the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 1	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Kacee Sanc	hez, Heydi Castro Gomez, ,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Assumption HS	5	House	Senate
		Passed	Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Unlawfully providing handguns to juvenile or permitting juvenile to possess handgun

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

Section 1: According to the data collected from the Kentucky Youth Advocates firearms is the leading cause of death for children under 18 in Kentucky. Most children deaths in Kentucky are related to gun incidents.

Section 2: A SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 527.110 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: '(1) A person is guilty of unlawfully providing a handgun to a juvenile or permitting a juvenile to possesses a handgun when he: (a) Intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly provides a handgun, with or without remuneration, in violation of KRS 527.040, 527.100, or 600.020 to any person he knows or has reason to believe is under the age of eighteen (18) years; or (b) Is the parent or legal guardian of a juvenile and intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly provides a handgun to the juvenile or permits the juvenile to possess a handgun knowing that there is a substantial risk that the juvenile will use a handgun to commit a felony offense; or, with knowledge that the juvenile has been convicted of a crime of violence as defined in KRS 439.3401 or has been adjudicated a public offender of an offense which would constitute a crime of violence as defined in KRS 439.3401, provides a handgun to that juvenile. (2) Unlawfully providing a hand gun to a juvenile or permitting a juvenile to possess a handgun is a Class C felony.'

Section 3: If passed, this bill will go into effect January 2025



°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 2	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Bryleigh Mil	ls, Jacey Boles, ,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Barbourville Ci	ty School	House	Senate
City: Barbourville		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An ACT relating to flood prevention in Eastern Kentucky and making an appropriation therefor.

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

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Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 104 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Create an Eastern Kentucky Flood Prevention Fund to offer aid in the prevention and relief of flooding in 54 Appalachian Eastern Kentucky counties. (2) The 54 qualifying counties are as follows: Adair, Bath, Bell, Boyd, Breathitt, Carter, Casey, Clark, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Edmonson, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Floyd, Garrard, Green, Greenup, Harlan, Hart, Jackson, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lewis, Lincoln, McCreary, Madison, Magoffin, Martin, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Powell, Pulaski, Robertson, Rockcastle, Rowan, Russell, Wayne, Whitley and Wolfe. (3) Counties will be given an array of options to choose from as their methods of prevention and relief. Options are as listed: Dams, flood walls, drainage improvements, levees, sandbagging dykes, evacuation routes, flood gates, and channelization. Other methods may be granted upon request by presenting the initial idea to the Kentucky Division of Water (KDOW,) who will then oversee the proposition and further decide on approval. (4)These counties may request funding by choosing one of the following methods and submitting their request to the KDOW, who serve as the coordinating agency for the National Flood Insurance Program(NFIP.) The amount of money provided for these projects will be determined based on the needs and land size of the county. (5) In order to quarantee the money granted is spent honestly, documents will be submitted to the KDOW once every 2 months from the start of action, corresponding to the methods used. These documents will display the progression of the projects. If counties request funds and fail to spend them rightfully, they shall be sentenced to a disciplinary period of 3 years. No project money shall be requested from, nor granted to the county during this period. (6) Funding for these actions will be granted from the Department for Environmental Protection General Fund and the Kentucky general fund which currently holds \$1,000,000,000 in surplus in fiscal year 2024-2025 for the purposes of Kentucky flood prevention. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any appropriation unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2024–2025 shall not lapse but be carried forward into the next fiscal year.



°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 3	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Amelia Butle	r, Jack Stevenson, Sara Bochert,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Bethlehem HS		House	Senate
City: Bardstown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act related to the safety of elderly drivers and license renewal **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1. This bill seeks to implement the license renewal period for Kentucky drivers aged 65 and older, requiring a renewal every four years. This change is intended to ensure road safety by confirming that elderly drivers renew their licenses more frequently.

