the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 1	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Adleigh Edw	ards, Ryan Wolfe, Damien Tisdel, Raelynn Donovan	Action o	n the Bill
School: Allen Co Scot	tsville HS	House	Senate
City: Scottsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to the Implementation of Programs in Kentucky Schools to Educate Students on Reporting Signs of a Potential School Shooting

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

SECTION 1. Create KRS CHAPTER 158.4451 SUBSECTION NINE (9) TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All schools will implement programs twice a year to help students notice and report signs of a school shooting. This bill aims to mandate the implementation of educational programs in all Kentucky public schools to teach students how to identify and report signs of a potential school shooting, thereby enhancing safety measures and preventing potential incidents.

SECTION 2. PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS All Kentucky public schools shall be required to implement an educational program, held at least twice a year, to teach students how to recognize and report signs of a potential school shooting. The aforementioned programs must include recognizing warning signs, such as threatening behavior, online threats, or expressions of violent intent, as well as steps for safely reporting concerns to school officials, law enforcements or through anonymous reporting systems as are previously mentioned in this chapter. Schools may collaborate with local law enforcement and mental health professionals to ensure that program content is accurate and effective.

SECTION 3. FUNDING The Kentucky Department of Education shall allocate funds to assist schools in implementing these programs, covering costs such as materials, training, and partnerships with local law enforcement or mental health experts. Additional funding may be sought through federal grants or partnerships with local organizations.

SECTION 4. ENFORCEMENT The Kentucky Department of Education will monitor compliance through annual reports submitted by school districts. Failure to comply with the program implementation will result in a review and possible withholding of specific state educational funds until compliance is achieved.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE This bill shall go into effect the school year following its passing.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 2	
		Referred to Sen a	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Bradyn Terr	ell, Nathaniel Hunt, Ruby Cordova, Jerry Chen	Action o	n the Bill
School: Anderson Co. H	dS	House	Senate
City: Lawrenceburg		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to the Designation of Lexington as the Capital of Kentucky **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

SECTION 1: This Act aims to designate Lexington, Kentucky as the official capital of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. All references to the capital shall be updated to reflect this designation.

SECTION 2: All necessary measures shall be undertaken to effectuate the transition of capital functions, which shall include the relocation of offices and agencies and the establishment of requisite infrastructure for the smooth functioning of state government. A timeline for said transition shall be determined by the Office of Administration.

SECTION 3: The Kentucky State Treasury will appropriate \$50 million to facilitate this transition. The previous capital in Frankfort will be transitioned into a working museum, and all revenue generated will be set aside for restitution towards the construction of the new capital. A new tax will be enacted to also fund the construction. These funds will be processed until all fees are paid in full.

SECTION 4: This Act will go into effect immediately after its passing.

SECTION 5: All laws and provisions which stand in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 3	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Audrey War	rd, Sophia Koloms, ,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Atherton HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Mountaintop Removal Coal Mining and Declaring a State of Emergency **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 350 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(SECTION 1) Mountaintop Removal Mining methods shall be banned

(SECTION 2) New methods of mining (such as In-situ mining) and alternative already-popular mining methods will be proposed as more efficient alternatives.

(SECTION 3) All forms of 'Mountaintop Removal' or 'Mountaintop Strip' mining which significantly utilize the following methods shall be banned: (a) coal seam extraction through explosives (b) generated overburden and overburden spill (causing slurries and chemical inconsistencies) (c) valley filling as a form of disposal (d) the topographical alteration or removal of a summit/hill/ridge (e) the mining of steep terrains above/ surrounding natural drainage formations that intermittently carry water or serve as ephemeral streams(f) operations placed in designated valley fill areas (g) abrasive methods of gaining access to buried coal seams.(h) utilize untreated mining waste as a way of reconstructing the mined site.

(SECTION 4) A state of emergency will be declared in order to accommodate coal mining operations, and allow these mining agencies adequate time to move sites and shut down ongoing operations.

(SECTION 5) This Act takes effect March 26th, 2025.



