mountaintop removal mining.

Section 2: Regulation of valley fills associated with mountaintop removal mining is primarily under the authority of two federal statutes, the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA, 30 U.S.C. I1201) and the Clean Water Act (CWA, 33 U.S.C. I1252), and involves several federal and state agencies. Also, a few states have completely outlawed it, while some, like Kentucky, believe it is still legal.

Section 3: Other states have created laws to help resolve this issue such as state legislators in Georgia introducing a bill that outlawed the use of mountaintop removal mining. North Carolina did it a year before. Also, Maryland has been taking a stand and recently had a hearing about it, and a bill should be passed soon. Tennessee has taken it a step further, and has passed a bill that seeks to prevent mountaintop removal from expanding beyond the borders of Appalachia into the Cumberland region.

Section 4: Our bill would increase the use of bio coal. Bio coal is made from biowaste- like wheat or straw. It works just like normal coal, except there is no chemical waste being released into nature. Bio coal is a carbon-neutral fuel that can replace fossil coal in industrial processes. It is produced within the process of Biogreen pyrolysis and carbonization of raw biomass performed within controlled temperature and residence time conditions. Our bill states that at least 50% of coal produced in Kentucky will be replaced with bio coal.

Section 5: At a price of \$230 per metric ton, this project will generate approximately \$2.2 million in revenue to Vega each year. The torrefied bio-coal will be manufactured at the company's facility in Allandale, then shipped in containers by rail to the Port of Savannah. It is about 6 cents per pound. Even though it is a lot more expensive than normal coal, it will save many lives and will ensure safe drinking water for countless more. Research found that many sponsors are willing to pay for this project to help make Kentucky a better place. Also, even though it may not be the best option, raising the taxes by 1% will pay for this yearly.

Section 6: This bill would take effect January 2022.

° °	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	9
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Naomi Field	ls and Lillian Chung	Action o	n the Bill
School: Louisville Colle	giate MS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Improve Education in the State of Kentucky

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

Section 1: Many students in the state of Kentucky are reading at novice levels. According to the Bowling Green Daily News, more than half of the fourth graders in the state are not proficient in reading and Kentucky is 45th nationally for education. Research shows only 64% of Kentucky children can read well and 60% of children have problems with reading.

Section 2: According to the Young Readers Foundation, reading improves vocabulary, helps with better comprehension, develops better thinking skills, stronger memory, and improves grades at school. Reading is important, because it develops the mind. It helps kids to listen better and creates a bigger imagination. Later in life, reading can help you to communicate and to get a good job. According to United Way, kids in third grade who are more proficient in reading are more likely to pass through high school and college.

Section 3: Our bill would create a summer reading program for kids in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade that struggled in school the previous year. This program will be free and available to all Kentucky students regardless of if the student is in private school, public school or homeschooled, but if a certain child needed to go to this camp because they haven't met the reading requirements for that grade level, they would have to go.

Section 4: Tutors will be students from local high schools to help students work on material that they have struggled on with other students. The camps would be a fun active learning experience with games and fun trips. The Tutors would have volunteer hours. This experience would help their resume for college, and it would cut the cost for paying teachers.

Section 5: The money for our solution would come from the Kentucky Education Budget or extra money from the school for fun activities. This would be a free summer camp for students throughout the state of Kentucky.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect in January of 2021.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG   10	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Alex Gomels	sky and Tyler Fisher	Action o	n the Bill
School: Shelby Co. Wes	st MS	House	Senate
		Passed	Passed
City: Shelbyville		Defeated	Defeated

1	An Act Relating To accessibility of prescription medicines.
2 3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 217 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
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7	(1) Pharmacies would be within a 5 mile radius of residential zones in urban areas and 10 mile radius
8	of residential zones in rural areas.
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10	(2) Mail-order prescriptions and over-counter medicines will be delivered within 3 days of ordering.
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12	Section 2: Pharmacies are scarce in parts of Kentucky mainly because bigger pharmacy companies receive
13 14	more pay then smaller pharmacies so the smaller pharmacy companies have to shut down leaving large parts of the state without pharmacies. People without access to the medicine they need could die or have their
15	symptoms worsen severely.
16	symptoms worsen severely.
17	Section 3: The state will fund the smaller pharmacy companies so they can keep their store open. This would
18	provide more pharmacies that are within the set mile radius.
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20	Section 4: People who receive mail-order prescriptions and over-counter medicines should have their
21	medicines delivered in approximately 3 days. People shouldn't get their prescriptions late or missing because
22	mail-order pharmacies will keep refill prescriptions stock and will have medicines counted for the orders.