Section 2. Be it enacted by the Kentucky Legislature Implementation of Renewal process Kentucky to begin requiring drivers aged 65 and older to renew their driver's license every 4 years. Implementation of 4-year renewal requirement Driver's reaching the age of 65 on or after January 1st 2026 shall be subject to a 4 year renewal requirement for a driver's license. Driver's age 65 and older on or before the date shall adhere to the new renewal cycle at the end of their current license term. Section 3. Repeals Be it enacted by the Kentucky Legislature A repeal process will be implemented as well If a elderly drivers fail their first attempt, 2 more attempts will be permitted After 3 failed attempts, their license will be revoked Driving without a renewed license can lead to fines, and regular punishment for driving without a license is applied

Section 3. The AAA foundation for Highway Safety reports that, as people age, they face challenges in distinguishing details as their eye focusing ability diminishes. Since drivers rely on their vision for 90% of their decisions, having good eyesight is crucial for safe driving. Many elderly require medication to get through their daily lives, some or most over the counter prescription medications may cause drowsiness and lead to distracted driving. University of Louisville Polypharmacy studies report that 30% of elderly patients use 8 or more prescription drugs daily, and the elderly population takes an average of 18 prescription drugs per year. In Kentucky the involvement in fatal crashes rate per 100k licensed drivers, 28.17 were elderly drivers. In Kentucky, Drivers aged 65 and older account for about 15% of all traffic fatalities, as many older drivers may have undiagnosed health issues that can impair their driving, such as cognitive decline or sudden medical events (like strokes) that can occur while driving. Studies show that cognitive functions, such as reaction time and decision–making skills, can decline with age impacting driving ability. Reaction times can decrease about 30–50% for older adults compared to younger drivers.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Carlee Alber	tson, Emily Sawyers, , Jed Groce	Action o	n the Bill
School: Clinton Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Albany		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Responsible Firearms Ownership An Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: The purpose of this Act is to reduce gun violence through more efficient safety measures, education, and community support while respecting the rights of responsible firearm owners.

Section 2: Enhanced Background Checks a. All firearm purchases, including private sales and gun show sales, must be subject to a complete background check. b. The background check will include mental health evaluations and a review of any history of domestic violence or restraining orders.

Section 3: Mandatory Safety Training a. All firearm owners must pass a certified gun safety course before being allowed to possess any firearm. b. The training course must cover safe handling, storage, and operation of firearms, as well as conflict controlling techniques.

Section 4: Safe Storage Requirements a. Firearm owners must store firearms in a secure, locked container when not in use. b. Ammunition must be stored separately from firearms in a secure container.

Section 5: Community Violence Prevention Programs Support local law enforcement agencies in establishing and implementing community policing strategies and creating trust within communities.

Section 6: Reporting and Accountability a. Require the Department of Justice to publish an annual report on the success of the points outlined in this Act. b. Create a task force to monitor compliance with the Act and recommend further actions to reduce gun violence.

Section 7: Implementation a. This Act will take effect six months after its passage. This is to allow for the development and dispersion of adequate training materials and the establishment of necessary processes.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 5	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Spencer Gra	y, Nick Rhodes, Jay Horlander, Caleb Wilson	Action o	n the Bill
School: Eastern HS		House	Senate
City: Middletown		Passed ☐ Passed ☐ ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act proposing an amendment to Section 33 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to Redistricting

