the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 1	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Mason Keen, Will Edwards, Jaron Hamby,		Action o	n the Bill
School: Allen Co Scottsville HS		House	Senate
		□ Passed	□ Passed
City: Scottsville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To abolishing state standardized testing and implementation of competency-based certifications

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

Section 1: Title 703 Chapter 5 Regulation 270, KRS 158.6453 is to be amended to read as follows, "KRS 158.6453 requires the Kentucky Board of Education to create and implement competency-based learning for grades K-12."

Section 2: An Advisor/Homeroom teacher will oversee competency-based learning completion for each student. This learning focuses on the student's desire to achieve proficiency in the Kentucky Curriculum. This can be achieved through a portfolio of works created throughout each student's educational career and a Defense of Learning to be presented in grades Three, Six, Eight, and Twelve.

Section 3: This amendment will apply to all Kentucky Public schools, Kindergarten through Twelfth grade.

Section 4: This bill will take effect in the 2025–2026 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 2	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors : Raegan Gab Brinkley Bugg	hart, Nasimah Ibrihim-Holden, Clayton Conway,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Anderson Co. H	IS	House	Senate
City: Lawrenceburg		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Gun Safety Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

SECTION 1: For the purposes of this bill, a firearm is defined as any weapon incorporating a metal tube in which bullets, shells or other missiles are propelled by an explosive force.

SECTION 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 237 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) In order to legally own a firearm one must be at least 18 years of age. (2) To acquire a legal license for and to be able to buy a firearm, one will be required to undergo a background check including a check of one's past criminal record as well as a medical and mental health evaluation. (3) Legally obtaining a license for a firearm will also require one to certifiably pass a class on firearm safety, which will be taught by a trained state trooper.

SECTION 3: In order to fund the firearm safety class, the price of a legal gun license in Kentucky will be raised from \$40 USD to \$50 USD, with the excess money raised going to the class.

SECTION 4: This law will go into effect beginning January 2025.

SECTION 5: Any statue contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 3	
			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Edwin Sabio	c, Ryane Neumann, Gideon Dunn,	Action o	on the Bill
School: Atherton HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the accessibility of preschool education Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Section 1: Pre elementary education has been widely and repeatedly proven to give a major advantage to young children, which sticks with them all throughout their journey as a student. However, Kentucky ranks 40th in nationwide preschool enrollment, with only 40% of children ages 3-4 enrolled. Due to the fact that pre-school has the capacity to improve several aspects of their physical and mental ability including social skills, motor skills, data recognition, language development, and creative capacity, it is a crucial step in the development of growing minds and bodies. Students who partake in preschool education make the transition into kindergarten much easier, knowing simple phonics and arithmetic allows them to move into higher reading levels and do more complicated mathematics from an earlier point, giving them more time for personal projects such as art and science, letting them explore their creative sides. It also meant we had more time for play and sports which gave us a headstart on that end of the spectrum. However, on average, in the state of Kentucky, pre-school costs 800-1200 dollars per month which lines up with the average price of rent per month, meaning that sending a child to preschool currently costs the same as some people's homes. While institutions such as the SMI help to give financial aid to families at or below 85% of the state median income, the median income is still only 60,000 dollars a year which is still 20,000 dollars lower than the current livable wage. Because of this, despite state aid, pre-school is still unaffordable for the majority of Kentucky residents. Thus, the fact that so many students lack this headstart and have lacked it simply due to a lack of availability and affordability is disgusting.

Section 2: Proposes the creation of a new legislature which gives public Kentucky institutions who provide preschool education further financial support in order to increase the enrollment of children ages 3–4. Providing public schools who offer pre–school education a 200k dollar grant.

Section 3: BENEFITS: – Empowers the family to have more earning power – Social skills – Exposure to diverse backgrounds – Language development – Motor Skills – Creativity – Adjustment to a routine – Makes the schools accountable – Data collection – Creates Job opportunities

	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 4	
the		Referred to Sen a	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Edith Stepho	ens, Siobhan Bell, Rylan Cole,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Atherton HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To The Prohibition of the Death Sentence in the Kentucky Criminal Justice System

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

Section 1. The following KRS section is to be repealed: subsection (1) of KRS 532.030 'Authorized dispositions', which states, 'When a person is convicted of a capital offense, he shall have his punishment fixed at death, or at a term of imprisonment for life without benefit of probation or parole, or at a term of imprisonment for life without benefit of probation or parole until he has served a minimum of twenty-five (25) years of his sentence, or to a sentence of life, or to a term of not less than twenty (20) years nor more than fifty (50) years.'

Section 2. To repeal KRS 532.025, 'Presentence hearings — Use of juvenile court records — Aggravating or mitigating circumstances', which states, 'In all cases of offenses for which the death penalty may be authorized, the judge shall consider, or he or she shall include in his instructions to the jury for it to consider, any mitigating circumstances or aggravating circumstances otherwise authorized by law and' which may be supported by the evidence'.

Section 3. The following KRS statutes are repealed: KRS 431.218 'Date of execution of condemned', KRS 431.224 'Retroactive applicability', KRS 431.250 'Persons who may attend executions', KRS 431.220 'Execution of death sentence', and KRS 431.240 subsection (1) and (4), 'Time of execution -- Governor to fix time in case of insanity, pregnancy, or escape -- Administrative hearings -- Transfer to forensic psychiatric facility in case of insanity'.

Section 4. Death row inmates will have their sentences changed to life without parole unless the governor intervenes to reduce said sentencing, which is previously established in KRS 431.240 subsection (2) titled 'Governor to fix time in case of insanity, pregnancy, or escape'. All facilities for inmate euthanization shall be removed.

Section 5. If life sentence conviction rates rise without the death penalty and new facilities are needed, the The Justice Department, which grants money for American prison infrastructure annually, will provide funding. Funding will also be provided by the conservation of taxpayer funds, the death penalty previously absorbed, since 1976 Kentucky has spent \$440 million dollars on executions.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 5	
			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Aroosh Bha	tti, Deisa Bhattarai, Kavya Chaurasia, Kiana Golparvar	Action o	n the Bill
School: Ballard HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To health care issues related towards the rural areas of Kentucky **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1 – Rural areas in Kentucky experience high rates of diseases like cancer, heart disease, hypertension, asthma, and diabetes. These factors are largely due to poverty getting normalized in Rural areas

Section 2 – 20.7% of rural residents that live in Kentucky suffer from poverty. If people live in poverty, they are often not covered by Medicaid. If people don't have access to Healthcare financially, this can lead to them stepping away from medical buildings because they can not support the costly bill that comes with an appointment. Rural residents are also less likely to have an employer provided health insurance because they are less likely to have private health insurance, which goes hand to hand with one another. If people can't afford healthcare, they will be associated with medical issues. This can lead to residents having multiple issues within their health, and not knowing what diseases they have and to not being aware in how to treat it

Section 3 – As of the year of 2024, 29% of kentuckians have undiagnosed diabetes. 10% of that number are from residents in rural areas. The main reason for this is because the majority of the people that live in rural areas live in food deserts. They can't afford the fresh/good quality produce that they need to get the right amount of nutrients. So they opt out for the cheaper alternatives, which tend to not be on the healthier side. This can cause issues like type 2 Diabetes, high glucose levels, and obesity.