°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 4	
the			Committee:
Sponsors: Cole Sander	fer, Samantha Cabrera, Ian Kozoll,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Atherton HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed ☐ ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Unlawful Camping Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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18 19 Section 1: KRS section 511.110 is repealed. Chapter 511.110 currently reads as follows: (1) For purposes of this section: (a) "Camp" means to pitch, erect, or occupy camp facilities, or to use camp paraphernalia; (b) "Camp facilities" means structures for the use of camping, including but not limited to tents, huts, temporary shelters, and vehicles; and (c) "Camp paraphernalia" means items used for camping purposes, including but not limited to cots, beds, sleeping bags, and hammocks. (2) A person is guilty of unlawful camping when he or she knowingly enters or remains on a public or private street, sidewalk, area under a bridge or underpass. path, park, cemetery, or other area designated for use by pedestrians or vehicles, including areas used for ingress or egress to businesses, homes, or public buildings, with the intent to sleep or camp in that area, when the area has not been designated for the purpose of sleeping or camping or the individual lacks authorization to sleep or camp in the area. (3) Unlawful camping is a: (a) Violation for the first offense; and (b) Class B misdemeanor for the second and each subsequent offense, or if during the first offense the individual refuses to cease the offense. (4) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the customary and temporary use of recreational camping areas, rest areas, or other properties that are specifically designated for purposes of resting or sleeping. (5) Nothing in this section shall prevent a person from sleeping temporarily in his or her vehicle parked lawfully on a public road, street, or parking lot, where the sleeping and parking of the vehicle at the location occur for a period of less than twelve (12) hours.



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 5	
			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Henry Fan, Kiran More, Patrick Raderer, Priya Gautam		Action o	n the Bill
School: Ballard HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To affordable housing initiatives Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF THE KRS 100 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: To establish policies for the creation of modular homes and the implementation of tax incentives while adhering to Kentucky's infrastructure policies.

Section 2. Modular Homes/Factory Built Housing: A prefabricated home that consists of repeated sections called modules. The building is built off site according to specific plans, then transported on site where the modules are assembled by builders and installed into a foundation.

10 Section 3. The state will allocate \$10 million annually as initial support to establish infrastructure 11 improvements for the development of 1,000 modular homes.

Section 4. Tax Incentives will be implemented in 3 ways to further reduce costs: 1) Developers and builders will receive a tax credit equal to 20% of the construction costs, with a maximum credit of \$100,000 per modular home. 2) Homebuyers can claim an additional \$500 deduction on their state income tax for mortgage interest paid over a period of 5 years. Additionally, they are eligible to deduct up to \$3,000 in

closing costs. 3) Land buyers purchasing land to develop modular housing will be eligible for property tax

17 abatements for 5 years. Additionally, they can claim a 15% tax credit on the purchase price of the land.

Section 5. Modular homes and rental properties shall be permitted in the following zoning districts: 18

19 Residential Zones (R-1, R-2), Mixed-Use Zones, and Transitional Zones. In areas where modular homes are 20

not currently permitted, developers may apply for special use permits to allow for modular construction.

21 Section 6. All units must comply with the Kentucky Building Code and any local amendments to ensure safety 22 and quality. 23

Section 7. Modular homes shall be eligible for an expedited permitting process, designed to reduce wait times and promote faster construction timelines. Applicants for modular home construction shall submit a 24 25 consolidated application that includes all necessary documentation for zoning, building, and environmental

permits in one submission.

27 Section 8. This act will take on a phased implementation approach. Phase 1 - Pilot Region Selection: Pilot 28 phase will last one year starting in Northern Kentucky. Phase 2 – Evaluation and Adjustment: a) Kentucky

Housing Corporation shall conduct monthly evaluations, assessing the program based on key performance

indicators, including the number of modular homes built, economic impact, cost savings, and community

31 feedback.

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the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 6	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Abi Ramkum	ar, Cammy Hamm, Kevin Brothers,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Ballard HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Fentanyl Cooperation and Sentence Reduction Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Fentanyl is an extremely potent opioid, being 20 times stronger than heroin, and more than 100 times stronger than morphine. The drug is so strong, less than two milligrams is enough to kill an adult, that's less than a small grain of salt. The usage of this drug has skyrocketed in the past decade, increasing fifty-fold from 2010 to 2021. In Kentucky, nearly 2,000 people lost their lives due to fentanyl-laced drugs. In fact, in 2023, 79.1% of all overdose cases were caused by fentanyl in our state alone.