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

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Section 1: It is proposed that Section 33 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows: State legislative and congressional districts shall henceforth be drawn by a nonpartisan commission of independent commissioners. In the year preceding the federal decennial census, 13 commissioners shall be appointed from a pool of applicants. Applicants shall be ineligible if they: (a) Have run for or been elected to partisan office at a federal, state, or local level or (b) Belong to the governing body of a political party Commissioners shall be selected via the following process: (a) Applicants must identify which of the two parties most represented in the legislature they affiliate with or that they do not affiliate with either major party; (b) The commissioners shall be randomly selected from a pool of qualifying applicants, and (c) The commission shall consist of four applicants affiliated with the party most represented in the legislature, four applicants affiliated with the party second most represented in the legislature, and five applicants unaffiliated with either party. Funds shall be appropriated to compensate the commissioners and to enable the commission to carry out its functions, which include retaining independent, nonpartisan subject-matter experts and legal counsel, conducting hearings, publishing notices, and any other activity necessary for the commission to conduct its business. Not later than November 1 in the year immediately following the federal decennial census, the commission shall adopt a redistricting plan for each of the following types of districts: state senate districts, state house of representative districts, and congressional districts. Districts must: (a) Be geographically continuous; (b) Reflect the state's diverse population; (c) Refrain from providing a disproportionate advantage to one political party, (d) Refrain from favoring or disfavoring an incumbent, (e) Reflect county, city, and township boundaries; and (f) Be reasonably shaped and compact. In order for a plan to be adopted, a majority of the Commission must endorse the plan, including two members of the Commission affiliated with the party most represented in the legislature, two members affiliated with the party second most represented in the legislature, and two members unaffiliated with either party.



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City: Middletown

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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An Act Relating to the De-Privatization of Prisons in the Commonwealth of Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 441 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: The Department of Corrections shall not renew existing contracts with private prison companies, nor shall it enter into any new contracts. Public agencies shall be exclusively responsible for all prison management and operations. Prisoners incarcerated in private prisons at the time at which the contracts terminate shall be integrated into publicly operated prisons.

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Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 441 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: The Department of Corrections shall adopt and enforce regulations to ensure the humane treatment of inmates. These regulations shall include, but are not limited to: 1. Standards for inmate healthcare must be consistent with state healthcare requirements. 2. Minimum staffing levels to ensure inmate safety and security. 3. Mandatory educational and vocational training programs aimed at reducing relapse into crime. 4. Guidelines for providing mental health and substance abuse rehabilitation services. 5. Provisions for regular access to feedback channels for inmates regarding their treatment.

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Section 3: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 441 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Independent oversight committees shall be established by the Department of Corrections under the following conditions: 1. The committees shall be composed of no fewer than five (5) members, including experts in correctional facility management, healthcare, civil rights, and rehabilitation services. 2. At least one member shall be a representative from a prisoner rights advocacy organization, and one member shall have experience with the criminal justice system, either as a former inmate or a professional in re-entry programs. 3. The committees shall conduct annual, unannounced audits and inspections of all public correctional facilities, and their findings shall be made public. 4. The committees shall have the authority to recommend corrective actions to address noncompliance with the standards established in Section 2, and the Department of Corrections shall be required to implement these corrective actions within a reasonable timeframe.

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

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Section 5: This Act takes effect January 1, 2028.



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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to House	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Hannah Peg	g, Izzy Dye, Carter Blackwell, Ethan Gregory	Action o	n the Bill
School: Foundation Chr	ristian Academy	House	Senate
City: Bowling Green		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Assistance for Students with Dyslexia Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Objective: Kentucky needs to classify dyslexia as a disability so our youth can learn and achieve the same goals as any individual in the school system. In the school system, children will not get assistance with their reading until they are tested for dyslexia, and with that comes a heavy cost of around \$500. Not every family can afford such a big cost, so those families will have to leave their children in a school system that cannot assist them with their needs.

Section 2: Kentucky's plans for dyslexia are that they mainly focus on children from kindergarten to third grade, and after that, a child will get a 504 plan which is not very effective and diverse for a child's individual needs. And many schools do not even give children the time to use such a plan. This is where a new kind of plan should be put into place immediately for children in the state of Kentucky to use, which will be an IEP plan. An IEP plan is an Individualized Education Plan that helps children with disabilities receive personalized educational assistance. It is a written plan with specific goals in which special resources are delivered to a child for free to help them succeed at school. Notice the word free, parents should not have to save up money to get the help their child needs and deserves. And speaking of the test being free, the money can be taken out of the Kentucky lottery and put into a separate education fund to make it convenient and easy for parents to get their children tested. But instead, what Kentucky does right now is take away dyslexic children's IEP plans as soon as they become a resident of Kentucky.

