•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 1	
the		Referred to C	
Sponsors: Elise Crump	, Meredith Blair	Action on	the Bill
School: Assumption H	5	House	Senate
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City: Louisville			

1	An Act Relating To minimum wages of incarcerated peoples
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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 337 is to read as follows;
6	(1) All people incarcerated in the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be extended the federal minimum
7	wage of \$7.25.
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9	Section 2: Incarcerated people assigned to work for state-owned businesses earn between 33 cents and
10	\$1.41 cents per hour on average, while incarcerated people working in prisons earn an average of 9 cents
11	per hour for labor.
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13	Section 3: People in prisons are given the bare minimum, usually three meals, a cot, and less hygiene supplies
14	than are typically needed. Extras come from a commissary which is a financial burden on families. Money
15	earned also may be used to pay off court debt and to pay child support.
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17	Section 4: There is currently no established minimum wage in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for
18	incarcerated people.
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20	Section 5: This bill will establish a minimum wage of \$7.25, aligning with the federal minimum wage, for
21	people incarcerated in prisons or jails in the commonwealth of Kentucky.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C		
Sponsors: Grayson M	lack	Action on	the Bill	
School: Bourbon Co. I		House	Senate	
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City: Paris		☐ Defeated	Defeated	

1	All Act Relating To The Salary of State-Wide Elected Officials
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: Beginning in 2025, every 5 years, Elected State Government Officials' salary will be based on the
6	current minimum wage in their state.
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8	Section 2: The difference between the Government Officials' salary and the state's minimum wage will go
9	towards the Infrastructure of that state.
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11	Section 3: State Government Officials' salary will be proportionate to the minimum wage of their state, and
12	this will be regulated by recalculating and adjusting funds every five years to keep both salaries tied and up
13	to date.
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15	Section 4: Minimum wage can increase or decrease depending on the laws or economic environment of each
16	state, but Elected Officials' salaries will be proportionate and fluctuate with the minimum wage however the
17	state would like it to exist.
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Section 5: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2025.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Valarie Lath	am, Emily Sawyers, Carlee Albertson	Action on	the Bill
School: Clinton Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Albany		☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐	☐ Passed☐ Defeated
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1 An Act Relating To Pet Population Control 2

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

Section 1: The number of domestic animals that find themselves in a shelter is increasing, reducing the space and life quality of such animals. Due to the increasing number of animals being put into shelters, the number of animals that have to be put down due to the lack of resources is also increasing. To combat this, we are proposing an act to reform shelters, reduce overpopulation of animals, and encourage people to help shelters within their communities.

Section 2: We would allocate more money for the advertisement of dogs and cats in shelters, reduce or eliminate the cost of spays and neuters for pets, and give high school credits to students of animal science programs who volunteer to work at animal shelters.

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

Section 4: This bill would go into effect in January 2023.

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Bluegrass Bill	Senat	e 2
Sponsors: Alexcianna Stokes, Haylee Alexander, Karina Stankova, Ellie Mcwhinnie	Action on	the Bill
School: Covington Latin School	House	Senate
City: Covington	□ Passed □ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated

An Act Relating To Preparedness for Flooding in Kentucky

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

Section 1: Over the course of this past year, Kentucky families have faced many natural disasters across the state. Most notably, the historic floods that swept across Eastern Kentucky this past summer and led to a tragic loss of lives and a crippling destruction of property. Despite the frequency of flooding in Kentucky, the Commonwealth provides lacking information and vague suggestions for flood prevention and preparedness. More widespread information on what to do in the event of a flood, materials such as flood kits, and monetary funds devoted to safety precautions can help to reduce the loss of life and damages. Unfortunately, most life saving materials are expensive. Some low income families can not even afford to put food on the dinner table, much less afford to purchase several weeks worth of rations or waterproof a basement. On top of this, suggestions provided by the Commonwealth such as "wear appropriate clothing" or "listen to the radio" fall far short of being relevant or helpful in preparation for a disaster. By implementing a process that allows low income families in high risk areas for natural disasters to apply for materials and monetary assistance, fewer lives will be lost and damages will be less likely when disaster inevitably strikes again.

Section 2: According to the Kentucky Disaster Preparedness: Patient Resource Manual, the recommended protocols and precautions in the moment of disaster are: listening to the radio for further instruction, shutting off water, gas, and electricity if instructed, wearing the appropriate clothing, taking your emergency supplies kit, locking your homes, and using specified travel routes. While this takes into consideration the moment of disaster, which should be feasible for most families, this does not take into consideration the long term planning that should go into keeping everyone safe, having an adequate amount of supplies, and the proper precautions to prevent as much damage as possible. As reported by the Kentucky Government Emergency Management, Kentucky advises citizens to "Be aware, be prepared, and have a plan!". On their website, they are advising people to own and monitor a battery backup NOAA Weather Alert Radio and battery AM/FM radio for local broadcasts, have a minimum of a 3 day supply of food and water for each person that can be changed periodically when things expire, put together an emergency kit, and waterproof basements. These precautions can be expensive and are not possible for all low income families to afford. In order to keep these families safe, an application based aid program should be implemented.

Section 3: In order to effectively meet the needs of low income families, the Commonwealth of Kentucky will widely publicize a new application based program. Applications for materials and services will be accepted or declined based on yearly household income, number of dependents, location, and flood risk. All of these variables will influence the amount of aid given. Applications will be made through online resources annually, and eventually through mail-in applications as the program expands. The program will begin with the selection of 1,000 households to receive aid each year, with plans to increase the number of recipients in following years. Each selected household will receive up to \$5,000 in aid in the form of materials and services. This aid includes basement waterproofing services, distribution of emergency kits, gutter cleaning services, and other necessary services.