Section 4 – To address this issue, we can start offering a greater flexibility in payment models. Having people buy now, but paying later, so that way when they are financially capable of fully paying, they can pay on their own timing. ClassD: If they fail to pay their fee on time, they could be fined more money, or if it becomes a continuing problem 1 to 4 years of imprisonment. This allows them to have time to make the money they need to pay off their health insurance.

Section 5 – This bill will come into effect on March 1st

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 6	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Jaxon Bezea	au, JJ Jackson, Gavin McCarty, Cohen McElroy	Action o	n the Bill
School: Bourbon Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Paris		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To propose an amendment to Section 25 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to Slavery and involuntary servitude forbidden.

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

Section 1. It is proposed that Section 25 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows: Slavery and involuntary servitude in this State are forbidden.

Section 2. 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 Section 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 7	
		Referred to Sen a	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Mary Hopp	per, Cassidy Magness, Evie Masterson, Zaylee Rayls	Action o	n the Bill
School: Breckinridge (Co. HS	House	Senate
Citv: Harned		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Require Paid Parental Leave In All Buildings To Employees Who Have Over 20 Employees and Have Been Employed For 12 Months.

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS STATUTE UNDER CHAPTER 337 IS TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All employees who have been with an employer that has at least 20 employees for a minimum of twelve (12) months are entitled to at least six (6) weeks of parental leave. Parental leave shall be available for the period surrounding the birth of a child, including prenatal and postnatal care. Employees must provide at least thirty (30) days notice to their employer of the need for parental leave, except in cases of medical emergencies. Employers shall maintain the employee's health insurance benefits during the leave period. Employees shall be reinstated to their original job or an equivalent position with equivalent pay, benefits, and working conditions upon returning from leave.

Section 2: To ensure that all employees in the Commonwealth of Kentucky are entitled to parental leave, thereby promoting the health and well-being of mothers/fathers and their newborn children.

Section 3: According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, approximately 85% of women in the United States take some form of leave following the birth of a child. In Kentucky, the current mandated maternity leave duration is six weeks for vaginal births and eight weeks for cesarean sections. The Center for American Progress highlights that access to paid leave significantly increases workforce participation among women, with 60% of women returning to work after childbirth when they have this benefit. As of January 2024, there are over 88,000 single mothers residing in Kentucky. Providing parental leave not only enhances workforce participation among both women and men but also contributes positively to the overall economy.

Section 4: This bill will require approximately \$85,000 in funding.

 Section 5: This law will be enforced by the Kentucky Labor Cabinet.

Section 6: If businesses do not adhere to the provisions of this bill, the Kentucky Labor Cabinet will issue a warning, requiring compliance within three months. Any subsequent violations will be addressed at the discretion of the Kentucky Labor Cabinet.

Section 7: Upon its passing, this bill will go into effect on November 1, 2025.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 8	
the			Committee:
Sponsors: Abigail Pike	e, Kiara Alford, Lia VanZant, Mallory Priddy	Action o	n the Bill
School: Central Hardin HS		House	Senate
City: Cecilia		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Homeless Veterans and Making an Appropriation Therefore and Declaring an Emergency.

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

Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 40 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:(1) There shall be an available bed in a Veterans Shelter for 1% of every veteran in Kentucky.

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

Section 3. There is appropriated to the Department of Veterans Affairs from the General Fund \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2024–2025 for the purposes of the Veterans Shelters Program. 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.

Section 4. This act takes effect on January 1st 2030.

	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 9	
the			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Madison Car	npbell, jordan owen, London Taylor–Winston,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Christian Co. HS	5	House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Universal Preschool to be Mandatory in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 003 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Preschool will be mandatory for all children 3–4 years of age regardless of learning disabilities, household income, and parental bias – which is when your parent has a high position job which grants you the choice of going to preschool or not.

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

Section 3: The following KRS section is repealed: 157.3175 – Plan for implementation of state mandatory preschool.

Section 4: This bill will be enacted on July 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 10	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Chloe Trive	tte, Elijah Bailey, Tory Canady,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Corbin HS		House	Senate
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City: Corbin		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To increase the salary of Public School teachers across the state of Kentucky to earn fair 1 2 and liveable wages. 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: All school districts across the state must raise the minimum salary of Teachers to \$50,000 with a 6 regular adjustment to inflation. 7 8 Section 2: Teachers with at least 10 years of experience must have a minimum yearly salary of \$65,000. 9 10 Section 3: Teachers with Rank II must have a 10% increase in yearly salary. Teachers with Rank I must have 11 an additional 20% increase in yearly salary. 12 13 Section 4: Teachers who have taught for at least 5 years will become eligible to have 20% of their remaining 14 student loan balance forgiven for each year worked in a public school setting. 15 16 Section 5: This will be funded by redistributing tax revenue the state receives from sports betting and 17 gambling. 18

Section 6: This Bill will go into effect during the 2026–27 fiscal year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 11	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Brian Hack,	Gavin Cummings, Mattie Higgins,	Action o	n the Bill
School: DeSales HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Allocation of Government Funds for Organizations Assisting Immigrants with Workforce Integration

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

Section 1: Recognizing the number of foreign born immigrants in Kentucky and their potential to greatly influence the economy of Kentucky for the better and recognizing the government of Kentucky's ability to influence the lives of said immigrants for the better, this bill is a plan to ensure the potential of both parties is not put to waste.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 154.24 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS; (1) Kentucky shall match funds donated to approved agencies supporting workforce integration for immigrants on a 1:1 basis. (2) The yearly limit at which these matched funds may not exceed is to be determined by the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet on a yearly basis. (3) These matched funds shall be taken out of the funds of the adult program of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, otherwise referred to as the WIOA. (4) In order to be eligible for fund matching, agencies must be in compliance with the existing requirements of the WIOA involving reporting and outcome tracking.