Section 2: To tackle these issues, new proceedings are to be implemented into all Kentucky courts to reduce any individual's sentence (only sentences related to drug related charges may be reduced, additional charges do not qualify for reduction) who has been arrested for drug related charges are as follows: A.) Eligibility for Reduced Sentencing: Any individual who has been 1. Arrested for, or with any drug-related charge 2. Tests positive for fentanyl use by a licensed physician 3. Agree to cooperate with law enforcement to apprehend their supplier of the opioid. B.) Substantial Assistance Defined: Substantial assistance shall include, but is not limited to, the identification and disclosure of the supplier or distributor of the fentanyl. C.) Criteria for Sentence Reduction: The extent of the sentence reduction shall be determined by the court, based on the significance and usefulness of the information provided, as well as the individual's cooperation with ongoing investigations. D.) Judicial Discretion: The court shall have the discretion to determine the appropriate reduction in sentence, taking into account the nature of the assistance provided and the overall impact on the investigation and prosecution of drug-related offenses. E.) Confidentiality and Protection: Measures shall be taken to ensure the confidentiality and protection of individuals who provide substantial assistance, to safeguard them from potential retaliation.

Section 3: This procedure shall not be utilized in the reduction of any sentence unrelated to drug-related offenses, nor shall it exempt any individual from further reduction as decided by the court.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 7	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Henry Mart	in, Levi Martin, Muhilan Balasubramanian, Zaheeb Tariq	Action o	n the Bill
School: Ballard HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Administration of Minimum Wage Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 337.275 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Minimum wage shall increase on a formula, derived from the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) assigned to social security benefits, tied to increases in inflation. (2) The change in the cost of living in the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a percent should be added to the current state minimum wage. (3) This percent is a flexible measure adapted to conditions specified under the Consumer Price Index every fiscal year. If the federal minimum hourly wage as prescribed by 29 U.S.C. sec. 206(a)(1) is increased in excess of the state minimum hourly wage in effect under this subsection, the minimum hourly wage under this subsection shall be increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the federal minimum hourly wage, the new minimum wage shall be effective on the same date as the federal minimum hourly wage. Additionally, the minimum wage will increase with the percent added derived from the formula from July 1st of the following year and the years to follow.

Section 2. (1) Kentucky Center for Statistics under the Education and Labor Cabinet will be tasked with the computation of the percent derived from the Consumer Price Index, which will occur on March 15 of the given year. (2) The new minimum wage will be announced on March 31 and will take effect on July 1st of the given year. (3) The Department of Workplace Standards shall be responsible for ensuring the implementation of these percentages through monitoring of employers' administration of wages. (4) For employers that are not compliant with these standards will be penalized as established by the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act.

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



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 8	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Aidan Smith, Ben Farrell, Everett Sagrecy,		Action o	n the Bill
School: Bardstown HS		House	Senate
City: Bardstown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Banning Embryonic Stem Cell Research in the State of KY **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: Embryonic Stem Cells are defined as pluripotent stem cells, meaning they can divide into more stem cells or can become any type of cell in the body. Researchers are currently studying embryonic stem cells to increase their understanding on how diseases occur. Though the ultimate goal of understanding diseases to cure diseases and repair tissues in human's bodies may sound like a noble goal, it is not all black and white. The researching process is incredibly unethical, involving the destruction of human embryos, which are fundamental for human biology and provide potential for insights into important clinical issues. The researching process is seen as especially unethical because of the threat the researching process poses to human life, as well as the less dangerous alternative methods such as induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs), which provide similar benefits without the destruction of human embryos. Embryonic Stem Cell research is already banned in countries such as Germany, Austria, Italy, and Portugal, but is still largely accepted in the United States. Though Kentucky has provided restrictions to Embryonic Stem Cell Research, with the biggest restriction being the prohibiting of state funding to fund the research, money can still be funded from private institutions. Our bill is proposing an outright ban on Embryonic Stem Cell Research in the State of Kentucky because of the unethical damage to human beings needed to research embryonic stem cells.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 9	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Faith Ann Campbell, , ,		Action o	n the Bill
School: Barren Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Glasgow		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Pediatric Healthcare Access Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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18 19 Section 1: Preamble/Statement of Purpose: An act relating to pediatric healthcare access; allowing minors between 13 and 18 years of age to see non-pediatric medical specialists. This option shall be available only if a specialist of the required type is not available within a 50-mile radius of the minor's residence. This is necessary to improve timely access to necessary healthcare. Definitions: Pediatric- relating to the branch of medicine dealing with children and their diseases. Radius- in this context- a straight line from the center to the circumference of a circle or sphere Non-Pediatric Medical Specialist- A medical professional trained in adult healthcare. Main Provisions: Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky: An act to ensure that children between the ages of 13 and 18 have timely access to specialized medical care. Therefore allowing them to see adult healthcare providers should no pediatric doctor of the same type be available within a 50-mile radius of their residence. Thus amending Krs 216B to include this statute. Penalties or Enforcement: Hospitals that do not comply with this act shall incur a \$500 fine per instance of patient rejection. Insurance providers that refuse coverage in violation of this act shall incur a \$500 fine per instance. Effective Date: Within 90 days of the passing of the Bill Miscellaneous Provisions: A minor's parent shall only schedule an appointment with a Non-Pediatric healthcare provider upon the request of the minor's primary care provider. No additional fees beyond standard rates shall be charged for minors by hospitals or insurance companies.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 10	
			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Addie Felt	y, Bella Kearns, Macey Mckinzie,	Action o	on the Bill
School: Bourbon Co.	HS	House	Senate
City: Paris		— □ Passed □ □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To propose an amendment to Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to Persons entitled to vote.