Section 4: Annually, the average cost of flood relief is about \$4.8 billion in the United States. Due to the high frequency in which floods in Kentucky occur, flood insurance rates are too high for people of lower income to afford, as they can cost around \$570 per year. Although this monetary amount is reasonable for some families, many low income families do not have these funds. The people who were affected by the 2022 Eastern Kentucky floods did not have a surplus of money to detract from their low incomes. Additionally, most families do not find this insurance to be a necessary asset. As such, they need a variety of preparation tactics so that the damages from floods will be less expensive. The Kentucky Government advises those in areas vulnerable to floods to take precautions such as waterproofing your basement, cleaning your gutters, and gathering necessary supplies. All of these precautions can add up to about \$6,000 dollars worth of services and preparation kits. Not many people have an excess of money available to them. However, Kentucky spends millions of dollars on flood relief each year, and the United States spends billions. If the Kentucky Government spends millions of dollars on flood relief, a fraction of that money can be spent on preparation for floods. By taking a sum of 5 million dollars that is currently reserved for flood relief and allocating it to flood preparedness instead, the amount of money spent on flood relief will decrease due to less money being needed.

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the		Referred to C		
Sponsors: Arav Agarw	val, Ibrahim Piracha, Ahmad Mayel	Action on	the Bill	
School: DuPont Manua	al HS	House	Senate	
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City: Louisville		☐ Defeated	Defeated	

1 An Act Relating To tax incentives for energy conscious homes

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

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Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 141 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: A program will be established to encourage the use of solar energy and energy efficient homes through giving tax credits depending on how much reliance a homeowner has on solar energy, solar share programs, and how high their R-value is.

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- Section 2: As used in this section:
- A. "Tax credit" means the tax credit allowed in KRS 154.27-080.

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- 12 Section 3: Homeowners who install solar panels will get tax credits based on percentage reliance:
- 13 A. Fifty percent reliance on solar panels will result in a five percent tax credit for homeowners with income below
- seventy-five thousand dollars, four percent tax credit for homeowners with income below one hundred and fifty
- thousand dollars, and a three percent tax credit for homeowners with income greater than one hundred and fifty

16 thousand dollars

- B. Seventy-five percent reliance on solar panels will result in a ten percent tax credit for homeowners with income below
- seventy-five thousand dollars, eight percent tax credit for homeowners with income below one hundred and fifty
- thousand dollars, and a six percent tax credit for homeowners with income greater than one hundred and fifty thousand

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- C. Full reliance on solar panels will result in a fifteen percent tax credit for homeowners with income below seventy-five thousand dollars, twelve percent tax credit for homeowners with income below one hundred and fifty thousand dollars,
- and a nine percent tax credit for homeowners with income greater than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars

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Section 4: Solar share or similar program usage will receive a flat tax credit of five percent.

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- 27 Section 5: Homeowners that make their homes more energy efficient will receive tax credits
- A. Sealing all windows through weatherproofing strips around the frames result in a three percent tax credit on income
- 29 taxes for that calendar year.
- 30 B. Increase R-value by some amount in some of the categories which are attic, two by four walls, two by six walls, floors,
- 31 and crawl spaces.
- 32 C. One zone in two categories will receive a three percent tax credit, one zone in four categories will receive a four
- percent tax credit, two zones in two categories will receive a five percent tax credit, and more than two zones in four or
- 34 more categories will receive a six percent tax credit.

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Section 6: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Senat	
Sponsors: Cate Skolni	ck, Essence Marzette, Kenleigh Cates, Sabine Friedman	Action on	the Bill
School: DuPont Manua	al HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated

An Act Relating To Improved Child Maltreatment Education and Responses Within Kentucky Public Schools 1 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 4 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 620 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 5 A Child Stability Act (CSA) will be established to properly report on child maltreatment cases 6 7 incorrectly disclosed during the Covid-19 Lockdown. 8 9 Section 2: (1) All teachers currently employed in Kentucky public schools will be required to attend the CSA 10 Education Course, a new educational program focusing on: 11 (A) Potential signs of maltreatment in students. (B) How to report suspected cases to Child Protective Services (CPS) workers within schools. 12 13 14 Section 3: (2) In accordance with KRS Chapters 600–645, one CPS worker will be assigned to each of the 15 171 Kentucky school districts to: (A) Teach the CSA Education Course to teachers (as referenced above). 16 (B) Respond to teacher reports of maltreatment through examining and interviewing potential victims. 17 (C) If seen fit, immediately take action in collaboration with the Cabinet for Health and Family 18 19 Services (CHFS) to get the child into safety. 20 Section 4: This program does not require any funding outside of the CHFS's yearly allocation from the 21 22 Commonwealth's General Fund. 23 24 Section 5: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

Section 6: Whereas child maltreatment reports will not cease being inaccurate without the implementation of

the CSA, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes effect upon its passage and approval by the

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Governor or upon its otherwise becoming law.

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the		Referred to C		
Sponsors: Joel Shalon	n, Vaughn Ramirez, Sharvil Saxena	Action on	the Bill	
School: DuPont Manu	al HS	House	Senate	
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City: Louisville		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated	

An Act Relating To the Maintenance of Children of DUI Victims

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 189A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) If a defendant is convicted of a violation of KRS 507.020(b)(1) or KRS 189A.010(c)(11) and the deceased victim of the offense was the parent of a minor child, then the sentencing court shall order the defendant to pay restitution in the form of child maintenance to each of the victim's children until each child reaches eighteen years of age and has graduated from high school, or the class of which the child is a member when the child reached eighteen years of age has graduated from high school.