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

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   11	
the			Committee: use 2
Sponsors: Abby Konsh	nak, Andrew Bowman, Lilly Curtis, Emily Hutchinson	Action o	on the Bill
School: St. Andrew Aca	ademy MS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Mental Health Protection. 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: WHEREAS, the American Psychological Association's Task Force on Appropriate Therapeutic 6 Responses to Sexual Orientation concluded that sexual orientation change efforts can pose critical health 7 risks to lesbian, gay, and bisexual people, including depression, social withdrawal, suicidality, substance 8 abuse, and high-risk sexual behaviors 9 10 Section 2: Create a new section of KRS 209.020 that prohibits mental health professionals from engaging in 11 conversion therapy with a person under 18 years of age. 12 13 Section 3: List who qualifies as a mental health professional and has to abide by the Act. 14 15 Section 4: Anyone in violation will be fined \$10,000 and lose their license to practice; As well as be subject 16 to additional board discipline. 17 18 Section 5: Whereas numerous professional organizations have concluded that conversion therapy can pose 19 critical health risks to lesbian, gay, and bisexual people, ranging from depression to substance use to 20 suicidality, an emergency is declared to exist. Therefore, the Act takes effect upon its passage and approval

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of the Governor.

° KEN	TUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	12
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Hou	
Sponsors: Charlie Hummel, Ha	rrison Jeffreys, Grady Amick, Seth Niemann	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Francis of Assisi		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Calling for Firearm Training Requirements for All Firearm Purchasers

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

Section 1: To own a gun in Kentucky, you have to be 21 and older, provide a state ID, and have an instant background check confirmed by the firearm dealer. Despite these requirements, over 1,700 people are killed and 3,200 are injured each year due to gun violence in Kentucky. Almost 30 children (ages 0–11) die from gun violence each year. Kentucky is ranked with the 15th highest death rate in the US due to gun violence. Despite the increase in gun violence over the past 10 years, laws have remained the same. Kentuckians are in urgent need of gun law reform.

Section 2: This bill is requiring that prior to all gun purchases, each consumer must complete a 1-hour training course. NRA certified firearms instructors training courses are acceptable. Waivers will be applicable for all military personnel and police officers, past and present. Rather than providing proof of certification to the firearm retailer, they must provide official government identification. Any Kentucky citizen wishing to purchase a gun from a public retailer must present a certification of proof in addition to their state ID.

Section 3: Each proof of certification must contain the trainee name, date of training, name of instructor/training center, signature of trainee, signature of instructor.

Section 4: This would benefit Kentuckians by lowering the death rate caused by gun violence and improving citizen safety.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Addie O'Fer	ral, Anna Quinn, Madeline Sisk, Sarah Grace Peppiatt	Action o	n the Bill
School: Sts. Peter and	Paul School - Lexington	House	Senate
City: Lexington		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Juvenile Delinquents 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: A new section of KRS Chapter 610 is created to read as follows: To provide educational services
6	to juvenile delinquents in the areas of life skill and technical skills.
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8	Section 2: Funds are appropriated through the Kentucky State budget in the areas of corrections and
9	education.
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11	Section 3: Failure to implement the courses will result in: a reduction of funding to juvenile correction
12	facilities
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14	Section 4: The Kentucky Bill Association will monitor the system and the services provided by the
15	government.
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17	Section 5: This law shall go into effect on July 1, 2022

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the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Sena	Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: CAM Kratzer, Lily Lewis, Riley Clark, and Ksenia Miller	Action o	n the Bill
School: Villa Madonna Academy	House	Senate
City: Villa Hills	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Funding Mental Health Counselors in Kentucky Schools

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

Section 1: Amend KRS 138.140 to raise the cigarette tax from \$1.10 per pack to \$1.60 to provide funding for KRS Chapter 158 (School Safety and Security Act) which "requires by July 1, 2021, as funds become available, each school district to provide a mental health professional for each 250 students."