Section 3: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 154.24 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS; (1) The Department of Local Governments(DLG) shall create an expedited application process for agencies supporting the integration of immigrants into the workforce that are applying to the Community Development Block Grants(CDBG). (2) This expedited application process must waive the income verification process as well as lower the requirement for in-kind contributions. (3) These agencies must be given priority status among a more general crowd of applying organizations. (4) The DLG must permit the automatic renewal of funding without a full reapplication of successful organizations.

Section 4:(1)The Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet shall receive authority to choose if an organization is eligible for the programs listed above by setting the yearly metrics required by participating organizations. (2) Eligibility is to be determined by a system of statistics and metrics involving: the number of immigrants trained, employment rate post-training, retention rate in employment, wages earned post training, community impact, and cost per participant.

Section 5: The enactment of putting these federally funded Kentuckian programs to use specifically in the imm

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 12	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Adam Brock, Alexander Lisle, Kenton York, Lincoln Wilburn		Action o	n the Bill
School: Estill Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Irvine		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To a Tier 1 Funding Increase Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1. A REVISION OF HOUSE BILL 6 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: An increase to Tier 1 funding in school districts from the initial value of 17.5% to 30% in the next fiscal year. This funding can be used for anything school-related. Examples such as Special Education teachers, better food, an increase in our sports funding, a raise in staff members' salaries, more teachers, and more rallies for the students. Tier 1 funding is provided by SEEK. Tier 1 of 'SEEK' helps balance out property in poor and wealthy counties. Because of the KRS portion of 'SEEK', these values are unbalanced.

Section 2. (1) 'Tier 1' refers to school districts with a poverty level of 15% or more. (2) 'SEEK' funding formula is a three-tiered system to fund school districts.

Section 3. This proposed revision aims to address the funding disparity between rich and poor districts across the state of Kentucky. The projected additional cost for this initiative is approximately \$164,611,486 per year, in contrast to the original expenditure of \$232,147,412 at a rate of 17.5 percent, culminating in a total cost of \$396,758,880. Everyone but Anchorage Independent, Campbell County, Jefferson County, Livingston County, and Lyon County would not be affected by this bill. This is because they are classified as 'wealthy' districts and receive more funding from Seek taxes than other counties.

Section 4. This bill will be paid by allocating funds from the surplus in the Kentucky Budget to the Tier 1 funding.

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	Y YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Referred to	Committee: se 1
Sponsors : Samantha Martin, Madison Jackson	Albarracin, Joe Dunaway, Jenna	Action o	n the Bill
School: Estill Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Irvine		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Teacher Tax Relief Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 163 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All Kentucky public school teachers will be able to deduct 2.7% of their pre-tax income each year.

Section 2. (1) The term 'tax relief' refers to the reduction in taxes a person must pay annually.

Section 3. This bill will give all public school teachers in the state of Kentucky an annual income relief to be spent as they wish. The average starting salary for a teacher in Kentucky is \$39,000, meaning a first-year teacher will receive \$1,053 in relief. As teachers continue to work each year, the tax relief rate will remain the same at 2.7%, but when combined with an increase in salary with each year of teaching experience, the money amount will increase for each teacher.

Section 4. This bill will be paid for by increasing the tax of nicotine vapes in the state from 15% to 30% and increasing the tax of alcohol from 6% to 10%.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	14
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: House 2 Action on the Bill	
Sponsors: cooper scott, Abryona tucker, Queri Beard, Emmarie cermak		Action o	n the Bill
School: Fulton Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Hickman		· □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

1 An Act Relating To passing oversized farm equipment on the road. 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 4 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 189 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Passing oversized 5 farm equipment is prohibited. 6 7 Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed. 8 9 Section 3: Oversized farm equipment is designed as farm machinery with a width greater than 10 feet at any 10 point. 11 12 Section 4: This bill is only applicable on 2 lane roads and highways. 13 Section 5: Consequences: 1st offense – traffic ticket \$100-200 2nd offense – \$300-500 and 6 points on 14

the license 3rd offense – 6 points on license / suspension

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	15
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Maahi Patel, McKinley Harper, ,		Action o	n the Bill
School: George Roger	s Clark HS	House	Senate
City: Winchester		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Requiring Metal Detectors In All High Schools Within Kentucky **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 high schools within the state of Kentucky are required to install metal detectors in the building

Section 2: Any bill contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed

 Section 3: (1) Every school must have one metal detector per 280 students. (2) For every three metal detectors, one SRO will be required to supervise students going through. (3) Incase of an emergency the SRO will confiscate the item and isolate the student to ensure safety until law enforcement can arrive.

Section 4: (1) The Community Oriented Policing Service (COPS) from the United States Department of Justice provides grants such as the School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) to state and local governments to provide up to 75% of funding for school safety measures. (2) This bill requests a portion of the grant to be used to provide these metal detectors. (3) If this grant is not obtained then a 5–cent increase to property tax will be implemented.

Section 5: (1) Any schools without metal detectors, after this bill is enforced, will be faced with a one time \$5,000 fine and for every 50 days following a reoccurring \$1,000 fine will be charged until the school adds the necessary equipment. (2) District officials – specifically the State School Security Marshal – conducts unannounced school safety checks throughout the school year. (3) During these checks, the Marshal will make sure these metal detectors are up to standard. (4) If a school has a broken metal detector they will have 150 days to fix it. (5) If 150 days pass and the problem isn't fixed the school will face a reoccuring \$500 fine till the metal detectors are up to standard. (6) Under Senate Bill 91, the Kentucky General Assembly passed a two-year appropriation of \$15,000,000 for fiscal year 2025–2026. This money will be used by school districts to repair metal detectors.

Section 6: This act will take effect by July 31st, 2026.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	 16
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Jackson barrick, Ashelynne graves, Meghan Griffin, Jacob Judd		Action o	n the Bill
School: Glasgow HS		House	Senate
City: Glasgow		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Domestic Violence Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 209A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS (1) The state will increase funding for domestic violence shelters in the state of Kentucky through the use of state and federal grants. (2) It is requested that the Cabinet for Health and Family Services create a temporary committee to research where the added shelters are needed most. (3) Request funds towards the building of new shelters to be at minimum \$100,000

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	 17
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 2 Action on the Bill	
Sponsors: Aubrey Day, olivia conner, Sophia Saunier,		Action o	n the Bill
School: Great Crossing HS		House	Senate
City: Georgetown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Affordable Childcare for Working Class Families

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER All parents who send their child/children to a regulated child care facility are to have a portion of their weekly or monthly expenses paid by the government.