Section 2: This Act adheres to the Definitions for KRS 189A.005 and KRS 507.010: "Criminal homicide" means that a person is guilty of causing the death of another human being under circumstances which constitute murder, manslaughter in the first degree, manslaughter in the second degree, or reckless homicide; "Alcohol concentration" means either grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood or grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath.

Section 3: The court shall determine an amount that is reasonable and necessary for the maintenance of the victim's child after considering all relevant factors, including:

(a) The financial needs and resources of the child

 (b) The financial resources and needs of the surviving parent or guardian of the child, including the state if the child is in the custody of the department of children's services

(c) The standard of living to which the child is accustomed

(d) The physical and emotional condition of the child and the child's educational needs (e) The child's physical and legal custody arrangements

(f) The reasonable work-related child care expenses of the surviving parent or guardian.

 Section 4: The court shall order that child maintenance payments be made to the clerk of court as trustee for remittance to the child's surviving parent or guardian. The clerk shall remit the payments to the surviving parent or guardian within ten working days of receipt by the clerk. The clerk shall deposit all payments no later than the next working day after receipt.

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

Section 6: This Act will take effect March 1, 2023.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	BG 8	
the			Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Will Jeziors	ski, Petra Limbong, Jack Pollett	Action on	the Bill	
School: DuPont Manu	al HS	House	Senate	
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City: Louisville		☐ Defeated	Defeated	

An Act Relating To dumping mining waste into head-water streams 1 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 4 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 352 IS INVENTED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 5 (1) No waste from any mining activity shall be dumped into headwater streams. 6 7 (2) Companies responsible for dumping shall be fined daily over the period of time that material was 8 dumped. 9 10 Section 2: Waste produced by corporate mining will be redirected to store houses where stockpiles of waste can be stored for later use. The storehouses would be loaned from the state by special request or will be 11 funded by mining companies. 12 13 14 Section 3: The fine will start at \$100,000 dollars per day for the amount of waste dumped until 3 weeks of fining has occurred. After those initial 3 weeks are surpassed, the fine will increase to \$150,000 dollars per 15 day. After 5 more weeks have passed, the fine will increase to \$200,000 dollars per day. 16

Section 4: This bill will go into effect 6 months after passing.

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Sponsors: Zita Nguyen	, Tanisha Pancholi, Zahra Chasmawala	Action on t	the Bill
School: DuPont Manua	I HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated

An Act Relating To Waiving Recycling Fees 1 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 4 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 141 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 5 Any and all fees Kentucky residents would pay for recycling are to be removed, and recycling will be 6 7 funded by an Extended Producer Responsibility program (EPR). 8 9 Section 2: The money will go into a statewide recycling program that will be managed by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet, whose board members will establish a uniform list of acceptable recyclable 10 11 items and pick-up days. This board will also concern itself with the locations and transport of where recyclable materials go, as well as how much companies pay into the program based on the amount of goods 12 13 they sell in the state and the waste they contribute. 14 15 Section 3: Large scale producers (i.e. Amazon or Walmart) will either have to work to make their products environmentally friendly or be taxed for it via aforementioned pay ins. Companies not conforming to the 16 EPR's standards will be taxed five percent monthly for the first three months, then companies will be taxed 17 seven percent for the next two months, then finally ten percent for the months following. 18 19

Section 4: This bill will go into effect six months after the conference, and any statute contrary to this Act

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committe Senate 1		
Sponsors: Abby Kons	hak, Blake Haynes, Anna Wright, Will Scobee	Action on	the Bill	
School: Holy Cross HS	5 - Louisville	House	Senate	
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City: Louisville		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated	

An Act Relating To Youth Training Minimum Wages

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

 Section 1: Section 206(g1) of the FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act) states, "In lieu of the rate prescribed by subsection (a)(1), any employer may pay any employee of such employer, during the first 90 consecutive calendar days after such employee is initially employed by such employer, a wage which is not less than \$4.25 an hour." This allows employers to pay under the federal minimum wage for 90 days after they are hired.

Section 2: KRS 337.275 is amended to read as follows:

 (3) All employees, regardless of how long they have been hired, are required to be paid the federal minimum wage.

Section 3: This bill shall take effect 90 days after passing.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Commit House 2		
Sponsors: Abby Mob	ley, Lucy Donohue, Amy Cabrera	Action on	the Bill	
School: Louisville Coll	legiate HS	House	Senate	
		☐ Passed	\square Passed	
City: Louisville		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated	

1	An Act Relating To Substance Prevention in Schools
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: KRS CHAPTER 438 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
6	(1) Taxes on all cigarette, vape and e-cigarette products shall be 18%.
7	(2) This revenue shall be put forth towards developing and enforcing a new curriculum synthesized by
8	the Kentucky cabinet for family health and services.
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10	Section 2: Educating students on the effects of nicotine will lessen the changes of nicotine addiction, as
11	students will understand the effects of the chemicals and what they are putting into their bodies.
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13	Section 3: 26.7% of students across high schools in Kentucky were reported to use e-cigarettes products
14	daily. Providing reliable resources to educate students will lower this percentage.
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16	Section 4: This extra taxation cost will be enforced in public schools for The Department of Education drug
17	program, since we cannot force private schools to take advantage of this program we would strongly
18	advertise for them to add it into their curriculum. The office of tax policy is the administrator of these

programs and will implement them into public schools.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Senat	
Sponsors: Aliya Nasim	n, Harper Jochim, Reese Hamilton, Maddie Hohman	Action on	the Bill
School: Louisville Colle	giate HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed□ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated

An Act Relating To Emergency Preparedness for Kentucky Students

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

Section 1: As used in this bill, "Emergency management response plan" or "emergency plan" means a written document to prevent, mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies; and "STEP" refers to the Student Tools for Emergency Planning Program (FEMA P-1071/January 2016)

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158.162 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

 (1) The Kentucky Department of Education shall mandate that all school emergency plans be reviewed by teachers with their students within the first 30 days of instruction.