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

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the			Committee:
Sponsors: Caroline Yat	es, Eleanor Caudill, Abby Lawson, and Reagan Hayes	Action o	n the Bill
School: Ashland MS		House	Senate
City: Ashland		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Creation of a Peer Support Program for Kentucky Teenagers 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 210 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: The State of 6 Kentucky will develop a peer support program for the young adults of Kentucky. 7 8 Section 2: The program will be called Kentucky Anonymous Peer Support (KAPS) and will be administered by 9 the Department of Public Health. It will be geared toward Kentuckians aged 10-17. 10 11 Section 3: KAPS will be hosted on an app and website developed by the Department of Public Health. 12 13 Section 4: A program will be created to train student peer support volunteers. If students want to become a 14 peer support mentor, then they will apply online through the Department of Public Health. If accepted 15 through the application process, students will then receive 12 hours of training in how to be a peer support 16 mentor. 17 18 Section 5: Students who need peer support can download the app or log into the website and be connected 19 with an anonymous and trained peer support mentor their age. 20

Section 6: All functions and interactions on this program will be monitored by the Department of Public

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Health. This bill will go into effect in 2021.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW   2	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Carly Decker	, Emma-Marie Glockler, and Isabelle Kuntz	Action o	n the Bill
School: Bullitt Lick MS		House	Senate
City: Shepherdsville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To adequate school supplies.

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

Section 1: That all contracted and certified teachers receive a grant of at least \$100 and up to \$500 to be spent on classroom supplies.

Section 2: "supplies" is defined as computer software, office supplies, art supplies, gym equipment, instruments, music, decorations, maps, and other material directly used in a classroom setting.

Section 3: this grant shall apply to contracted, licensed teachers currently serving. Retired teachers and teachers in training are not eligible for this grant.

Section 4: this grant shall be distributed to each school district in the Commonwealth for further distribution to their teachers, to occur no later than July 15 of each calendar year, or before the beginning of the next academic year. Whole grants must be paid to teachers directly, the district is to act as a pass-through entity.

Section 5: Teachers are required to provide a receipt for every purchase made to the district. Receipts will be turned in to the district within one month of the beginning of that district's school year. Physical and digital receipts will be maintained by the district for four calendar years. Physical and digital records will be available to the Kentucky Department of Education to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW	<b>/ 3</b>
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: Ise 2
Sponsors: Gus Ringenb	perger, James Bruggeman, and Tommy Coomer	Action o	n the Bill
School: Christ the King		House	Senate
City I suite at a s		Passed	Passed
City: Lexington		Lack Defeated	Lack Defeated

An Act Relating To the Requirement of Epinephrine Auto Injectors in Schools

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

Section 1: An Epinephrine Auto Injector, such as EpiPen or Auvi-Q, is currently not required to be provided by schools in the state of Kentucky. Thousands of these auto injectors are wasted each year along with a fraction of hard working Kentuckians income, when parents have to supply an auto injector with their student. This is wasting money and auto injectors all over the state; there needs to be a solution to this problem.

Section 2: Epinephrine auto injectors are expensive, however they are life saving devices. This bill will require schools to have one Epinephrine auto injector on site for every 100 students. For schools under 1000 students there will be a requirement of 4 Epinephrine auto injectors and there will be a requirement of 2 additional Epinephrine auto injectors per 500 students.

Section 3: Epinephrine auto injectors are very expensive. The average cost of a 2 pack of Epinephrine auto injectors is around \$730 US dollars. Parents will waste so much money on extra Epinephrine auto injectors that their child will probably and hopefully never use. After five years of someone not using an Epinephrine auto injector the cost adds up to around \$3700 US dollars. This bill will save the parents and guardians money by requiring the schools to provide these auto injectors.

Section 4: The benefit of this bill is that it will save tens of thousands of dollars for parents and guardians because they will not be buying extra Epinephrine auto injectors for their child(ren) to send to school. Due to this bill, these children would still be safe if they had an allergic reaction while in school, because the school would still be equipped with enough Epinephrine auto injectors. Not only will it save the parents money, but it will also ensure that less Epinephrine auto injectors go to waste.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on August 1, 2021

• •	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW   4	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Lindsey Mar	shall and Madison Anderson	Action o	n the Bill
School: Duff-Allen Cen	tral ES	House	Senate
<b>.</b>		□ Passed	□ Passed
City: Eastern		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Hiring Unemployed Veterans in Kentucky

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

Section 1: There are an estimated 284,000 veterans in the United States who are unemployed. In 2019, the overall United States unemployment rate was 3.6%. In September 2020, the unemployment rate for United States veterans was 6.8%.