Section 2: As of 2024 67% of parents who send their child/children to childcare report having to reduce their non-essential spending habits just to afford the weekly or monthly payments and 57% reported delaying major purchases like buying a house or car just to afford childcare. Along with that 79% of parents report that if they were to lose childcare they would not be able to find an alternative option leading to one of the parents having to stay home. If a large majority of parents had to quit their jobs due to no longer being able to afford childcare; it could lead to detrimental effects on the community's economy and potentially the state's economy.

Section 3: These programs will be funded by the government. Currently the government covers educational costs from Kindergarten to 12th grade when they should consider extending the window from birth to 12th grade due to 90% of brain development occurring between the ages of 0 to 5 and without proper care there can be lasting social, behavioral, and speech problems.

Section 4: To cover the cost of the around 165,000 slots of licensed child care facilities we would need about 25 million dollars to cover the cost of 150 dollars that each family would receive to cover the child care expenses. This money would come from the Kentucky Department of Education. This would be taken from a section of the 4.5 billion dollar budget that receives from the State and the Federal government.

Section 5: Due to the time that will be necessary to acquire the funds needed this bill will be 28. enacted in January, 2026.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	 18
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 1 Action on the Bill	
Sponsors: Lily Burris, A	Abby Brunell, Olivia Hardesty, Nicholas Long	Action o	n the Bill
School: Greenwood HS		House	Senate
City: Bowling Green		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An act to allow Kentucky sexual education to take a deeper dive into consent and sexual abuse in the teaching standard

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

Section 1: The current sex education curriculum for the school systems in the state of Kentucky does not adequately educate students about consent, sexual abuse, the signs of sexual abuse, or how to prevent it. Teaching Kentucky students properly about sexual education is crucial.

Section 2: 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 14 boys will experience child sexual abuse at some point in childhood, 28% of U.S. youth ages 14 to 17 have been sexually victimized. Nearly 70% of all reported sexual assaults (including assaults on adults) occur to children age 17 and under.

Section 3: The Kentucky education system is required to teach high school students about sexual education. However, the current curriculum doesn't teach students properly about consent, sexual abuse, how to prevent it, or the signs of sexual abuse.

Section 4: Our bill would legally require all health classes in the state of Kentucky to teach students about consent, the dangers of sexual abuse, the signs of sexual abuse, and how to prevent it. This bill will go into effect during the 2025–2026 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	 19
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: se 1
Sponsors : Anik Pansuria, Suren Dhasarathan, Qais Abumuhfouz, Hydration Hero MBanfu		Action o	n the Bill
School: Greenwood HS		House	Senate
City: Bowling Green		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Body Cameras on Officers Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1. Purpose The purpose of this Act is to establish guidelines for the use of body-worn cameras (BWCs) by law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to promote transparency, accountability, and public trust.

Section 2. Definitions For this Act: a. "Body–worn camera" refers to a recording device worn on the person of a law enforcement officer that captures audio and video recordings of interactions with the public. b. "Law enforcement agency" refers to any agency or department of the Commonwealth or its political subdivisions that is responsible for the enforcement of laws and the maintenance of public order. c. "Officer" refers to any sworn law enforcement officer employed by a law enforcement agency.

Section 3. Body–Worn Camera Requirements a. All law enforcement agencies within the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall require officers to wear body–worn cameras while on duty. b. Officers shall activate their body–worn cameras during any enforcement activity, including but not limited to: Traffic stop Arrests Use of force incidents Interactions with the public that involve investigations or responses to calls for service.

Section 4. Data Management and Retention a. All recorded data from body-worn cameras shall be securely stored and managed by the respective law enforcement agency. b. Recorded data shall be retained for a minimum of three years unless otherwise required by ongoing investigations or legal proceedings. c. Access to recorded data shall be restricted to authorized personnel only and shall be subject to strict protocols to protect the privacy of individuals captured in the recordings.

Section 5. Training and Policies a. Law enforcement agencies shall develop and implement policies and procedures regarding the use of body-worn cameras, including training for officers on the operation and requirements of the equipment. b. Training shall include instruction on privacy rights, data management, and proper activation and deactivation procedures for body-worn cameras.

Section 6. Reporting and Accountability a. Each law enforcement agency shall report annually to the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet on the implementation and use of body-worn cameras, including data on incidents recorded, complaints received, and any incidents of non-compliance with this Act. b. The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet shall review these reports and may provide recommendations for improvements

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	20
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: House 2	
Sponsors: Avery Hampton, Marley Staton, Hayden Ries, Violet Garrison		Action o	n the Bill
School: Henderson Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Henderson		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Elimination of Plastic Bags from All Stores in the State of Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: SECTION 1. (1) All stores within the state of Kentucky shall not provide single use plastic bags of any kind. (2)This does not apply to food items that require plastic containment to retain food quality.

SECTION 2. (1) All stores within the state of Kentucky have the discretion to control the pricing of their sold reusable bags, should they have any. (2) All stores within the state of Kentucky are encouraged to promote bringing and using reusable bags owned by the consumer, or purchasing from the cashier's station.

SECTION 3. Any statue contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed

SECTION 4. All Kentucky stores making less than \$250,000 annually found selling single-use plastic bags will be fined \$5,000 for the first offense, \$7,000 for the second offense, \$12,000 for the third offense, and the fine for repeated offenders will increase by \$5,000 every offense for the encouragement of the destruction of the Commonwealth's safety and environment. All Kentucky stores making more than \$250,000 annually found selling single-use plastic bags will be fined \$15,000 for the first offense, \$22,000 for the second offense, \$29,000 for the third offense, and the fine for repeated offenders will increase by \$10,000 every offense for the encouragement of the destruction of the Commonwealth's safety and environment.

SECTION 5. This act takes effect January 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	21
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Jack Rowe, Lydia Gabbard, , Elisha Farley		Action o	n the Bill
School: Henry Clay HS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Public Transit For Metropolitan Areas Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Kentucky unemployment rates are reaching all time highs and increased by 0.6% this past year. Public transit has been reported to have cut unemployment rates by half in some countries and would be beneficial to Kentucky. Additionally, public transportation lowers carbon emissions. The building process will provide an estimated 5,000 jobs that have pay rates at up to \$39 an hour, providing citizens with necessary and well-paying employment.