Section 3: Conclusion. At this moment, children with dyslexia are not getting the recognition they deserve and that needs to stop now, everyone has a right to equal education, and they are not. Their human rights are being revoked, and with an IEP plan, every child will get equal opportunity to thrive and succeed in their education.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 8	
			Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Siggy Gross,	,,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Francis Parker	HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Secession of the Commonwealth of Kentucky from the United States of America

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

SECTION 1. A new section of the KRS Chapter 646 is created to read as follows: This bill is written by Samuel Gross, and is fully backed by the educational institution Francis Parker of Louisville. Not fitting into an existing chapter of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, this bill will be creating a new chapter, entitled KRS Chapter 646. Upon the passage of this bill the following will occur. Be it that the Commonwealth of Kentucky, upon the passage of this bill, will assert its status as an independent nation. The proposition above stated will be held to a referendum under the Kentucky Youth Assembly, and to be voted into law by the delegates thus partaking. The result of said election will induce no effect on the United States of America, save for the fact that it will be with one less Commonwealth. Upon passage of this election, a declaration of secession shall be sent to the Congress of the United States and the President.

SECTION 2. A new section of the KRS Chapter 646 is created to read as follows: The new nation created with the land and population of the former Commonwealth Kentucky shall be henceforth referred to by the name Kentuckistan. The new nation of Kentuckistan shall maintain the borders of the current Commonwealth of Kentucky.

SECTION 3. A new section of the KRS Chapter 646 is created to read as follows: Upon the passage of this bill and the liberation of Kentuckistan from the United States of America, all class C explosives shall be made legal for the use of any citizen over the age of 11 years old.

SECTION 4. A new section of the KRS Chapter 646 is created to read as follows: All members of the current State Senate and State House of Representatives, shall be immediately appointed as national members of said positions such forth. A new election will be held to determine the members of the Senate and House of Representatives on December the 3rd. The Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be immediately appointed as the president of the new nation henceforth, and the position henceforth shall be voted on every December the 3rd.

SECTION 5. A new section of the KRS Chapter 646 is created to read as follows: All actions stated in the above bill are to take effect immediately upon its passage.

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the			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Harper Joci	nim, Aliya Nasim, Bella Zamanian, Amy Cabrera	Action o	n the Bill
School: Louisville Colle	egiate HS	House	Senate
		Passed	Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Increased Employment Opportunities for Incarcerated Individuals

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

Section 1: A 5% tax reduction shall be offered to businesses for every 1% of their labor force that consists of formerly incarcerated individuals serving time for non-violent crimes. This will promote smoother reintegration into society by encouraging businesses to hire these individuals.

Section 2: A maximum tax reduction of 15% will be allowed for any business that meets the outlined employment criteria.

Section 3: The Department of Revenue shall oversee and implement this tax incentive, with appropriate reporting mechanisms in place.

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

Section 5: This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2025.



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 10	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Boston Mulle	en, Christian Patton, ,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Lyon Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Eddyville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Requiring Candidate Photos on Ballots

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

Section 1: This bill will require candidate photos to be included on ballots.

Section 2: The Kentucky Secretary of State's Office will require candidates filing to run for election to any office in the state of Kentucky to submit a headshot style photograph along with the paperwork the Kentucky Secretary of State's Office already requires. A headshot photograph is defined as a photograph of a person's head and face.

Section 3: The candidate's photo will be printed on the appropriate ballot to the left of the corresponding candidate's name (in between the candidate name and checkbox).

Section 4: KRS 117.145 (1) will be rewritten to read 'At least forty-five (45) days before any special election, and at least fifty (50) days before any primary or regular election, the county clerk of each county shall cause to be printed and ready for use ballot listing each candidate, their photo, who, and each question which is entitled to be voted upon in such primary or election."