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

Section 1. It is proposed that Section 145 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows: Every citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years who has resided in the state one year, and in the county six months, and the precinct in which he offers to vote sixty days next preceding the election, shall be a voter in said precinct and not elsewhere but the following persons are excepted and shall not have the right to vote. 1. Persons convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of treason, or felony, or bribery in an election, or of such high misdemeanor as the General Assembly may declare shall operate as an exclusion from the right of suffrage, but persons hereby excluded may be restored to their civil rights by executive pardon. 2. Persons who, at the time of the election, are in confinement under the judgment of a court for some penal offense.

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 Commonwealth Bill	CW 11	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Summer Bro	wn, Evelyn Jarillo-Beltran, Brooke Mullins, Reese Pike	Action o	n the Bill
School: Breckinridge Co	o. HS	House	Senate
City: Harned		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Requiring Mental Health Awareness Programs for Educators

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

Section 1: AN NEW KRS STATUTE UNDER CHAPTER 156.095 SUBSECTION 2C IS TO READ AS FOLLOWS: School districts shall implement mental health awareness programs for educators, focusing on stress management, resilience training, and self-care practices. S

ection 2: One million eight hundred sixty thousand teachers in the United States describe their mental health as 'not good'. In 2021, more than half of educators in Kentucky (51%) reported being concerned while 28% were very concerned about their emotional well-being due to their work. In addition, nearly 3 out of 5 teachers indicated being concerned about the mental well-being of their colleagues. According to a study conducted by the American Federation of Teachers, 21 percent of educators characterized their mental health as not good for 11 or more days out of the previous 30 days, which is significantly higher than respondents in the general public, of whom less than 10 percent had poor mental health during that same time period.

Section 3: No additional funding is required, as existing school counselors or psychologists will facilitate the program.

Section 4: This law will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education.

 Section 5: If schools do not adhere to the provisions of this bill, the Kentucky Department of Education will issue a warning, requiring compliance within three months. Any subsequent violations will be addressed at the discretion of the Kentucky Department of Education.

Section 6: Upon its passing, this bill will go into effect in the 25–26 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 12	
			Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Avery Hinto	n, Kaylea Pike, Kenley Rhodes, Lanee Roach	Action o	n the Bill
School: Breckinridge Co	o. HS	House	Senate
City: Harned		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Requiring Provisions for a Text 911 Initiative in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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

Section 1: KRS 65.760 is amended to read as follows: Amend section 1 to read as follows, Any local government in Kentucky may establish 911 emergency service and Text-to-911 capabilities upon approval of the governing body of the city, county, or urban-county government. Local governments may adopt regulations concerning the provision of these emergency communication services by ordinance.

Section 2: Currently in Kentucky, the only way to reach 911'except for 27% of counties'is through an emergency phone call. According to the U.S. Census Bureau and the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), an estimated 135,000 individuals in Kentucky have hearing disabilities. Additionally, in situations where speech may be nearly impossible, such as during a stroke, the ability to text 911 would be invaluable. In 2020, roughly 1.1 million 911 calls were made in Kentucky, with reports indicating that around 5–10% of these calls were either silent or hang-up calls. Notably, 36 states and the District of Columbia have successfully implemented statewide Text 911 services, demonstrating their effectiveness by receiving thousands of text messages from individuals in need.

