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# KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY YOUTH GOVERNORS REPORT

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

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

The 2018 KYA session was our largest program yet, with hundreds of KY youth participating in debate for the first time. Over the course of 7 assemblies – 3 High School and 4 Middle School – the Y served more students, families, schools, and communities than ever before:

**7,536** STUDENT DELEGATES  
**3,854** HIGH SCHOOLERS  
**3,682** MIDDLE SCHOOLERS

REPRESENTING **130** HIGH SCHOOLS  
**260** **130** MIDDLE SCHOOLS  
SCHOOLS **808** VOLUNTEER TEACHER  
ADVISORS & CHAPERONES

AUTHORED AND SPONSORED **45**  
**632** **BILLS** SIGNED INTO  
LAW BY KYA GOVERNORS

Of the 632 bills that were written, sponsored and debated by our student delegates during KYA 2018, our High School Youth Governors signed 45 of them into law.

The **Youth Governors Report** lists each of these 45 bills by both title and school, and organizes them into policy areas for presentation and consideration by their respective House and Senate Committees.

## 2018 YOUTH GOVERNORS

**Forest Clevenger | HS KYA 1**

Louisville • duPont Manual

**Kevin Jing | HS KYA 2**

Lexington • Henry Clay HS

**Brooke Schumacher | HS KYA 3**

Prospect • North Oldham HS

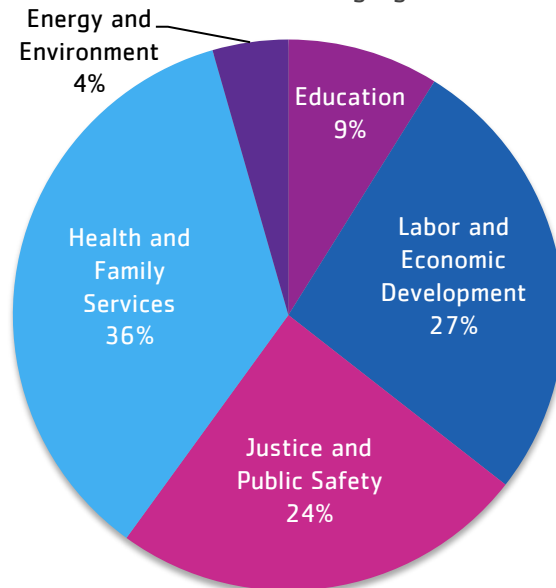
Each Youth Governor is elected by their peers to serve for a full yearlong term with their fellow KYA Presiding Officers.

At each KYA, Governors meet with sponsors of bills passed by the House and Senate, and consult with the Cabinet and Budget Committee before deciding to sign or veto each bill.

## POLICY TRENDS

Out of the 45 bills signed into law, multiple bills addressed each of the following policies:

- Animal Abuse
- Mental Health
- Foster Care System
- Medical Marijuana
- Pension Reform
- Energy and Environment
- Physician Assisted Suicide
- Gambling Laws
- Clean Energy Tax Incentives
- Food Deserts
- Voting Rights



# SIGNED BILLS LISTED BY POLICY AREA

## EDUCATION

An Act Relating to Abolishing Corporal Punishment In All Schools  
An Act Relating to Uniform High School Grading Scales  
An act to Establish a Student Body Member on SBDM Councils  
An Act to Standardize the Grading Scale Across the State  
An Act Relating to Educating Students on Signs and Effects of Human Trafficking  
An Act Relating to Abolishing Corporal Punishment In All Schools

## ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

An Act Relating to Establishing Hydroelectric Utilities in the Ohio River  
An Act Relating to Providing Tax Breaks to MTR Solar Panel Farms