Section 5: The bill will take effect on January 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 11	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Isabella Sloan, Addie-Belle Rutman, Ben Booker, Luke Pfeifer		Action o	n the Bill
School: Owensboro Cat	cholic HS	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Owensboro		Defeated	Defeated

An Act relating to the availability of affordable housing for low-income families. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

SECTION I. A NEW SECTION OF THE KRS STATUTE (198A) IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) The Kentucky Housing Corporation (KHC) should administer the allocations of funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund under KRS 198A.715 to eligible developers who: Construct new affordable housing units or rehabilitate existing properties to provide affordable housing; Ensure that a minimum of 30% of the units developed are reserved for low and moderate-income families whose income does not exceed the limits established by the Kentucky Housing Corporation per KRS 198A.010

SECTION II. The Kentucky Housing Corporation is authorized to allocate funds from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to provide direct subsidies for: Rental Assistance Low and moderate-income families may receive financial assistance to cover a portion of their monthly rent installments. The amount of rental assistance provided shall be determined based on the family's income and need, in accordance with guidelines established by the KHC. Rental subsidies shall be available for a period not exceeding 24 months, with the option for renewal based on continued eligibility.

SECTION III. This bill must be enacted no later than January 1st, 2026.



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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Jax Wethin	gton, Ben Dawson, Patrick Hauke, parker Hayden	Action o	n the Bill
School: Owensboro Ca	atholic HS	House	Senate
		□ Passed	Passed
City: Owensboro		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To the eligibility of elected officials to represent and serve the Commonwealth of Kentucky on state levels after the age of 75 years.

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

Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS STATUTE (32) IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Any and all state officials presently representing and executing the interests of the state of Kentucky will immediately be ineligible for reelection as soon as they turn 75. (2) This bill shall be enacted no later than January 1st, 2026.

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

 Section 3. Any person wishing to run for a public office they do not serve in will not be eligible for election if they are running at an age where they turn 75 before they are in office (if they should win). If they turn 75 while in office, they become ineligible for reelection.

Section 4. Any person affected by this Act will be in a state office within the commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 5. Any person not affected by this Act will hold office in the city, county, state, or other office levels not included in this bill.



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the			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Tiara Campbell-Newton, Keeli Hanley, Allan Kalambayi,		Action o	n the Bill
School: Owensboro HS		House	Senate
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City: Owensboro		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Food Deserts and Providing Mechanisms For Addressing Food Insecurity

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

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Section 1. Definitions (1) "Food desert" means an area where residents have limited access to nutritious food. (2) "Mobile grocery store" means a vehicle selling affordable, healthy food to food desert areas. (3) "Corner store" means a small retail store selling a limited selection of household goods. (4) "Food cooperative" means a marketplace owned by members, focused on local food.

Section 2. Eligibility Eligible entities include: (1) Residents of food deserts for transportation solutions, grocery delivery, and education programs. (2) Local governments for grants and funding for food security programs. (3) Nonprofits for developing food cooperatives, markets, and healthy corner stores. (4) Small businesses and farmers for financial incentives to support local food sales.

Section 3. Statewide Food Desert Mapping (1) The Kentucky Department of Agriculture shall: (a) Map food deserts statewide by June 30, 2025, updated annually. (b) Create a public map identifying food deserts.

Section 4. Public Transportation Solutions (1) By June 30, 2025, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet shall:

15 (a) Develop transportation routes for food access. (b) Provide discounted or free transportation vouchers to food desert residents.

Section 5. Mobile Grocery Stores and Markets (1) By June 30, 2025, the Department of Agriculture shall: (a)

Provide grants/loans for mobile grocery stores and markets. (b) Prioritize local farms.

Section 6. Food Security Grant Program (1) KRS 211.015 is amended to establish a Food Security Grant

Program by April 1, 2026. (a) Grants awarded to local governments and nonprofits for food access programs.