Section 3: The proposed initiative will be funded through a combination of state budget allocations and federal grants aimed at enhancing emergency services communication.

Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Public Safety.

Section 5: If counties do not adhere to the provisions of this bill, the Kentucky Department of Public Safety will issue a warning, requiring compliance within three months. Any subsequent violations will be addressed at the discretion of the Kentucky Department of Public Safety.

Section 6: Upon its passing, this bill will go into effect on November 1, 2025.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 13	
the			Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Barron Brad	dshaw, Kate Hatfield, ,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Burgin Indepen	ndent HS	House	Senate
City: Burgin		☐ Passed ☐ ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To The Transparency Of Kentucky's Public School Systems **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: The idea of indoctrination in public schools across Kentucky have sparked protests, debate, and conversation from various levels of our society. Many parents/guardians and other groups believe that they are often overlooked and downplayed when it comes to the school system and what is going on inside of it. Concerns regarding safety, curriculum and instruction, the budget, policies, ect. are magnified by debates on parental rights when it comes to public school districts.

Section 2: Many states continue to propose school transparency legislation, sixteen states have enacted a state law on transparency through their state legislature: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and West Virginia.

Section 3: This bill proposes that the Superintendent, Principal(s), Guidance Counselor(s), and Curriculum Coordinator(s) make public a copy of the curriculum being taught before the school year begins, as well as a copy of the budget at the beginning of the upcoming fiscal year on the schools website and a list/description of school policies and procedures. The curriculum guide must map out what units of study each class will focus on as well as the key standards students should obtain by being in that particular class. The budget outline must clearly show where money is going and what is needed for what purpose. Lastly, the school's policy outline must clearly state all policies, expectations, and a description of what is expected and the consequences that can come from offending that.

Section 4: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1): All persons shall have the right to know what is happening inside the public school systems in regards to curriculum, monetary policy and reports, and district policies. (2): All school districts must provide the information listed above via their school website/app before the start of the upcoming school year and fiscal year. (3): This proposal would be presented to the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on June 1, 2025

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the			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Breonna Gw	rinn, Sydney Manfull, ,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Central Hardin	HS	House	Senate
City: Cecilia		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Strengthening Security in Kentucky Schools **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 95 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS (1) Increasing security and prevention tactics in Kentucky schools. (2) Implementing silent panic buttons on the backs of staff I.D. cards which are linked directly to the nearest police station and the sheriff's office.

Section 2: There is currently no Kentucky law in place to make these a requirement for every school. Many students and staff fear their lives on the campus of a high school, such as Georgia students did in early August. Staff should have the opportunity to protect themselves and their students from the tragedy of school violence.

Section 3: A Kentucky Law, an adaptation of Alyssa's Law, would be passed to implement silent panic buttons on all staff I.D. cards, which will be linked to the nearest police station and the sheriff's office.

Section 4: All staff would be required to learn how to use the buttons, and to communicate the existence of the buttons to the student body. If they do not meet this requirement, their employer is required to exempt them from work without pay until the employee agrees to the training.

Section 5: The law would be funded by state funding, and is estimated to cost approximately \$10 million dollars to implement.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2025.

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the			Committee:
Sponsors : Emerson Mc Rodriguez	Neilly, Harper Warrell, Jenaya Adams Adams, Ryah	Action c	n the Bill
School: Central Hardin	HS	House	Senate
City: Cecilia		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To The Protection of Petitioners Who File Domestic Violence Orders and/or Emergency Protection Orders

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

Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 403 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS (1) All Domestic Violence Order and Emergency Protective Order petitioners shall be escorted from their vehicle to the courtroom and from the courtroom to their vehicle (2) The Sheriff's department shall be required to provide escort assistance.

Section 2. No additional funding is necessary as deputies are already required to be on duty and trained to provide escort assistance.

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



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 16	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Bella Fowler	r, Joshua Johnson, Lacey Paige, Sophia Wilson	Action o	n the Bill
School: Christian Co. H	IS	House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An ACT proposing an amendment to Section 25 of the Constitution of Kentucky to prohibit slavery and involuntary servitude as a punishment for crime.