Section 2: This bill would give Kentucky businesses tax incentives to hire unemployed veterans. These tax incentives would be applied only to the Kentucky Corporation Income and Limited Liability Entity Tax. For every unemployed veteran hired by a company of over 20 workers, there will be a 0.5% reduction in the state taxes for that business. For every unemployed veteran hired by a company of 20 workers or less, there will be a 1% reduction in the state taxes for that business. The maximum amount of a tax decrease for any business would be 10%.

Section 3: This bill does not require any additional funding to implement.

Section 4: This bill would go into effect January 1, 2021. For every veteran hired, he or she must be employed by the business for at least 3 consecutive months in order for the tax benefit to apply. The veteran must also work at least 30 hours per week, excluding weeks with official holidays, paid time off, sick days, or otherwise approved time off. After the minimum 3 months of employment, the additional tax benefits will go into effect the following year on January 1. If a hired veteran voluntarily leaves the employer, is terminated, is laid off, or otherwise is no longer employed by the business at any time, businesses will lose that portion of their tax credit in the following year.

· · ·	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW   5	
the			Committee:
Sponsors: Hazel Bilyet	u, Jack Coker, Bella Robertson, and Maggie Schlosser	Action o	n the Bill
School: Franklin-Simps	son MS	House	Senate
City: Franklin		☐ ☐ Passed ☐ ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To ensuring that large newly constructed buildings get a quote on the long-term profits of solar panels.

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

Section 1: This bill is ensuring that new buildings being established over 5,000 sq feet must get an estimate on the cost solar panels will save them in the long-run. This bill would go hand in hand with the Kentucky New Energy Ventures.

Section 2: Ensuring universal access to affordable clean electricity in the future means investing in clean energy sources such as solar energy. Adopting cost-effective standards like solar energy will reduce the amount of power plants in Kentucky.

Section 3: Use our school as an example. Before Covid-19 hit, we were thinking about installing solar panels for our school district, and it would've cost us \$2,546,000. In the year after installation, it would have saved us \$141,949, cutting down our electricity costs by about 50%.

Section 4: The consequence of this law, if not enforced is a fine of \$250 on the first offense. If they do not get a quote within 1 month, then the fine would be increased to \$500.

Section 5: Our bill needs no funding because the quotes provided by the solar panel manufacturers have no cost.

Section 6: The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (KEEC) will enforce this law.

Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will hereby be repealed.

Section 8: This law will go into effect on January 1, 2023.

•	* KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY  Commonwealth Bill	CW   6	
the			Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Mya Dougla	s and Jakob Hesson	Action o	n the Bill
School: Franklin-Simps	on MS	House	Senate
City: Franklin		☐ ☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Legalizing Casino Gambling with the Tax Revenue going towards Education.

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

Section 1: Casino Gambling will be legalized in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the tax revenue from these casinos will go into the General Fund to be used for Education purposes.

Section 2: Several forms of gambling already exist in Kentucky such as betting on horse racing and charitable gaming. Legalizing casinos would attract many people and businesses into Kentucky. Currently, people are going across state lines to participate in casino gambling but legalizing this in Kentucky would provide more income to our Commonwealth.

Section 3: The purpose of this bill is to raise revenue that could then be used to increase the funding for education in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Education is the most important way to ensure that our future is bright but due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the funding for education in Kentucky is at risk of being cut and reduced. Legalizing Casino Gambling would not only help protect our budget for education but increase funding.

Section 4: This bill will not cost the taxpayer or the government but it will raise money that can be used to better fund education in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 5: This bill will lead to the creation of the Kentucky Gaming Commission which would be created to enforce this bill.

Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed.

Section 7: This law will go into effect on January 1, 2021.

