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## Referred to Committee: Senate 6

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AN ACT relating to Implementing College Readiness Seminars for High School Juniors and Seniors

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

Section 1: Under this law, 1-2 hour seminars relating to college readiness will be taught to juniors and seniors in Kentucky public high schools throughout the school year. These will be taught by currently employed high school counselors, with additional assistance from school psychologists to help facilitate the seminars if necessary. This law will be enforced and regulated by the Kentucky Department of Education, who will work in conjunction with counselors to build a board to create course curriculum outlining the topics that must be taught.

Section 2: Junior curriculum will be required to include: standardized testing preparation, Advanced Placement and Dual Credit classes (how those credits transfer to colleges), building a college profile, and building a resume.

Section 3: Senior curriculum will be required to include: basic financial literacy (including filing taxes, credit scores, opening a bank account, etc.), choosing colleges, understanding financial aid and FAFSA, writing college entrance and application essays, and interview preparation.

Section 4: After each seminar, a group of students will be randomly selected to complete a survey about the topic and counselor who taught the seminar. If complaints are received about a counselor, he or she will be evaluated by a board member in the next seminar. If the counselor does not meet the standards of the board member, a meeting with the board will be scheduled in order to remind him or her of the guidelines of each seminar. To evaluate the student's retainment of the topics covered, counselors must meet with individual senior students to discuss the seminars and what the students learned.

Section 5: The cost for this bill will come from the establishment and distribution of the curriculum, as well as the specific guidelines for each seminar. Additional costs will come from drafting of post-seminar surveys and potential retraining of counselors. These costs amount to up to \$10,000 per school year. Funding will come from the Kentucky Lottery, which has reserved on average \$150 million for education every year since 1999.

Section 6: This law will be enacted at the beginning of 2018-2019 school year.