 (2) Concurrent with respective emergency drills held under KRS. 158.162 (5), schools shall provide education on individual and community preparedness for students relating to the situations they train for.

(3) Resources for emergency preparedness shall be readily available at each school's guidance counselor or their

(4) Education on individual and community preparedness shall be built into the curriculum at all levels of school until the 12th grade or its equivalent.

Section 3: Curriculum and all relevant educational materials shall be obtained from and based on the resources provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Individual and Community Preparedness Division (STEP), Ready.gov, and other relevant materials put out by the agency; and The Department of Education, in consultation with local Boards of Education, shall work in conjunction with state and local emergency management agencies to ensure accurate information is conveyed based on specific needs.

Section 4: Similar to KRS 158.162:

designee provided through the FEMA warehouse.

(6) No later than November 1 of each school year, a local district superintendent shall send verification to the Kentucky Department of Education that all schools within the district are in compliance with the requirements of this section.

 (7) A district with a school not in compliance with the requirements of subsection (3)(d) of this section by July 1, 2022, shall not be eligible for approval by the Kentucky Department of Education for new building construction or expansion in the 2023–2024 school year and any subsequent year without verification of compliance, except for facility improvements that specifically address the school safety and security requirements of this section, when deemed necessary for the protection of student or staff health and safety, or to comply with other legal requirements or orders

Section 5: These guidelines will apply to all educational institutions that involve students below the 12th grade, under the age of 18, or students that lack a high school diploma/GED or its equivalent. The above–mentioned sections shall apply in the same respect to private, independent, and charter schools accredited by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Hous	
Sponsors: Ava Lepp, D	Davis Cole, Maddow Marks, Marilyn Quisenberry	Action on	the Bill
School: Model Laborat	ory HS	House	Senate
City: Richmond		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated

An Act Requiring Successful Completion of Mental Health Literacy Course for High School Graduation

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

Section 1: Whereas according to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services' National 2021 Survey of Children's Health, Kentucky children currently suffer from depression or anxiety at the sixth highest rate in the nation. At the time of drafting this bill, more than 130,000 young Kentuckians, approximately 16% of Kentucky children ages 3 to 17 enrolled in public P-12 schools, currently suffer from anxiety and depression.

Section 2: Whereas the U.S. Surgeon General published an advisory opinion in 2021 urging government officials to address the social and economic barriers that contribute to poor mental health for young people, including introduction of mental health literacy programs to reduce the stigma and increase the access to mental health services.

Section 3: Whereas the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services research demonstrates that mental health education classes designed to increase mental health literacy, including the awareness of the importance of mental health, the existence of a variety of mental health disorders/challenges, and the availability of mental health resources, improve health trajectories and prevent disability in later life for all students, especially those from economically disadvantaged populations.

Section 4: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

 (1) Beginning with the entering ninth grade class of the 2024–2025 school year and each year thereafter, successful completion of one (1) or more courses or programs that meet the mental health literacy standards shall be a Kentucky public high school graduation requirement. The graduation requirement shall also apply to a student pursuing an early graduation program, as established in KRS 158.142.

(2) In accordance with KRS 156.160, the Kentucky Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing academic standards and a graduation requirement for mental health literacy.

(3) The local school-based decision making council, or principal if no council exists, of each high school shall determine curricula for course offerings, programs, or a combination of course offerings and programs that are aligned with the mental health literacy academic standards promulgated by the Kentucky Board of Education.

 (4) The Department of Education shall develop mental health literacy guidelines that provide direction to local schools in developing and implementing the mental health literacy standards.

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

Section 6: There is appropriated to the Kentucky Department of Education \$250,000 annually for curriculum and instructional material development and distribution.

Section 7: This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Senat	
Sponsors: Isabella Mu	lkey, Allara Parsons, Moriah Hope Musick	Action on	the Bill
School: Pikeville HS		House	Senate
City Dil III		☐ Passed	☐ Passed
City: Pikeville		☐ Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating to Modifying the KEES Money Formula to Include Honors and AP classes

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

Section 1: Currently, KEES (Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship) money is allotted to students who have a 2.5 or higher grade point average and students who get a certain score on the SAT, ACT, or Advanced Placement exam. The money allotted for a 2.5 grade point average starts at \$125 and increases by \$25 for each .1 added to said GPA. As of now, the KEES system does not reward additional money to those enrolled in Honors or Advanced Placement classes.

Section 2: This bill will amend the status of KEES money to allot extra money to those who partake in Advanced Placement and Honors classes.

Section 3: Funding for this additional money will continue to come from the Kentucky Lottery proceeds.

Section 4: The additional money given to students will start at 50 dollars for students who have a B in an Honors/AP classes. It will increase 50 dollars for every progression in letter grade. A student who has an A in an Honors/AP class will receive 100 dollars along with the money they've qualified for in other categories of KEES money.