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW	7
the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Molly Rupinen, Abigail Luking, and Addison Baker	Action o	n the Bill
School: Good Shepherd ES	House	Senate
City: Frankfort	□ Passed	□ Passed

An Act Relating To Funding For Underprivileged Children In Need Of A Service Dog Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Section 1: This act will help children that live in or under the poverty line who are in need of a service dog. Section 2: On the Department of Health and Family Services website there will be a special section to see if a child qualifies for financial assistance. Section 3: The Kentucky Department of Transportation will sell special license plates, partner with non-profit organizations, and have a donation bin dedicated to the funding for service dogs. This bill will also make a new department in the Department of Health and Family Services to help with the paperwork and funding. Section 4: This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2021.

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

# KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

**Sponsors:** Alex Jarboe, Ava Emberson, Kyndall Wintergerst-Weston, Payton Wintergerst-Weston

**School:** Holy Trinity Parish School

**City:** Louisville

# **Referred to Committee:** Senate 2

# **Action on the Bill**

House

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An Act Relating To State education Funds for Students that Have Special Needs

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Section 1: The following Kentucky Constitution section is to be amended: Section 184 – Common School Fund – Amend the wording "common schools" anytime it is used to be "accredited educational institutions".

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Section 2: The following Kentucky Constitution section is to be repealed: Section 189 – Common School Fund – School money not to be used for church, sectarian, or denominational school.

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Section 3: This will allow state SEEK (Support Education Excellence in Kentucky) funds to follow the child to the school of their choice that is best for their learning needs. If a student chooses to enroll in a common, parochial, or private school, the school will receive state funding on a per-pupil basis in order to provide an education for that student. Similarly, if a student chooses instead to enroll in a common school, the common school will continue to receive state funding associated with that student. In this manner, the school that is providing an education to a student is the school that receives the state funding associated with that student.

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Section 4: This bill will go into effect for the 2022-2023 school year.

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	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Sage Markh	am	Action o	on the Bill
School: Kenneth D. Kin	ng MS	House	Senate
	-	□ Passed	Passed
City: Harrodsburg		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Early In-Person Voting in Kentucky

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

Section 1: Currently in Kentucky, there are no options for early in-person voting. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, early in-person voting was accessible to many people. Voting stations were open on dates earlier than election day. This provided more open windows for voters to participate.

Section 2: The purpose of this bill is to expand the voting opportunities to eligible voters and improve accessibility. In person early voting shall be conducted on the three Saturdays preceding a primary election, regular election or special election. On these days, voting will be held between the hours of 9 AM and 4 PM in each county in Kentucky. Registered voters may cast their votes in the county clerk's offices or designated voting offices on these days. Local eligibility requirements will be confirmed by election officials. Early voter's names will be placed on a record to ensure there are no double voters. If voters are waiting to cast an early vote at 4 PM, they will be permitted to stay in line and vote. However, if any people wish to come in after them, they will not be accepted. Election officials will determine the cutoff for voters to get in line.

Section 3: Upon passage, this bill will go into effect on January 1st of the following calendar year.

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the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Cyrus Bivens and Jake Marksbury	Action o	n the Bill
School: LaRue Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Hodgenville	Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Allow 14 and 15 Year Olds to Apply for a Farm Driving Permit.

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

Section 1: Any person who is less than 16 years of age but is at least 14 years of age and who resides upon a farm in this state or is employed for compensation upon a farm in this state may apply to the division of vehicles for a farm permit authorizing such person, while possessing the permit, to operate a motor vehicle. A farm permit shall entitle the licensee, who is at least 14 years of age, but less than 16 years of age, to operate the appropriate motor vehicles at any time: While going to or from or in connection with any farm job, employment or other farm-related work. A farm permit shall be issued only if: The applicant can prove that such applicant resides (based on the filing of a IRS Schedule F Form 1040) or works on a farm (employee on an official payroll); the applicant has successfully completed the examination requirements in KRS 186.480; and the applicant submits the signed affidavit of either a parent or quardian, stating that the applicant lives on a farm or, if the applicant does not live on a farm but works on a farm, the applicant submits the signed affidavit of the applicant's employer and parent or quardian, attesting to such employment. Any licensee issued a farm permit under this section shall not operate a wireless communication device while driving a motor vehicle, except that a licensee may operate a wireless communication device while driving a motor vehicle to report illegal activity or to summon medical or other emergency help. Any licensee issued a farm permit under this section shall not operate any motor vehicle with non-sibling minor passengers

Section 2: A farm permit issued under this section is subject to suspension or revocation in the same manner as any other driver's license. The division shall suspend the farm permit upon receiving satisfactory evidence that the licensee has been involved in two or more accidents chargeable to the licensee and such suspended license shall not be reinstated for sixth months.