Section 2: The cities of Louisville and Lexington will develop plans for a light rail system that extends throughout their respective counties. This bill will use money from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal and the GRANT program which provide funds for 'super projects'. The employees that work on this project will be paid an average of \$30 dollars an hour or some sort of equivalent amount. This project will be overseen by the city governments.

Section 3: The cost of the light rail system will be accounted for by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal and the GRANT program. Kentucky also allocates \$130 million in the budget for the Budget of the Commonwealth. Between these sources of funds the whole project will be financed.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	22
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Sophia Carter, Lexi Moore, Evelyn Yu,		Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Cross HS – Louisville		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To CPR Training in Schools Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1. A NEW SECTION KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All Kentucky schools must require curriculum on CPR to qualify for graduation. (2) Curriculum will be reviewed every two years by the Kentucky Board of Education. (3) It shall be up to the discretion of each school on how to implement this requirement.

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

Section 3. Failure to adhere to this Act will follow current penalties for failure to follow Kentucky compulsory education laws detailed as: (1) \$100 fine for first offense (2) \$250 for second offense and (3) third offenses will be charged with Class B misdemeanor

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	23
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Sena	Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Gwen Dalibor, Misha Gregory, ,		Action o	n the Bill
School: Lafayette HS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Mental Health in Juvenile Correctional Facilities and Making an Appropriation Therefor **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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Section 1. Mental Health is an important issue in our juvenile justice system. Studies show that up to 70% of juveniles in these facilities have diagnosable mental health disorders. The experience of being arrested and living in a correctional facility can also take a significant toll on the incarcerated juveniles' mental health, making it even more important to have multiple qualified and licensed mental health specialists on their staff. There was only one mental health professional in the Louisville Metro Youth Detention Service as of 2018.

Section 2. A NEW SECTION OF THE KRS CHAPTER 210 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All juvenile correctional facilities are required to have a minimum of 2 licensed mental health professionals for every facility (this number will differ depending on the population of the facility). (2) All incarcerated juveniles with a diagnosed mental health disorder, whether it be a traumatic, anxiety, mood, psychotic, eating, neurodevelopmental or a different mental health disorder, will get a minimum of 30 minutes per week to meet with a licensed mental health professional. (3) Any incarcerated juvenile thought to have a mental health disorder will be evaluated by a licensed mental health professional and be treated as required by that professional. (4) Incarcerated juveniles without a mental health disorder also have the opportunity to meet with one of the mental health professionals either by personal choice, choice by a parent or quardian or by a qualified staff member of the Department of Juvenile Justice. (5) All incarcerated juveniles can meet with one of the mental health professionals at any time when the professionals are on duty and available. (7) The mental health professionals will be specially trained at one of the state's juvenile correctional facilities on how to best treat these children and how to keep both themselves and the juveniles they treat safe. (8) Each facility will have a substance use rehabilitation program that will include trained specialists who will give one-on-one assistance and lead rehabilitation therapy groups. (9) All other staff members will be taught a short course by mental health professionals about mental health, especially pertaining to incarcerated juveniles.

Section 3. There is appropriated to the Department of Juvenile Justice \$1,400,000 in fiscal year 2024 – 2025 to compensate the new mental health professionals

the KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Deformed to Committee of the	
Bluegrass Bill Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Aiden Everman, Ember Morrison, Keenan Smith, Annabel Jackson Action on the Bill	
School: Mason Co. HS House Senate	
□ Passed □ Passed □ Passed □ Defeated	

An Act Relating To Safe Haven Baby Box Access Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A Safe Haven Baby Box is a safe and accessible place for a mother to drop her newborn baby off while having no connection to the baby.

Section 2: Every county is required to implement one Safe Haven Baby Box in a fire station and/or police station and train the emergency personnel on how to respond.

Section 3: The state will provide funding so each county can install and maintain a Safe Haven Baby Box.

Section 4: The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services will be responsible to ensure each county is maintaining their respective Safe Haven Baby Box.

Section 5: This Act takes effect on January 1, 2026.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 25	
		Referred to Hous	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Mackenzye Rodgers, Cassyn Dew, Katie Haywood,		Action o	n the Bill
School: Mayfield HS		House	Senate
City: Mayfield		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act relating to school recess

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: Every public school in the state of Kentucky, shall enact a recess period for all grade levels. The recess period shall last between thirty minutes and one hour daily.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 26	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Ada Pinney, Sophia Combs, Ava Goodpaster,		Action o	on the Bill
School: Montgomery Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Mt. Sterling		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to the Affordability of Utility Rates Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 278 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: [1] Notwithstanding any other provisions of KRS Chapter 278, utilities may establish affordable rates based on a person's ability to pay. Eligibility for affordable rates shall be determined based on federal poverty guidelines, state–specific income thresholds, or other criteria established by the commission. [2] A utility offering affordable rates may provide reduced–cost service based on a household's annual income or other relevant criteria. [3] The commission, when establishing affordable rates at the request of a utility, shall balance the interests of the ratepayer and the utility to ensure that free or reduced rates do not compromise the financial stability of the utility. [4] Utilities shall conduct annual audits to verify household income, assess continued eligibility, and evaluate the impact of reduced rates on utility revenue. [5] The amount of reduced–cost service shall not exceed twenty–five (25) percent of the utility's average residential customer's monthly bill. [6] The commission shall review affordable rates at least once every three years, adjusting as necessary to reflect changes in income thresholds, inflation, and utility costs.

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

Section 3: This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 27	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Adeline Pitr	man, Kenzie Myers, Olivia Smee, Faith Mccafferty	Action o	n the Bill
School: Murray HS		House	Senate
City: Murray		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Mandating Disciplinary Action

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

Section 1: This bill will serve as an amendment to KRS 158.148– established code of conduct in schools– established bullying and harassment policies– allowance of disciplinary measures– parental involvement in disciplinary actions– annual review of code of conduct

 Section 2: Amend KRS 158.148 to include filming or recording physical alterations between students on school property including school sponsored events. Filming and recording of physical disputes between students along with distribution should be included in the definition of disruptive conduct outlined in KRS 158.148.

Section 3: Any students found to have filmed and/or distributed video footage of a physical altercation between students shall be subject to the following penalties First Offense: In school suspension for one day Second Offense: In school suspension for three days Third Offense: Out of school suspension for five days Offenses after three: Discipline continues to increase in severity as school administration sees fit Exemptions may be explored if the footage was useful in the resolution between fighting parties

Section 4: Upon the completion of acts described above in Section II parents or guardians of the student(s) involved should be notified. Schools should provide a way for parents to continue to monitor their students' behavior.