Section 7. Healthy Corner Store Initiative (1) By July 1, 2026, the Department of Agriculture shall: (a) Offer incentives to corner stores to stock healthy foods. (b) Prioritize local partnerships.

Section 8. Reporting and Accountability (1) The Department of Agriculture and Public Health shall submit annual reports starting June 30, 2025, detailing progress and recommendations.

Section 9. Funding (1) The Commonwealth shall appropriate funds as necessary. (2) The Department of
Agriculture is authorized to seek federal grants. Section 10. Statutory Changes (1) Any statute contrary to
this Act shall be amended or repealed.



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the		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Layla Elsak	ka, Ava Coleman, Ian Blackburn,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Pikeville HS		House	Senate
		□ Passed	Passed

City: Pikeville

An Act Relating To Kenucky's Animal Shelters Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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

Section 1: Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The state of Kentucky will join two (2) other states to fully fund and create No Kill animal shelters throughout the state by implementing free adoption days to allow for the adoption of surplus animals. Within the United States, over 920,000 shelter animals are euthanized each year. This is 920,000 innocent lives that could have been saved if only animal shelters had followed a no-kill policy.

Section 2: The state of Kentucky will partner with national organizations that will help fund this act. i.e. North Shore Animal League America, No Kill Advocacy Center, and Best Friends Animal Society. Additionally, the state of Kentucky will apply for a government grant to help fulfill the financial needs of this act. With this, our act will also work with programs to promote events such as free adoption days to decrease the population within shelters. Events such as these will occur approximately three to four times each year. These methods will fully fund this act, and will provide enough money to transform the state of Kentucky into a no-kill state.

Section 3: Animal shelters should provide a safe place for all animals. Many have been through numerous traumas and find it difficult to be able to trust humans again. In addition, many animals come to the shelters with injuries and emotional damage. A large majority of animals in shelters are abandoned, abused, or taken advantage of, and they are in search of a place to comfort and care for them. However, many are met with a brutal and unethical death. These deaths can be avoided through the creation of no-kill animal shelters. This act will save numerous lives and provide an environment in shelters that comforts and protects animals. This act will also help relieve the negative perception encompassed in shelters, and it will decrease the emotional distress caused by the euthanasia of animals.

Section 4: The estimated cost to implement no-kill animal shelters throughout Kentucky is approx \$15 million per year. To cover the bulk of the costs, the state will apply for a federal grant of \$10 million per year. The national organizations North Shore Animal League America, No Kill Advocacy Center, and Best Friends Animal Society will contribute approx \$3 million. Savings from free adoption days will decrease the cost of this bill. Free adoption days will also reduce overcrowding issues, and the number of animals in need of long-term

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 15	
		Referred to	Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Alyssa Deito	hman, Layla Medley, Maddie Galligan, Isabella King	Action o	n the Bill
School: Presentation A	cademy HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Required Mental Health Evaluations Prior to Obtaining a Carry Concealed Deadly Weapon License

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

Section 1: A new section of KRS 237.110 (4) is created to read as follows: (k): Demonstrates mental health stability by including with the application a copy of a mental health diagnostic assessment from a licensed Kentucky mental health professional that declares that the applicant is not at risk of endangering themselves or others.

Section 2: Using the recommendations of the Kentucky Judicial Commission of Mental Health, a licensed Kentucky mental health professional will conduct a mental health evaluation of each applicant in order to issue an original license to carry a concealed deadly weapon, as well as annual check-ins with a licensed Kentucky mental health professional to issue a renewal license.

Section 3: No additional funding will be required.

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

19 Section 5: This bill will go into effect March 1st, 2025.



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 16	
		Referred to Sena	
Sponsors: Khloe Harris, Allee Flanders, Anna Christina Mendez, Gracie Gibson		Action o	n the Bill
School: Rowan Co. Sr. H	IS	House	Senate
City: Morehead		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Accessibility to Feminine Hygiene Products Across Kentucky

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

Section 1: A new section of KRS chapter 25 is created to read as follows: (1) We ask the state and local people to donate and provide feminine hygiene products for women in Kentucky in all public places, such as businesses, restaurants, stores, parks, and all buildings with restrooms open to the public.