Section 5: This bill is to go into effect 45 days after it is passed.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C		
Sponsors: Cynclair Di	cken, Karyna Miller, Rowan Bailey, Day Chambers	Action on	the Bill	
School: Sayre School	HS	House	Senate	
,		☐ Passed	☐ Passed	
City: Lexington		☐ Defeated	Defeated	

1	An Act Relating to Death by Poisoning
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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 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
6	(1) All public schools must teach a unit regarding poisoning and its effects as part of the Health class,
7	for a total of 2 hours of specific instruction for each student per school year.
8	(2) Materials and lessons shall be provided by the School Board in partnership with and approved by
9	the Kentucky Poison Control Center.
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11	Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 217 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
12	(1) All public institutions must visibly post the poison control hotline (1-800-222-1222) and
13	instructions regarding actions to be taken if a poisoning occurs.
14	(2) All information shown must not be disputed by the CDC or the WHO.
15	(3) The poster must be a minimum of 8 inches wide by 11.5 inches tall, and be posted in an area
16	frequented and accessible by all persons permitted in the establishment.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Senat		
Sponsors: Landon Kii	nzer, Evelyn Hoover, Landon Patton	Action on	the Bill	
School: Scott Co. HS		House	Senate	
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City: Georgetown		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated	

An ACT relating to unsustainable and sustainable farming's impact on the environment and economy

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 143 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) All farmers and farming institutions using sustainable farming will have a decrease in the tax rate.

The property tax will be decreased by 4%.

(2) All using non-sustainable farming will stay at the same tax.

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- Section 2: Sustainable farming includes practices such as limiting the amount of pollutants put into the environment through pesticides and tractor gas, keeping the soil healthy and non-erosive through pH level control, putting in protectants against weather, etc.
- Section 3: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 17	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Lillian Hale,	Siggy Gross	Action on	the Bill
School: Francis Parker	School	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Legalizing Abortion
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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 4 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
6	All citizens with reproductive organs shall have access to legal abortions conducted by licensed physicians.
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8	Section 2: KRS 311.725 is amended to read as follows:
9	Insert (1)(f) to read, "an abortion shall be provided to all citizens with reproductive organs by a licensed
10	physician."
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12	Section 3: The right to an abortive process shall not be withheld on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender
13	identity, or sexual orientation.
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15	Section 4: No doctor or medical physician under the Hippocratic oath shall withhold any information about
16	abortion or contraceptives under punishment of no more than a \$200 fine
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18	Section 5: A proper education having to do with sexual reproduction, shall be taught in every school in the
19	grade level 6. Such education must include proper explanation and demonstration of contraception.

o o	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	BG 18	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Commit		
Sponsors: Georgia Co	olvin, Luke Zumbiel, Jack Beck, Jake Kiefer	Action on	the Bill	
School: Villa Madonna	a Academy HS	House	Senate	
City: Villa Hills		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated	

1 An Act Restoring the Voting Rights of Convicted Felons in Kentucky 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 4 Section 1: SECTION 145. OF THE STATE CONSTITUTION IS RE-WRITTEN TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 5 6 All voting rights will automatically be restored to all Class C and D felons who have been convicted of nonviolent crimes upon the completion of their sentence. 7 A. In this bill the term "Class C felony" refers to: 8 1. Any crime classified by the state of Kentucky as a Class C felony. 9 B. In this bill the term "Class D felony" refers to: 10 1. Any crime classified by the state of Kentucky as a Class D felony. 11 12 13 Section 2: This bill will go into effect upon passing.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 1 Referred to Committee: Senate 1	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		
Sponsors: Emily Delk,	Emma Nevitt, Emily Walker	Action on	the Bill
School: Assumption H	5	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated

An Act Relating To implementation of habitual offender laws

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

 Section 1: Commonly referred to as the "three-strike laws," the habitual offender laws have been enacted in 24 of the 50 U.S. states since 1952 as a part of the United States Justice Department's Anti-Violence Strategy. Kentucky has yet to implement habitual offender laws, which significantly improves the discipline of convicted violent offenders who have been liable of repeated offenses. The execution of these laws will – by default – increase the likelihood for them to receive a life sentence.

Section 2: In 2020, the rate of violent crime in Kentucky reached the highest it had been since the recession in 2008. Louisville alone had 173 murders the same year. The Bureau of Justice claims that 77 percent of repeat offenders will be rearrested within five years of their release. Since its conception in California in 1994, the habitual offender laws have dropped the homicide rate by 41.4%, rate of rape convictions by 10.9%, robbery rate by 38.7%, and aggravated assault rate by 22.1%. In September of 2022, Kentucky received \$23 million to fight the increasing rate of violent crime

Section 3: Be it enacted by the Kentucky Department of Justice.

Section 4: Once enacted, this bill will require that offenders arrested for their third violent offense be sentenced to life in prison without parole. Violent offenses may include murder, kidnapping, assault, rape, robbery, arson, child abuse, or sexual exploitation of a minor. A similar law in California was passed in 1994 and the recidivism rate fell to two percent; the national rate at the time was 30 percent.

Section 5: This bill will be funded by the \$23 million given to the state of Kentucky by the United States Federal Government in September 2022 to fight violent crime.

* KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 2 Referred to Committee: Senate 1	
the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		
Sponsors: Caleb Marcum, Loren Little, Jonna Upchurch, Maggie England	Action on	the Bill
School: Clinton Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Albany	☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated

An Act Relating To Prohibiting Students to Bring Personal Electronic Devices to School 1 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 4 Section 1: Electronic devices have been the root of many problems in schools by causing drama, 5 cyberbullying, and cheating, and have been proven to be major distractions in the classroom. Eliminating 6 7 these devices would also make it easier for teachers to do their job, which is to educate, not monitor electronic device usage. In order for students to properly learn at school then these devices should be 8 9 banned. 10 11 Section 2: In order in enforce this, parents and students would be required to sign a contract in agreement with this policy. This contract would state that if any personal devices were found, the school would be 12 allowed to take the device and have it in their possession for 60 days. 13 14 15 Section 3: Any statute contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed. 16

Section 4: This bill would go into effect in August 2023.

· ·	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 3 Referred to Committee: House 2	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		
Sponsors: Khloe Schw	vaniger, Hannah Stanley, Landon Hodge, Caroline Fish	Action on	the Bill
School: Craft Academ	y – Morehead State	House	Senate
		☐ Passed	☐ Passed
City: Morehead		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

1	An Act Relating To the Reinvigoration of the School-to-Careers Grant Program
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: KRS 158.7603 is amended to read as follows:
6	Amend (1)(a). to read as follows, "A comprehensive career awareness and exploration program for all
7	students in grades K-8 to include study of Kentucky's sixteen (16) career clusters;".
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9	Section 2: KRS 158.7603 is amended to read as follows:
10	Amend (5). to read as follows, "The grant funds may be used to enhance on-going efforts such as Tech
11	Prep, School-to-Work, and High Schools that Work initiatives. In addition, grant funds may be used to
12	create an emphasis on mental health careers and career programs."

· ·	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW	CW 4	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Committ Senate 2		
Sponsors: Mary Sheri	ard, Josie Traver, Matthew Mynk, Hailey Castle	Action on	the Bill	
School: Craft Academ	y – Morehead State	House	Senate	
City: Morehead		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	

An Act Relating To the Accessibility of Higher Education

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) All public high schools should supply educational pamphlets to promote access to higher education.

An administrative official from each public high school would be expected to lead students through a college readiness curriculum.

· · ·	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 5 Referred to Committee: House 2	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		
Sponsors: Ava Yates,	Nicholas Pace, Saif Gopang	Action on	the Bill
School: DuPont Manu	al HS	House	Senate
		☐ Passed	\square Passed
City: Louisville		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

1 An Act Relating To the Legalization of Sports Betting 2

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 103 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Online Gambling Companies related to or participating in sports wagering shall be accessed by all adult residents in the state of Kentucky. Online Gambling Companies shall be allowed to have registered customers in the state of Kentucky. The Department of Revenue shall withhold 25% of total winnings a Kentucky resident acquires from sports gambling for tax purposes. These funds acquired shall be added to an already existing program and increase the money awarded through the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES).

Section 2: Online Gambling Companies refer to any existing or newly formed sports betting sites or applications such as Caesars Sportsbook, DraftKings Sportsbook, FanDuel Sportsbook, etc. This will open up gambling beyond the currently allowed forms, The Kentucky Lottery, Equestrian Racing, and Kentucky Charitable Laws' casino-type games allowed for fundraising and non-profitable purposes.

Section 3: These funds will be given to the KEES fund untaxed and this process will be regulated through The Kentucky Department of Revenue.

Section 4: This Act will take effect 90 days after the end of this session.

	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW	CW 6	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C		
Sponsors: Katie Quin	n, Rahim Kahloon, Sachi Dronawat	Action on	the Bill	
School: DuPont Manu	al HS	House	Senate	
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City: Louisville		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated	

1	An Act Relating To Providing Mandatory Bereavement Leave for Eligible Employees
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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 342 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
6	(1) Employees shall be allowed to take up to five days of bereavement leave upon the noted death of ar
7	immediate family member.
8	(2) Employees shall receive mandatory paid leave for the first three days of bereavement leave.
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10	Section 2: This bill only applies to employers with ten or more employees.
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12	Section 3: This bill aligns with the Definitions for KRS 205.8451 to 205.8483: An "Immediate family
13	member" means a parent, grandparent, spouse, child, stepchild, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law,
14	daughter-in-law, sibling, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or grandchild.
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16	Section 4: Employees must complete bereavement leave within sixty days upon the noted death of an
17	immediate family member and is only available to employees who have worked for the employer for at least
18	30 days prior to the leave's commencement. Extended bereavement leave(s) may be negotiated between the
19	employer and employee as necessary.
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21	Section 5: Any statute contrary to this Act must be amended or repealed.
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Section 6: This Act takes effect January 1, 2023.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW	7
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Hou	
Sponsors: Sovann Su	ı, Levin David	Action o	n the Bill
School: DuPont Manu	ual HS	House	Senate

An Act Relating To Providing Tax Benefits for Sustainable Architecture

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City: Louisville

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

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Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 154.27 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) A new program titled the Infrastructure Decarbonization & Sustainable Construction (IDSC) will be created under the jurisdiction of the Energy and Environment Cabinet.
- (2) All current and upcoming proprietors of sustainable architecture shall be awarded with tax benefits in addition to the tax deductions as stated in KRS Section 139.517.
- (3) All third-party technicians or construction companies responsible for constructing and servicing the said sustainable buildings shall also receive similar benefits.

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Section 2: Sustainable architecture are buildings or green buildings that conserve energy, heat, and materials compared to conventional buildings. Green refers to the utilization of natural resources to combat environment or energy-related issues.