Section 5: Schools have until the first day of school to update their policies to align with the amended KRS 158.148

Section 6: If school policies are not updated by the first day of school, districts will be fined \$1000 for every 30 days beyond the deadline.

Section 7: Any statute contrary to this amendment shall be amended to correspond with the updated KRS 158.148

Section 8: This act will take effect the beginning of next school year

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 28	
			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Violet Kelley, Piper Murphy, Leah Olsanski, Seanna Osborne		Action o	n the Bill
School: New Albany H	5	House	Senate
City: New Albany		· □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Bullet Licenses Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A new section of the KRS is created to read as follows: In order for an individual to purchase ammunition for any firearm, they must have a current ammunition license.

Section 2: In order for an individual to obtain an ammunition license, the following conditions must be met. (a) The individual must be 21 years old. (b) They should have no admission into a psych ward while over the age of 18 lasting longer than 6 months within 3 years of application. (c) Their criminal record may not contain violent crimes, domestic violence, or any non-violent crimes involving guns. (d) The individual should have no psychological disorders that prevent them from being of sound mind.

Section 3: Individuals will use an online application including a background check and will submit a \$40 application fee.

Section 4: Approved applications will allow the individual to add a bullet symbol to the drivers license or identification card for up to 5 years.

Section 5: Any statue contrary to this Act shall be repealed.

Section 6: This Act shall take effect on August 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 29	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Arnav Philips, Shreethan Palla, Nate Dunlap,		Action o	n the Bill
School: North Oldham	HS	House	Senate
City: Goshen		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To to biodiversity conservation Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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18 19 Section 1: The General Assembly, Alarmed by the rising establishment of invasive and destructive wildlife species in Kentucky Acknowledging that failure to address this issue promptly will result in exponentially higher costs in the future Emphasizing the critical role of native species in supporting biodiversity and preventing the spread of invasive species Recognizing that Kentucky has lost approximately 2.5 million acres of forest over the last century Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, would take 300.000 dollars to create a new branch for the Department of Natural Resources called the Department of Land Fertility (DoLF), from the Kentucky budget, as well as grants from the US fish and wildlife service, the National Park Service, and the EPA. Recognizing that these estimates represent the upper limit, actual costs are anticipated to be lower and DLM would adjust as needed. The estimated annual cost of \$2.7 million, funded by the sponsors listed above, will be allocated as follows: \$1 million for personnel, \$1 million for research and operations, \$500,000 for invasive species management programs, and \$200,000 for office space and facilities. The Department of Land Fertility (DoLF) would be in charge of preventing and destroying invasive life that interferes with the growth of native plants, crops, and animals. DoLF would protect. prevent, and manage invasive species that interfere with the growth of native plants, crops, and animals and oversee projects aimed at breeding native and foreign species to combat the effects of invasive species. It would also conduct research and employ. This will go into effect January 1, 2025a

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 30	
		Referred to Sen a	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Anya Sheth, mara Gibson, Olivia Powers,		Action o	n the Bill
School: North Oldham	HS	House	Senate
City: Goshen		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To to flex periods in middle and high schools **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All middle and high schools in Kentucky must facilitate a minimum thirty (30) minute flex period into every school day. (2) Definitions for KRS 158 `Flex period,' in the context of this statute, refers to a time during the day in which students may choose what class they will go to on a daily basis, or get selected by a teacher to remediate curriculum-mandated skills. (3) Each teacher may decide what class to provide each day, so long as it complies with protocols set by the school or district.

Section 2: This Act takes effect at the beginning of the 2025–2026 school year.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 31	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Olivia Zanni, Reese Himes, Reginald Kennedy,		Action o	n the Bill
School: Red Oaks Fore	st School	House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Implementing Construction Pollution Regulations

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

 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 224 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: As defined in this section (a) construction site is any private or public property which repairs to existing buildings, construction of new buildings or demolition of existing structures is taking place, and at which water runoff takes place. (b) A check dam is a small, sometimes temporary, dam constructed across a drainage ditch, or waterway to counteract erosion and control sediment by reducing water flow. (c) A silt fence is a temporary sediment barrier made of porous fabric.

Section 2: (a) Check Dams shall be constructed at all construction sites through which running water flows. (b) Silt fences are to be installed in the way of water runoff of all construction sites. (c) Any non-compliance as found by the Kentucky Pollution Discharge Elimination System (KPDES) shall be penalized consistent with the pre-existenting standards of the organization.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 32	
		Referred to Hou s	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Aiden Newman, Brady Mason, Chase Holbrook, Olivia Martin		Action o	n the Bill
School: Russell HS		House	Senate
City: Russell		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Student Athletes Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: To prioritize each student and ensure that schools are funded properly for extracurricular purposes, it is necessary to limit the amount of funding allocated to certain extracurricular activities. This bill aims to ensure schools have adequate funding for each extracurricular program and splits overall funding relative to each program. Throughout; 'Schools' refer to all public educational institutions receiving state funding, 'Sports and Extracurriculars' refer to any activities organized and funded by the school that are outside of the standard academic curriculum, 'Revenue Sports' refers to all sports programs producing money from ticket sales etc. Ex: football,' Non-revenue sports' refers to all sports and extracurricular activities that do not produce money from ticket sales. Ex: swim.

Section 2: Allocated/Division/Effective: All funds received from ticket sales, concessions, grants, and additional taxing with the purpose of extracurriculars must be compiled into a single account labeled extracurricular funds. Among the extracurriculars allocated funds 65% may go to revenue–producing programs with each sport may receive \$250 per pupil enrolled in the program. A minimum of \$1,000 must go to each program no matter the amount enrolled. Any sports program may still be allowed to organize program–specific fundraisers through their individual boosters group that is solely for their purpose and not sharable. A minimum of five thousand dollars must be set aside for student educational trips. Effect July 1, 2025

Section 3: Violations–If school athletic directors or school finance directors are caught violating rules they must pay a fine of \$1,000 from their personal account. If the school is found covering this fine it is doubled. School AD is required to submit annual reports detailing their budget allocations for sports and extracurricular activities to the State Department of Education and KHSAA.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 33	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Phillip Muell	er, Keith Stanley, Grayson Price, ben singer	Action o	n the Bill
School: Scott Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Georgetown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Funding Performing Arts in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Our bill will fund the programs band, choir, and the/ater at all 451 middle and high schools in Kentucky. We will send 30,000 dollars to every school, totaling 13,530,000 dollars overall.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 153 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 1. 13,530,000 total dollars annually will be withdrawn from the Budget Reserve Trust fund and split evenly among the school boards for the 451 middle and high schools in Kentucky. These school boards will be required by law to spend the 30,000 dollars per school on the programs band, choir, and theater.