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 17	
			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: A.J. Caskey,	Megan Glover, Kyndra Howard, Madalyn Campbell	Action o	n the Bill
School: Rowan Co. Sr. I	HS	House	Senate
C :. AA		Passed	□ Passed
City: Morehead		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Opioid Prescription Regulation.

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

 Section 1: to add to KRS statute 218A.172 to read as follows: (2) (a) Administrative regulations promulgated under KRS 218A.205(3) shall require that a practitioner prescribing or dispensing additional amounts of Schedule II controlled substances or Schedule III controlled substances containing hydrocodone for the same medical complaint and related symptoms shall: Review, at reasonable intervals based on the patient's individual circumstances and course of treatment, the plan of care; Provide to the patient any new information about the treatment; and Modify or terminate the treatment as appropriate.

Section 2: Add to section 2A KRS 218A.172: #4. Patients are required to be seen by the same physician once a prescription for opioids has been provided. #5Patients are required to have a letter of release provided by the current physician in order to go under a new physician's care. Letter of release can not be provided until the current physician has put a halt on the current prescription.



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the			Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Sara Keefe,	Eliza Hensley, Emma Lindemoen,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Sacred Heart	Academy	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Mental Health Assessments in Convicted Domestic Violence Offenders in the State of Kentucky

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

SECTION 1. As the domestic violence rates in the state of Kentucky have become a more prevalent topic of discussion, common trends and psychological research suggest that convicted domestic violence offenders share underlying mental health issues in order to better understand and address any underlying mental health issues that may contribute to such behavior. (a) "Domestic violence" means any abusive behavior in a domestic setting, including physical, emotional, psychological, or financial abuse.

SECTION 2. A new section of KRS chapter 403 is created to read as follows:(1) Any person convicted of a domestic violence offense in the state of Kentucky shall be required to undergo a comprehensive mental health assessment by a qualified mental health professional within 60 days of the conviction according to KRS 403.7505 standard. (2) The mental health assessment shall evaluate the individual's mental health status, including any potential mental health disorders or conditions that may have contributed to the domestic violence offense. (3) The mental health professional conducting the assessment shall provide a detailed report of their findings to the court, including any recommended treatment or counseling. (4) The court shall consider the assessment report in determining appropriate sentencing and post-conviction treatment requirements for the convicted domestic violence person.

SECTION 3. If the convicted person is opposed to an assessment they have the right to an assessment in court to qualify for exemption.

SECTION 4 .There is appropriated from the health resources and service administrations (HRSA), housed within the US department of health and human services (HSS) of an amount of \$4,700,000 in the year 2023–2024 for the purposes of health resources including mental assessments.

24 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect January 1, 2025.

SECTION 6. If any provision of this Act is held invalid, the remainder of the Act shall not be affected.



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the KEN		Referred to	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Lauren Gardner, Viv	ianne Green, Keely Ecleberry, Greta Stall	Action o	n the Bill
School: Sacred Heart Academy		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To proposing an amendment to Sections 32, 72, 91, and 100 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to age restrictions on politicians

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

Section 1: It is proposed that Sections 32, 72, 91, and 100 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to ensure that individuals seeking election to specific political offices in Kentucky possess the requisite maturity and experience by establishing age restrictions.

Section 2: "Political office" refers to any elected position within the Commonwealth of Kentucky, including but not limited to: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Senator, State Representative, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, Commissioner of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics, and County Judge/Executive "Age restriction" refers to the maximum age requirement established for each political office as outlined in Section 3.

Section 3: The maximum age for candidates shall be 70 years old or younger for the following offices: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Senator, State Representative, Attorney General, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor of Public Accounts, Commissioner of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics, and County Judge/Executive Candidates must meet and stay within the maximum age requirement on or before the election date in which they seek to run.