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 in all circumstances.

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



°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 17	
the			Committee:
Sponsors: Lilah Moore,	Paytan Emery, ,	Action o	on the Bill
School: Cloverport Inde	pendent School HS	House	Senate
City: Cloverport		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Smoking Restrictions in Kentucky

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

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 438 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All districts in Kentucky shall have a smoke-free workplace law enforced. (2) All use of tobacco and nicotine products shall be banned in all indoor environments, at the workplace, as well as fifteen feet from the entrance of any building.

SECTION 2. (1.) Fines and/or jail time shall be imposed depending on the number of offenses executed.

SECTION 3. (1) Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed. This Act will go into effect March 1, 2025

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 18	
the			Committee:
Sponsors: Chancey Car	npbell, Henry Anderson, Sam Elliott, Spencer Howard	Action o	n the Bill
School: Corbin HS		House	Senate
City: Corbin		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Reallocate Resources to Create a State College Housing Scholarship Program

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

Section 1: This act will create a scholarship program run by the State Government that will distribute funds to undergraduate-college level individuals to pay for their housing.

Section 2: The program will accept 5,000 students, and those students will have \$1,250 per year of housing costs paid.

Section 3: If students abandon their undergraduate-college level education, they must pay back the amount of the scholarship they have been given. Section 3: Students must demonstrate financial need and academic success.

Section 4: A Scholarship board will be created to preside over applications and determine which candidates would be best fit to receive the scholarship and evaluate the financial standing of the program.

Section 5: This program will function for a minimum of 30 years which will be expanded according to unclaimed property value fluctuation.

Section 6: Money for this program will be acquired by auctioning all unclaimed property held by the Kentucky State Treasury that values at least \$800,000,000. If in a given year the total amount of unclaimed property sold creates a surplus of funding for the scholarship program, those funds will be saved for the following year. In addition, we will begin the program by reallocating \$70 million from the current \$1 billion surplus of the Kentucky General Funds as a back-up to guarantee at least 10 full years of funding in case the amount of unclaimed property being sold does not reach the required funding in a given year.

Section 7: The scholarship will be opened in October of 2027 in order to have time to finance the first round of applicants.

Section 8: This bill will be enacted on, July 1st 2026.

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the		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Joshua Finle	ey, Cody Seran, Nick Phan, Jacob Mulvihill	Action o	n the Bill
School: DeSales HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Mandating of the Paid Family Leave Insurance Act (PFL) for Employees

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

Section 1: Paid family leave is a policy that currently can be offered to Kentucky employees if a business wishes to offer it. This bill is mandating that Paid Family Leave Insurance for employees MUST be offered in jobs in order to cover certain important family situations. (e.g. Infant bonding, health, and etc.)

Section 2: KRS Section 304.53′010 'Allowable types of paid family leave insurance' is amended to read as follows: Amend (1). to read as follows, 'Must be:' Amend (1)(a). to read as follows, 'Included in a group disability income insurance policy;' Amend (1)(b). to read as follows, 'Offered as a rider, amendment, or supplemental policy provision to a group disability income insurance policy;' Amend (1)(c). to read as follows, 'Offered as a stand-alone group paid family leave insurance policy; or' Insert (1)(d). to read 'Offered as a contract purchased by an employer: and'

Section 3: KRS Section 304.53'020 'Types of employee leave covered' is amended to read as follows: Delete (2) 'may provide' and insert 'must offer' in its place.

Section 4: KRS Section 304.53'030 'Required contents of policies and contracts' is amended to read as follows: Amend (2)(a). to read as follows, 'The length of family leave benefits that are offered for each covered family leave reason specified in the policy or contract, which shall not be less than two (2) work weeks during a period of fifty-two (52) consecutive calendar weeks. And, no more than six (6) work weeks of leave benefits may be taken during a period of fifty-two (52) consecutive calendar weeks.'

Section 5: KRS Section 304.53'040 'Limitations, exclusions, and reductions' is amended to read as follows: Delete (2)(a). In (5), delete 'one (1) person' and insert 'two (2) people' in its place.

Section 6: Any funds, if needed, shall be from pre-existing mandatory payroll deductions of covered workers through the FLSA.