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Section 3: Commercial business owners are eligible for tax bonuses followed by cuts in property tax for the deed the building resides on. Current owners will receive a bonus merited by the size of the building, the materials used in construction, and the cost to construct or renovate the building, all of which are to be determined from official inspection. The starting rate for discounts for the first year is two percent. The discount rate appreciates half a percent every subsequent full year. The discount rate will reach a leveling point at the beginning of the eleventh year and will remain at seven percent for the duration of the building's existence. Upcoming building owners are eligible for the same tax benefits but not the bonus.

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Section 4: This act will also enact a discount rate suspension for owners whose buildings have:

[1] Transference of ownership.

- [2] Loss of green status through the renewed usage of non-renewable natural resources.
- [3] The building does not pertain to official code.

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Section 5: This Act takes effect May 18, 2023.

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 8 Referred to Committee: House 2	
the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		
Sponsors: Madison Hall	Action on	the Bill
School: Holy Cross HS – Louisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville	☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Ban of Conversion Therapy for Minors

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

Section 1: This bill would prohibit Conversion therapy for individuals under the age of 18 whose sexual orientation or gender identity. "Sexual orientation" is defined as a person's identity in relation to the gender or genders to which they are sexually attracted. "Gender identity" is defined as an individual's personal sense of having a particular gender(s).

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

Section 3: All mental health providers are prohibited to engage in any form of conversation therapy efforts for minors under any circumstances. "Conversion therapy" is defined as any attempt to change a person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

 Section 4: Any health care provider providing conversation therapy for minors will have their license revoked and could receive up to three years of jail time if conversion effort were deemed severely damaging to the minor's mental health or wellbeing. Any guardians aiding in the minor's conversion therapy will undergo an investigation to ensure the minors safety in the home. This investigation will be conducted through Child Protective Services.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2023.

· · ·	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 9	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Gabby Hart	tlage, Kat James, Ben Rauen, Georgia Lawrence	Action on	the Bill
School: Louisville Colle	egiate HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Creation of Vocational Schools in Eastern Kentucky

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

Section 1: Eastern Kentucky is being hindered by its lack of economic diversity and overreliance on coal. Coal mining is labor intensive and damages the local environment by its use as a fossil fuel. However, completely restricting coal energy would damage the economy of Eastern Kentucky – making it more vulnerable than it already is following a turbulent year.

Section 2: In Eastern Kentucky, the coal industry is the primary provider of jobs, leading to a lack of economic diversity and overreliance on coal. Economies that are not economically diverse are less stable, less resilient, and all around weaker. In order to abate this issue, Eastern Kentucky is in need of new jobs and possibilities for its inhabitants that can be made possible through economic diversification.

Section 3: Vocational schools are a proven way to promote economic diversity in developing economies as well as reduce unemployment. Vocational schools are schools dedicated to specific education (business school, cosmetology school, etc.), and funding and creating more of them with a focus on Eastern Kentucky would support growth. This model can also be applied to other areas in need of development.

Section 4: Diversifying the economy in Eastern Kentucky will not only improve the economy, but it will also make future environmental action regarding restricting the use of coal energy a possibility in the future. As coal will no longer be such a major part of the economy, transferring to renewable energy would not be as strenuous on the economy.

Section 5: All necessary funding will come from the \$94.7 million allocated towards vocational training and the \$75 million allocated towards Agritech in Eastern Kentucky.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C Senat	
Sponsors: Jenny Hu,	Victoria Le	Action on	the Bill
School: Pikeville HS		House	Senate
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City: Pikeville		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

An Act Relating To The Regulation Of Lobbyists

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

Section 1: Currently, former legislators may take on positions as legislative agents after two years have elapsed since the legislator left office under KRS 6.757(1). Former public officers may act as a legislative agent after one year from the date the officer left office under KRS 11A.040(8). This bill aims to implement a lifetime ban on former legislators and former public officers from becoming legislative agents.

Section 2: KRS 6.757 is amended to read as follows: In (1), delete, "until after two (2) years have elapsed since the date the legislator left office."

Section 3: Amend KRS 11A.040 to read as follows:

Amend (8) to read as follows, "Public officers shall not act as a legislative agent for the remainder of their life while any other former public servant shall not act as a lobbyist or lobbyist's principal in matters in which he or she was directly involved during the last thirty-six (36) months of his or her tenure for a period of one (1) year after the latter of: (a) The date of leaving office or termination of employment; or (b) The date the term of office expires to which the public servant was elected."

Section 4: Kentucky's Legislative Ethics Commission ("LEC") and the Executive Branch Ethics Commission ("Commission") will oversee compliance and appropriate penalties.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 11	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Aleena Ahm	nad, Anthony Hana, Isabelle Brogden	Action on	the Bill
School: Sayre School H	IS	House	Senate
		☐ Passed	☐ Passed
City: Lexington		☐ Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating to Creating Water Treatment Facilities in Response to Surface Mining Runoff 1 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 4 Section 1: Currently, surface mining runoff is a significant contributor to pollution in Kentucky's waterways. 5 Since there are many surface mining sites in the state of Kentucky this has been a major issue for our 6 7 environment. 8 9 Section 2: Surface mining causes contamination of surface water with toxic chemicals. By creating water 10 treatment facilities, the water will be filtered through multiple steps to meet FDA water microbial quality 11 standards. In return, improving Kentucky's water and ecosystem. 12 13 Section 3: Funding will be distributed to utility companies once they submit plans and requests for their water treatment projects. The funding comes from Governor Andy Beshear's Cleaner Water Program, totaling 14 over 250 million dollars available for projects. 15 16 Section 4: These water treatment facilities will be scattered around the state of Kentucky around the 163 17

surface mining sites that empty out into waterways.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW	CW 12	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C		
Sponsors: Mary Jann	, Ella Kitchens, Madelyn Steinberg	Action on	the Bill	
School: Sayre School	HS	House	Senate	
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City: Lexington		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated	

An Act Relating to the Mentorship of Teenagers Aging Out of the Foster Care System

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

Section 1: Seeing as there are 9,156 children in the Kentucky foster care system as of 2021, as 33% of children that age out of the system are known to end up homeless or in prisons, the need to introduce strong mentoring programs for teenagers is more prevalent than ever.