Section 3: The Budget Reserve Trust fund, totaling 3.7 Billion dollars, is currently not being spent on any program. It is legal for our new KRS statute to withdraw funds from this surplus, under KRS statute 48.705, section 4: `Moneys in the budget reserve trust fund account may be appropriated by the General Assembly in a regular or special session.'

Section 4: The 30,000 dollars per school will be sent to each district's school board, which will be required by law to correctly handle the funds. The school boards will communicate with the leaders of each performing arts program, and accurately divide the 30,000 dollars to each program depending on the programs needs and sizes.

Section 5: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed. This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2025–2026 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 34	
		1101011011	Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Cooper Bro	ownlee, Ray Cutrona, Cutivetti Dye, Gracyn Hill	Action c	n the Bill
School: South Warren	HS	House	Senate
City: Bowling Green		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Extended Secondary Education on Civic Government 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 Section 1. KRS 158.141 is amended to read as follows: In (1), delete the word 'either'. Amend (1)(a) to read 4 5 as follows, 'A full credit course in civic literacy that includes instruction in the areas required in subsection (5) 6 of this section.' Delete (1)(b). 7 8 Section 2. KRS 158.141 Delete (2). 9 10 Section 3. KRS 158.141 Delete all (3). 11 Section 4. KRS 158.141 Amend (5)(f) to read, 'Political parties and their key ideologies.' Amend (5)(g) to read, 12 13 'Analyzing campaigns and elections, as well analyzing political candidates;' Amend (5)(m) to read, 'Major 14 issues facing government, and contemporary issues including how they were addressed.' 15

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Section 5. This act takes effect July 10th, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 35	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Ismail Gilani, Molly Myers, ,		Action o	n the Bill
School: Taylor Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Campbellsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An act proposing the elimination of a state income tax Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 141 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 141.020 1) The annual state income tax of individuals shall be replaced with a 7% state sales tax. 2) Local income taxes may also be applied at the discretion of the local governments and their constituents. A): The Fair Tax Act would eliminate the state income tax and replace it with a 7% state sales tax. The act focuses on eliminating all personal and corporate income taxes. Local sales taxes will be based on the discretion of local governments and sample ranges would be from 2–2.75%. These percentages coincide with other states that have been successful with tax laws in place that require 0% income tax. B). The incentive for the elimination of an income tax would be to allow the economy to be stimulated by the purchase of goods and services with Kentucky residents being relieved of financial burdens of an income tax, putting more money in the pockets of its citizens. The incentives encourages work, savings and investments while allowing small businesses to thrive from the additional money taxpayers get to keep in their pockets. C). An annual salary of \$100,000 for a Kentucky citizen is currently subjected to a \$4,500 (4.5%) income tax per year. Allowing families more economic freedom by utilizing these funds in Kentucky's businesses and corporations would stimulate the economy while enacting a fair and equitable tax code.

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

Section 3: KRS 139.200 is amended to read as follows: A tax is hereby imposed upon all retailers at the rate of seven percent (7%) of the gross receipts derived from: (1) Retail sales of: (a) Tangible personal property, regardless of the method of delivery, made within this Commonwealth. The bill would pose no up–front costs to the state's constituents other than the increased sales tax (1% increase on goods and services). The act would also not require any additional state funding.

Section 4: The act will take effect January 1, 2025 as the beginning of a new tax year, although Kentucky residents will still be required to file their state income taxes for the 2024 tax year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG 36	
		Referred to Sen a	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Alyssa Thorpe, , ,		Action o	n the Bill
School: Trimble Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Bedford		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Banning animal testing in Kentucky

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

Section #1: This act will ban animal testing on animals such as mice, rabbits, fish, hamsters, guinea pigs, monkeys, and birds are killed in laboratories for the purposes of testing animals for cosmetics, medical training, drugs, and shampoos.

Section #2: Penalties for offenders convicted for testing on animals stated in Section #1 will receive up to 5 years in prison without parole and be subject to pay a \$10,000 fine

Section #3: This bill will go into effect on January 1 2025

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 37	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: House 2	
Sponsors: Ali Aljabbari, Landen Blincoe, Aidan Lambert, Soren Rai		Action on the Bill	
School: Trinity HS – Lou	uisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Monetary Assistance for Families and Making an Appropriation Therefor **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 194 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) A new program under the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services shall be created, known as the Kentucky Families Fund. (2) The fund's budget each year shall be divided and sent to families based on the number of children they have (flat amount per child). (3) There will be 2 equal payments a year, one in August and one in January. (4) Exact dates for these payments will be decided at the county level.

Section 2. There is appropriated to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services from the General Fund \$700,000,000 for FY 2025–2026, and 50% of the general fund increase (surplus) of the previous year for the following years this act is law.

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

Section 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 38	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Matthew Cra	aft, David Garcia, Jackson Merrick, Daniel Smith	Action on the Bill	
School: Trinity HS – Lou	uisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Establishment of Healthcare Facilities Across Rural Kentucky and Making an Appropriation Therefor

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 216 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) This bill shall allow the establishment of medical facilities such as hospitals, general practices, critical care facilities, clinics, and federal institutions in rural Kentucky. (2) All healthcare institutions shall be made accessible to those who need it, irrespective of physical or social condition, through assisted travel, cost-friendly treatment options, and virtual appointments if inaccessible in person.

Section 2: (1) This bill shall be regulated and established by a committee to oversee the proper commission and funding of these facilities, alongside their equipment and management, which will be appointed by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Service (CFHS). Any committees/entities appointed shall be reviewed annually. (2) The appointment of medical professionals to newly established facilities, including but not limited to nurses, doctors, practitioners, and surgeons. This will be overseen by the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (KBML) and will be reviewed annually.

Section 3: (1) Failure to implement funds effectively, violating medical procedures, or violating patient integrity will result in a Class A misdemeanor. Offending parties shall be obliged to pay between a \$1,500-\$4,500 fine in restitution towards damages, depending on severity. (2) Those offending may face potential license suspension and up to 6 months of jail time. Repeat offenses shall constitute a Class B felony.