Section 7: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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the			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Alyssa Cox,	Marlee Isaacs, Emmylia Lainhart, Ella Seale	Action o	n the Bill
School: Estill Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Irvine		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Beautifying Kentucky Communities Harmed by the Opioid Epidemic **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 15 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: The placement of the opioid settlement funds received to the Kentucky County and Municipal governments will be used to improve the quality of life in those communities harmed by the opioid epidemic through beautification projects. In those counties with the highest overdose rates in the state, non-violent drug offenders upon completion of a drug rehabilitation program, will begin working on the beautification of parks/cities/communities as well as building low-income housing, monitored by local law enforcement.

Section 2. (1) The term 'beautification" refers to the process of improving the appearance of communities by cleaning waste, construction, landscaping, repairing pavements, etc. (2) The term 'non-violent' refers to an illegal act which does not do physical harm to others.

Section 3. This bill will be enacted in all of the counties with the highest overdose rates in the state. Beautification projects will work to improve the physical appearance of those Kentucky communities harmed by the drug epidemic. This bill will be implemented as an option for non-violent drug offenders on their first offense, in order to receive program credit which may lead to reduced or dismissed charges upon completion of the program. This bill will also provide offenders with a way to begin entering the workforce after rehabilitation. This bill will also provide more housing opportunities to address the housing shortage in the state. County and Municipal officials will determine the types of beautification projects to be implemented.

Section 4. The state of Kentucky's opioid settlement funds will be allocated to establish this program.

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Sponsors : Niyah Holt, Kamryn Austin-Edge, kendal Stoneburner, elizabeth otto	Action on the Bill

School: Frederick Douglass HS House Senate

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City: Lexington	Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To adolescence mental health and screenings in public school systems

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

Section 1: This act shall be known as the 'Adolescents' Mental Health screening early innovation act for Kentucky Public school system'

Section 2: The 'Adolescence Mental Health Screening and Early Innovation Act' mandates mental health screenings for Kentucky Public School secondary aged students who are identified through their teachers 'questionnaires' which broadly edifies students who may be needing assistance. Screenings are conducted by school counselors and mental health professionals who are often at the best position to assess situations such as these. These screenings aim to prevent and limit students from slipping through and to directly assess issues such as Depression, ADHD, anxiety and other concerns that could be affecting them and said peers. By catching these issues early, the Act seeks to reduce alarming rates of suicide attempts, violent school attacks, and general suicides. Hoping to overall benefit adolescent mental health as it is a growing issue.

Section 3: A new section of the KRS chapter 158 is created: Each public school district in Kentucky should implement annual mental health screenings for students in grade (6) to grade (12) these students are identified through teachers Teachers, even though not mental health professionals or trained, are in a key position to observe behavioral shifts and indications of emotional distress including but not limited to withdrawals, aggression, academic decline and/ or significant changes in child's behavior. These observations are reported to professionals.

Section 4: KRS 158.441 is amended to read as follows: Definition for school safety in KRS 158.441 shall be amended to include mental health as a component of the students overall safety. It recognizes untreated mental health issues can contribute unsafe environments, both for the students and peers

Section 5: KRS chapter 210 is amended to include: Telehealth mental health students Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family services in collaboration with the Kentucky Depart. Of Education, shall facilitate integration of telehealth services as a part of the mental health interventions strategies for students under KRS 158.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Addison My	ers, Izzy Wallace, Ellie Majors, Colin Cook	Action o	n the Bill
School: Frederick Doug	lass HS	House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act requiring High schools to screen students upon entering school buildings. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: In the state of Kentucky, there are minimal safety regulations to protect staff and students while they are on school grounds. The 2019 School Safety and Resiliency Act is one of the few regulations in place, requiring all High schools to have School Resource Officers to aid teachers and students in any needed events.

Section 2: Some added measures thus far have been taken to select schools to check all students and visitors' belongings and personnel upon entering the building via metal detectors `1. This bill will require all students and visitors entering every High school building in Kentucky to undergo a screening. This screening includes the searching of bags and going through metal detectors. For every 200 students that attend the school, 1 metal detector will be installed.

Section 3: With the legalization of the Kentucky Sports Betting Act last year the task of putting metal detectors in all High schools is not unrealistic. There has been an abundance of revenue produced since the legalization of the Act. The revenues acquired would be sufficient to provide the money needed to supply schools with metal detectors to make schools safer.