Section 3: Each individual county's Circuit Court Clerk will be responsible for issuing the Farm Driving Permits.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Ella Thomas,	Ella Tucker, Isabelle Hayes, and Emma Kate Puckett	Action o	n the Bill
School: LaRue Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Hodgenville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Employment of a Mental Health Specialist in Kentucky Public 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: 158.103
Requirement for Mental Health Specialist — Employment of a mental health specialist. In order to provide accessible and comprehensive mental health services to the youth in the state of Kentucky, the board of education for each local school district shall establish and maintain a certified salary position for a Mental Health Specialist. Schools shall employ a Mental Health Specialist to assess patients, provide counseling services, develop progress reports, and maintain patient records. The Mental Health Specialist will have access to provide emotional, social, and academic counseling interventions. The Mental Health Specialist shall hold the appropriate certificate of legal qualifications in pursuant of KRS 161.020 and will adhere to their national association's code of ethics and standards of practice.

Section 2: One certified Mental Health Specialist may be employed to serve four (4) or less schools in a school district with the consent of the school councils. If there are more than four (4) schools in a district, then the ratio of 4:1 must be kept.

Section 3: All state-funded public schools must employ qualified Mental Health Specialist(s) by the closing of the 2021-2022 school year.

Section 4: This bill will be funded through the local school board's general funds, Department of Education, and/or grants from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

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	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Estella Smit	h, Kyla Ford, and Piper Walden	Action o	n the Bill
School: Louisville Colle	giate MS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed

An Act Relating To Better Mental Health Services in the State of Kentucky

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

Section 1: Not all Kentucky public and private schools have trained school counselors. During the pandemic, students have been extremely stressed with online school, but they haven't had anyone to talk to relieve their stress and anxiety. School counselors are not mandated for grades K-8 or 9-12, In Kentucky. There are only 442 school counselors with Kentucky's population being about 4 million people.

Section 2: We think that every student should have the ability to obtain resources to help them with their mental state. If students don't get this extra help, their success rate can grow lower, and it can be more difficult to focus in school. A handful of people are attending online school during this pandemic. Everyday, students have to go through stress from technical difficulties, to even not being able to socialize with their friends throughout the day. A lot of kids don't have access to therapists. Whether it's financial issues, or parental restrictions. We need to have therapists available always, even for kids who are doing virtual school.

Section 3: Research shows that a higher percentage of students with mental health issues due to online school and covid 19 are trying to receive help. A lot of them don't have the resources to obtain the help they need. For our bill, we would like to have more school counselors, who are trained, to help deal with student's mental health.

Section 4: We think it is a good idea to require money to come out of the state budget for school services. Our bill will be funded in two ways. First of all, counselors make around 50,000 dollars per year on average. We would like to split the paycheck between the school, and taxes. The school board will each pay 25,000 dollars, (over time) to counselors. This will occur over time meaning their pay rate per day will contribute to this final cost of 25,000. With there being 129 school districts, and 685,167 students in Kentucky, the amount of counselors we need per student is one counselor to 250 students. Overall, we are going to require a minimum of adding two to five counselors per school.

Section 5: This bill will take effect on January 1st, 2021.

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Sponsors: Chloe Cook	and Lily Butler	Action o	n the Bill
School: Louisville Colle	giate MS	House	Senate
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City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Raising the Minimum Wage in the state of Kentucky

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

Section 1: Today's minimum wage is not enough to make a living, especially for workers that have families. Our bill will not only help those families and workers, but will also help young college students and people who struggle to keep up with bills and money for their family.

Section 2: The current minimum wage in Kentucky is \$7.25 an hour. Which means minimum wage workers make just under \$16,000 annually.

Section 3: People pay around \$4,600 for a year of health insurance The average American household is 3 people, and a person spends at least \$3,000 on food a year, for three people the total would be 9,000 a year. Those two things alone is \$13,600, leaving little to none behind for other necessities such as education, shelter, food and much more.