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

Section 5: This Act takes effect on January 1, 2026.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 39	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: House 2	
Sponsors: Hugh Sisk,	ors: Hugh Sisk, Kendall Hancock, adams Adams, Palin Hampton Action on the E		on the Bill
School: University Heights Academy HS		House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville		☐ ☐ Passed ☐ ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act relating to Amish Horse-Drawn Buggy Taxes Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 139 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) This tax is being imposed on amish to alleviate road damage caused by steel wheels on their horse-drawn buggies. (2) The tax on a horse-drawn buggy would be \$50 annually for each buggy owned. (3) All money will be allotted for road repairs, improvements, or replacements due to the damage that the horse-drawn buggies cause.

Section 2: This bill will be enforced through a letter sent in the mail detailing how much is owed, when it is owed, and where to address the letter. If the given amount is not received by the deadline, a tax collector will be sent to that same address to take the amount due. The penalty for the Amish that do not pay this tax will be a fine of \$200. In order to tell which Amish have horse-drawn buggies, they will be required to register each buggy and have a license plate for every buggy they own.

Section 3: This Act will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 40	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: House 1	
Sponsors: Kayley Hudn	all, TJ Hudson, ,	Action on the Bill	
School: Warren East HS		House	Senate
City: Bowling Green		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Required Educator Training On Student Al Usage Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION of KRS CHAPTER 156.670 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1)(c) Improve delivery of professional development by regulating required artificial intelligence tool training for educators. (1) Educational institutions shall provide mandatory district—wide professional development training and resources to district employees on the responsible and ethical use of Al tools and how to implement them in the classroom. (2) Training programs that educators will learn to use may include, but are not restricted to MagicSchool, Education Copilot, Snorkel.app, QuillBot, and others to aid in lesson planning, differentiation, assessments, and creating Individualized Education Programs (IEPs). (3) Every teacher in the district shall engage in at least 3 hours of Al tool use training. Each school district will sponsor and fund this training to occur in the summer months in preparation for the next school year.

Section 2: (1) All Al tools utilized by teachers and students will be monitored by schools, administrators, and school districts to ensure appropriate usage. This will be implemented through an online service program that monitors student activity and filters content, as well as a verified plagiarism tool that can be used through the school's online class platform. (2) Schools must submit annual reports to the school district's Technology Department detailing Al usage by students, its effectiveness, and any issues or concerns to the relevant educational oversight body.

Section 3: This bill will go into effect on June 1, 2026.

TO "	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 41	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee Senate 2	
Sponsors: Camryn Varney, Jalyn Greene, Lexi Liles,		Action on the Bill	
School: West Carter Co	o. HS	House	Senate
City: Olive Hill		☐ Passed☐ Passed☐ ☐ Defeated☐	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To mental health evaluations when purchasing a firearm **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

SECTION 1: Amend KRS 237.110 to read "When applying for a license to carry a concealed weapon, the Kentucky State Police conducts both a background check and mental health evaluation performed by a licensed medical or mental health professional that aligns with both state and federal laws, including compliance with 18 U.S.C., which restricts firearm possession under specific conditions such as felony convictions or mental health adjudications." The purpose of this act is to enhance public safety by ensuring individuals wishing to purchase firearms undergo a mental health evaluation in addition to the already required background check. This requirement, which must be performed by a licensed medical doctor or other licensed medical health professional, would assess the mental and physical well-being of firearm owners prior to their obtaining a weapon.

SECTION 2: This mental health evaluation would be required to be conducted by a licensed medical doctor or medical health professional within the 30 days prior to the individual's purchase of a firearm. This results of this assessment would be submitted by the medical professional to the Kentucky Department of Public Safety for verification before the individual could legally obtain the firearm.

SECTION 3: The Kentucky General Assembly shall provide funds and resources needed for this process.

SECTION 4: Any individual found purchasing a firearm without the required mental health screening would receive a fine of \$1,000 for the first offense and if subsequent offenses occur, could lose their ability to possess firearms altogether. Any firearm dealer or seller found selling a firearm without first obtaining the required mental health screening would be fined up to \$5,000.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	BG 42	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 1		
Sponsors: Jericha Ha	ponsors: Jericha Hayes, Addison Ricketts, Avery Rogers, Action on the		on the Bill	
School: Northside Baptist Christian School		House	Senate	
City: Mayfield		☐ ☐ Passed☐ ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated	
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An Act to Provide Tax Credits for Homeowners to Upgrade Homes to Meet Kentucky Building Code for Storm 1 2 Resilience 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: A new section of KRS Chapter 141 is created to read as follows: Homeowners who occupy a 6 single family home are eliqible for a tax credit to update their home structure for resilience to natural 7 disasters. 8 9 Section 2: To be eligible for tax credit, the home must have been constructed before the enactment of the 10 most recent Kentucky Building Code for storm resilience. 11 12 Section 3: Upgrades would include the following: roof reinforcement, window and door replacement, foundation anchoring, and safe room construction. All upgrades must meet or surpass set standards and be 13 14 verified by an inspector. 15 16 Section 4: Homeowners may receive a tax credit of 25% of the total cost of upgrades, with a maximum 17 credit of \$5,000 per taxpayer. To claim this tax credit, homeowners must provide: receipts or invoices for the completed upgrades and a certification form signed by a licensed inspector and/or contractor. 18 19

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Section 5: This bill will be enacted January 1st, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 43	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: House 1	
Sponsors: Kaylee Jones, Ashley Williams, Clayton Hobbs, Charles Lee Cecil		Action on the Bill	
School: Northside Baptist Christian School		House	Senate
City: Mayfield		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

Kinship Care and Adoption Support Expansion Act Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A New Section of KRS Chapter 199 is created to read as follows: 1) The Subsidized Permanent Custody Program is to be expanded to include all relative and fictive caregivers. 2) Caregivers as part of this program will receive a monthly stipend of \$400 per child. 3) All eligible children will be eligible for Medicaid coverage and caregivers will be provided with training on trauma–informed care and child behavioral management.

Section 2: Expand the currently existing KY-KINS program with in-person and online services to assist kinship caregivers in accessing legal, financial, and mental health resources.

Section 3: Set up an emergency assistance fund for kinship families facing unexpected costs.

Section 4: Allocate \$10 million from the state's budget surplus and maximize federal funds to support kinship programs.

Section 5: Require an annual report from the Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) to the General Assembly on program outcomes, funds allocation, and metrics on caregiver and child welfare improvements.

Section 6: This Act takes effect January 1, 2025