Section 2: Mentorship programs for foster children currently exist but not for those below the age of 18. Currently 30 billion dollars from the federal government is used in the foster care system nationwide.

Section 3: Seeking funding from the Department of Health and Family Services, as children age out of the foster care system, they will be automatically enrolled into this program from ages 18–21. Each person will be matched with a mentor who has completed required training from the Kentucky Foster Care system. The mentor and foster youth will be required to meet a minimum of once per month, depending on what the mentor sees fit. This will provide a stable pathway for the foster child to be able to be as successful as possible in life. Once they reach the age of 21, the mentor will assess if the foster child still needs support or is set to go through life independently.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C		
Sponsors: Scott Nelso	on, Shantin Aguilar	Action on	the Bill	
School: Scott Co. HS		House	Senate	
Citv: Georgetown		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated	

1	An Act Relating to Banning Conversion Therapy
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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 210 is created to be read as follows:
6	Being lesbian, gay, or bisexual is not a disease, disorder, illness, deficiency, or shortcoming.
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8	Section 2: A new section of KRS 210 is created to be read as follows:
9	No healthcare professional can attempt conversion therapy on a patient under 18. Any sexual
10	orientation change efforts attempted on a patient under 18 years of age by a licensed mental health
11	professional shall be considered unprofessional conduct and shall subject the provider to discipline by
12	the provider's licensing entity.
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14	Section 3: This act takes effect June 1st, 2023.

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

Referred to Committee: Senate 2

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Sponsors: Jack Scantland, Mae Wilson	Action on	the Bill
School: Francis Parker School	House	Senate
City: Louisville	☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐
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AN ACT proposing to create a new section of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to ranked-choice voting

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

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Section 1:

- a. All general elections and primaries, for the positions of: Governor, State Senate, State House, Attorney General, Agriculture Commissioner, Secretary of State, Auditor of Public Accounts, and State Treasurer, shall be conducted by ranked-choice voting.
- b. When counting ballots in an election, the state board of elections shall first determine the validity of the ballot. Then of the valid ballots, the votes for the highest ranked continuing candidates, meaning they're ranked [1] on the voters individual ballots, are tabulated. If one candidate is highest ranked on more than one half of the active ballots, that candidate is elected and the tabulation is complete. If one candidate does not win the election in the first round, the candidate with the least amount of highest ranked votes in the first round is eliminated, and the votes of the candidate that was eliminated are redistributed for their 2nd choice, and so on.
- c. If one candidate has not won the election by the fourth round, the candidate with the most votes wins the election and tabulation is complete.
- d. If there is a tie in the for the candidate with the least amount of votes in any round of voting, the candidate that will be eliminated is determined by lot, meaning the person chosen by lot continues in the election.
- e. If there is a tie in the final round of voting, meaning that there is a tie for who has the most votes in the final round, the winner is determined by lot, meaning the person chosen by lot wins in the election.

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Section 2:

- a. All ranked-choice ballots must be simple and easy to understand with a list of candidates, and spaces to put numbers 1-4. One being the voters first choice, and 4 being their last choice.
- b. Any ballot that has an overvote shall be considered an inactive ballot once the overvote is encountered, meaning if there are two 1st choice candidates, the ballot is immediately inactive. But if there's two second choice votes, the first choice is counted, and then their two 2nd choices would make the ballot inactive.

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Section 3:

- a. Any counting methods for elections contrary to this one are repealed.
- b. All laws and regulations about voting, besides how the ballot is constructed for elections, will remain intact.
- c. This bill will go into effect for the following eligible elections after it is passed.

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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 Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Ava Borche	rs, Kate Mcdonald, Maddie Timm	Action on	the Bill
School: Villa Madonna	Academy HS	House	Senate
Citv: Villa Hills		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated

1	An Act Relating to the Ability of Gay and Bisexual Individuals to Donate Blood.
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: As used in this section:

 A. "Homosexual relations" means all sexual acts between individuals of the same sex.

Section 2: No person shall be excluded from donating blood on the basis of homosexual relations.

Section 3: No hospital, clinic, health institution, or individual possesses the power to deny an individual their right to make the decision to donate blood on the basis of sexuality.

Section 4: A sample of all donors' blood will be tested for specified relevant transfusion–transmitted infections as established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administrations Code of Federal Regulations.

Section 5: The provisions of this section shall become effective immediately upon, and to the extent permitted, by the occurrence of any of the following circumstances:

A. Any decision of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration which reverses, in whole or in part, the regulation regarding homosexual relationships and blood donations as established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administrations Code of Federal Regulations (Title 21), thereby restoring to the Commonwealth of Kentucky the authority to prohibit donating blood; or Adoption of an amendment to the United States Constitution which, in whole or in part, restores to the Commonwealth of Kentucky the authority to prohibit donating blood.

Section 6: Any individual who violates this law shall have their phlebotomy certification revoked, if applicable, or will be otherwise prohibited from drawing blood. In addition, violators will receive a fine of up to \$50,000 per violation, at the discretion of the Kentucky State Medical Board.

A. There is no violation if a patient refuses a donation unless there is evidence of coercion.