## HEALTH & FAMILY SERVICES

An Act Relating to Reduce the Number of Uncontrolled Opioids  
An Act Relating to Prohibition of Sexual Contact with Animals  
An Act Relating to Establishing a Specialized Driving Program for Senior Citizens  
An Act Relating to The Abolition of Dry Counties  
An Act to Revitalize State Parks  
An Act Relating to Reformation of Foster Care System in Kentucky  
An Act to Propose the HEROES Act: Helping Emergency Responders Overcome Emotional Suffering.  
An Act to Legalize the Practice of Physician Assisted Suicide for Persons Above the Age of 18 with Terminal Illnesses  
An Act Relating to Medical Marijuana for Eligible Patients in the State of Kentucky  
An Act Relating to Protect Victims of Revenge Pornography Who Are Minors From Being Registered As Sex Offenders  
AN Act Relating to the Random Drug Testing of Persons Licensed As Foster Care Parents  
An Act Related to Giving Kentuckians The Option To Have Their Blood Type On Their Drivers License  
An Act Relating to Improving Grocery Access in Food Deserts  
An Act to Ban the Tampon Tax  
An Act to Ban Conversion Therapy for Minors in Kentucky  
An Act Relating to the Requirement of Hunting and Fishing License Applications to Provide and Organ Donation Option  
An Act Relating to the Legalization of Physician-Assisted Death (PAD), or Euthanasia, in the State of Kentucky.

## JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

An Act Relating Strengthening Elder Abuse Penalties.  
An Act Relating to Veterinarians Reporting Suspected Animal Abuse  
An Act Relating to the Use of Long-Term Solitary Confinement in Kentucky State Prisons  
An Act Relating to Increasing the Punishment for Adults DUI with Children in the Vehicle  
An Act Relating to Reinstating Voting Rights to Former Felons  
An Act Relating to Allow Kentucky Teens with a Single Parent to Apply for a Driver's License Six Month Early  
An Act Relating to Overturning Kentucky Revised Statute 510.100  
An Act to Promote the Protection of Domestic Animals  
An Act Relating to the Civil Rights of LGBT Citizens  
An Act to Restructure the Ballot

## LABOR & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

An Act Relating to Requiring All Employers to Give Paid Leave to Vote  
An Act Relating to The Elimination of Civil Asset Forfeiture  
An Act Relating to the Expansion of the Dept. of Workplace Standards Regarding OSHA Complaints  
An Act Relating to the Removal of State Regulations on Labor  
An Act Relating to Regulated Gambling Practices in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.  
An Act Relating to Providing Domestic Workers with a Fair Bill of Rights  
An Act Relating to Government Technology  
An Act to Reward Financial Incentives to Businesses Hiring Ex-Convicts  
An Act to Require Citizens Receiving Welfare to Participate in a Job Training Program  
An Act Relating To KRS 344.040 Workplace Discrimination  
An Act Proposing an Amendment to Section 49 of the Kentucky Constitution to State That ARC's For All State Pension Programs be Considered a Form of Debt in the State Budget

## SPONSORING SCHOOL

George Rogers Clark HS  
Boyle Co. HS  
Marshall Co. HS  
Henry Clay HS  
Greenup Co. HS  
George Rogers Clark HS

## SPONSORING SCHOOL

Lafayette HS  
Campbellsville HS

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Corbin HS  
Apollo HS  
Davies Co. HS  
Paul Laurence Dunbar HS  
Bowling Green HS  
West Carter Co. HS  
Holy Cross HS - Covington  
Marshall Co. HS  
Montgomery Co. HS  
Ballard HS  
Williamstown Sr. HS  
Presentation Academy HS  
STEAM Academy  
McCracken Co HS  
Christian Academy of Louisville  
Trigg Co. HS  
University Heights Academy

## SPONSORING SCHOOL

Louisville Male HS  
Presentation Academy  
Barbourville City School  
duPont Manuel HS  
Trinity HS - Louisville  
Lexington Catholic HS  
South Oldham HS  
North Oldham HS  
Bluegrass HLC  
Rockcastle Co. HS

## SPONSORING SCHOOL

Scott Co. HS  
Sacred Heart Academy  
duPont Manuel HS  
Steam Academy  
Christian Academy of Louisville  
Meade Co. HS  
Walden School HS  
Bowling Green HS  
Henry Clay HS  
Kentucky Country Day  
Model Laboratory HS