Section 4: This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided for under 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 20	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Kate Bonar, Arabella Guerrero, Zainab Jooma,		Action on the Bill	
School: Sacred Heart Academy		House	Senate
		Passed	Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To the regulation of maximum temperature in school buildings

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

SECTION 1. Studies show gradual increases in the average heat index and humidity levels throughout the school year, and regulating an indoor maximum heat index within the classrooms is imperative for the health and well-being of students and faculty in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

SECTION 2. AN AMENDMENT 902 KAR 45:150. SCHOOL SANITATION IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) School buildings should maintain a temperature not exceeding seventy-eight (78) degrees Fahrenheit and sixty-five (65) percent relative humidity while students and faculty occupy buildings. Portable air-cooling devices, such as, but not limited to, fans and portable air conditioning units, should not be used to achieve a suitable air temperature.

SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING RESPONSIBILITIES. Determining if a school's air conditioning unit does not allow for temperature to exude the determined maximum established will be an added responsibility of the Cabinet of Health and Family Services during the six-month inspection of the facility.

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES. Punishment for violating 902 KAR 45:150 will be extended.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect before the first day of the 2025 - 2026 school year.

SECTION 6. FUNDING SOURCES. (1) The Commonwealth shall allocate funds in the state budget specifically for the purpose of upgrading and maintaining HVAC systems in school buildings to ensure compliance with established temperature and humidity regulations. (2) The Cabinet of Health and Family Services shall create a grant program to provide financial assistance to schools for necessary upgrades and maintenance. Priority will be given to schools with limited financial resources to ensure equitable access to comfortable learning environments. (3) Schools that successfully implement energy–efficient solutions may be eligible for additional incentives or rebates, further enhancing the impact of state funding.



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 21	
		Referred to Hous	Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Ella Anderkin, Ellie Oldham, ,		Action on the Bill	
School: Sayre School HS		House	Senate
City Lovington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
City: Lexington		L Deleated	L Deleated

An Act Relating to Improved Treatment for Opioid Addicts

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

Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (a) An implementation of mobile clinics that provide Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), an approach to treating opioid addiction that combines the use of FDA-approved medications with counseling and behavioral therapies, to underserved areas of Kentucky. (b) These mobile clinics will administer medications such as but not limited to: methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone while rehabilitating addicts through remedial treatment. (c) They shall focus on providing proper medical and educational aid to areas which do not have the facilities to do so. (d) Medical professionals and administrators, with degrees in various forms, shall be hired and paid to provide proper care at these clinics

Section 2. These clinics will be funded by The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) and funds will be allocated by The Kentucky Opioid Abatement Advisory Commission

Section 3. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 22	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Mia Risco, Beau Porter, Anderson Kim, Harper Monohan		Action on the Bill	
School: Sayre School HS		House	Senate
City: Lexinaton		☐ ☐ Passed☐ ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to the Proportional Enforcement of Criminal Fines

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: (1) Individuals who face felony convictions will be charged with a fine consisting of 8% of their annual income (2) Individuals convicted of a misdemeanor will be charged with a fine consisting of 2% of their annual income (3) All individuals living below the poverty level (\$15,000 a year or less) shall be fined no more than \$100 for a felony conviction and \$20 for a misdemeanor. Any statue contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed.



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 23	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Gia Colvin, Madeline McGuire, ,		Action on the Bill	
School: Villa Madonna Academy HS		House	Senate
City: Villa Hills		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Valley Filling Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

 Section 1: 1–421 KRS: Add a new section to the environmental section of the Kentucky revised statutes to read as follows: The harmful process known as 'valley filling' is now banned under the Kentucky Constitution.

Section 2: Valley Filling is defined as: The process where the waste that is obtained when mining is deposited into a nearby valley is also when this sediment that is created is used to create level ground to make the process easier. Other procedures must be followed to avoid the environmental consequences associated with valley filling as it can be detrimental to the surrounding environment