Section 4: Our bill proposes that the minimum wage in Kentucky be raised to \$11 an hour. As inflation has risen in the past few decades, so has the cost of housing, education and basic necessities. And as living expenses increased, the minimum wage has not. By raising the minimum wage in Kentucky, more people can afford to live comfortably and it can decrease poverty levels in our state.

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

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Sponsors: Alana Vowe	ls, Nevaeh Perkins, Owen Hutchinson, and Parker Luther	Action on	the Bill
School: St. Andrew Aca	ndemy MS	House	Senate
Citv: Louisville		□ Passed _ □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Increasing The Financial Transaction Tax (FTT). 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: Whereas the current FTT tax on buying and selling a stock, bond, or other financial contract to 6 include but not limited to, options and derivatives is set at roughly 2 cents per \$1,000 traded; This act will 7 increase the FTT to 5 cents per \$1,000 transaction. 8 9 Section 2: This tax will not just cover not just stocks, bonds, and derivatives, but also real estate. 10 11 Section 3: A Financial transaction tax is designed to invest in our families and communities, improve our 12 infrastructure and our environment, strengthen our financial security, expand opportunity and reduce market 13 volatility. 14 15 Section 4: The revenue from the FTT will be deposited in the KY State Fund to cover the State Budget. The 16 amount in excess will be applied to all state funded programs. 17

Section 5: This bill will go into effect immediately upon passing and approval of the Governor.

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Sponsors: Jason Millar	d, Alice Vella, and Liam Amick	Action o	on the Bill
<b>School:</b> St. Francis of A	Assisi	House	Senate
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1 An Act Relating To Black History Education in Kentucky Middle Schools 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: Under this bill, all middle schools in Kentucky must have someone teach 1619 project curriculum 6 for one day a week in Black History month. This would take up a class's history/social studies period. 7 8 Section 2: The 1619 Project is an initiative started by the New York Times that focuses more on the 9 achievements and suffering of black people rather than teaching only about white history, as most current 10 curriculum does. 11 12 Section 3: There are multiple curriculum resources available on the internet for speakers or teachers to use 13 that pertain to the 1619 Project and would be beneficial during Black History Month and lead to important 14 discussion. The curriculum is free and either a teacher could teach it, or someone could volunteer to help the 15 school. 16 17 Section 4: In current times, as we are learning more about racial inequality, it is very important for students 18 to be educated about the history of black people in a more acceptable way than most current curriculum

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Alexis Ho	mes, Murphy Ingle, and Clementine Connell	Action o	n the Bill
School: Sts. Peter an	d Paul School - Lexington	House	Senate
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1 An Act Relating To Mental Health for Kentucky's Youth 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: To require all Kentucky Middle 6 Schools to provide a mental health education course related to stress and anxiety. 7 8 Section 2: Funds are appropriated through the Kentucky State Education budget and school board budgets. 9 10 Section 3: First Offense: The ranking of the school drops one star on the Kentucky 5 star system. Second 11 Offense: The ranking of the school drops a second star, and the faculty is required to take participate in a

professional development course on teaching the class Third Offense: The school's funding will be reduced by

Section 4: This law shall go into effect July 1, 2022.

no less than 5%, but not more than 10% for the cost of that class.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Braden Lace	field, Julie Blackburn, and Addy Warthman	Action o	n the Bill
School: Woodford Co.	MS	House	Senate
City: Versailles		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to School cyber security for all students in Kentucky

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

Section 1: Students in Kentucky are at risk of seeing inappropriate ads and inappropriate emails. Student's private information can possibly be exposed if there isn't the right protection. The purpose of this bill is to ensure that students remain safe online while on a school issued device. This applies to all technology that students get from school such as chrome books/iPads. This keeps students from looking at inappropriate ads and having their private, confidential information compromised. This also keeps hackers from being able to hack students' technology and devices.

Section 2: When a student receives a school issued device, the device will have software installed on it to protect the student online. The internet protection software will go on all devices issued by a public school district in Kentucky. The district will add the software themselves, and make sure the software is working properly.

Section 3: The school district will be responsible for enforcing the bill. The school will make sure the devices are protected with internet protection software.

Section 4: If a district is not following the bill: 1st offense: Warning from KDE 2nd offense: KDE will designate a representative to monitor the district IT department to enforce compliance.

Section 5: This bill goes in effect, July 1st, 2021