Section 4: This bill would go into effect at the start of the new school year, August 2025.

■	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW	23
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Committee: House 1 Action on the Bill	
Sponsors: Belle Gallov	vay, Ella Howton, Grace Owen,	Action o	n the Bill
School: George Rogers	s Clark HS	House	Senate
City: Winchester		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Establish A Right For Students To Use The Bathroom In School With No Added 1 2 **Stipulations** 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: This bill will require public schools in Kentucky to allow students to use the bathroom when they 6 need. 7 8 Section 2: As of now, most students are allotted a certain number of bathroom passes per school year. 9 When this bill is passed, if a student needs to use the bathroom, they can go. 10 11 Section 3: The limiting of bathroom usage could lead to a myriad of problems. Bladder Infections and 12 Hemorrhoids are just some of the consequences of restricting restroom passes. 13 14 Section 4: As of now, many schools give teachers the right to deny requests to go to the bathroom. In fact, 15 they may ask if the student has any health issues, violating the privacy of said student. The passing of this act would not only prevent the obvious health issues, but also the issue of confidentiality in the classroom. 16 17

Section 5: This bill wouldn't cost any extra money, as the only thing being provided is a right, not a privilege.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW	24
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Vincent Jian	g, Justin Lin, Liam Case, Evan Patrick	Action o	n the Bill
School: Great Crossing	HS	House	Senate
City: Georgetown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Tax Exemptions for Wages Earned by Minors

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: The state of Kentucky taxes minors 4.5% on their income. This act will exempt minors to state income tax on any income earned within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. All income earned by individuals under the age of 18 years making less than \$40,000 shall be exempt from the provisions of KRS 141.020.

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

Section 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2026.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 2 Action on the Bill	
Sponsors: Aidan Hogg	, Reed Forrest, Ashton Perruquet,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Greenwood HS		House	Senate
City: Bowling Green		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

AN ACT to Prohibit Timber Piracy and to Establish Penalties for Violations **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1. Title This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Kentucky Timber Protection Act."

 Section 2. Purpose The purpose of this Act is to: Protect landowners from unauthorized timber harvesting and removal. Establish clear guidelines and penalties to deter illegal timber cutting, often known as "timber piracy." Safeguard Kentucky's natural resources and ensure sustainable forestry practices.

Section 3. Definitions For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions apply: –Timber Piracy: The unauthorized cutting, harvesting, removal, or sale of timber from property without the express written consent of the landowner. –Timber: Includes all types of trees, logs, and wood products, regardless of species, cut or removed from forested land. –Landowner: Any person or entity holding legal title to a piece of land, including public or private owners, where timber resources are located.

Section 4. Prohibition on Unauthorized Timber Removal –No person shall harvest, cut, remove, or sell timber from any land within the Commonwealth of Kentucky unless they have: –Obtained explicit written permission from the landowner; and –Fully disclosed the terms and purpose of the timber removal.

Section 5. Responsibilities of Timber Harvesters Timber harvesters, sawmills, and other entities involved in processing or selling harvested timber shall: -Verify the legality of all timber purchases, including confirming the timber was lawfully harvested with the landowner's permission. -Keep records of timber transactions for at least three (3) years, including proof of authorization.

Section 6. Penalties Any person found in violation of this Act shall be subject to the following penalties: – First Offense: A fine not exceeding \$5,000 and payment of restitution equal to twice the fair market value of the timber taken. –Second Offense: A fine not exceeding \$10,000, restitution as above, and/or imprisonment not to exceed six (6) months. –Third and Subsequent Offenses: A felony charge, with fines up to \$25,000, restitution as above, and/or imprisonment not to exceed three (3) years.

Section 7. Effective Date This Act shall take effect ninety (90) days after its passage and approval.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Nate Gold, E	mma Rutledge, Allison Day, Sonny shelton	Action o	n the Bill
School: Henderson Co.	HS	House	Senate
City: Henderson		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Establishing A Price Cap on Epipens Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section I: A price cap of \$85 will be established onto EpiPens. Definitions EpiPen is the brand name of an auto-injectable device that delivers the drug epinephrine. It is a life-saving medication used when someone is experiencing a severe allergic reaction, known as anaphylaxis.

Section II: A price cap will be established by making distributors lower the price to our designated price (\$85). This will be insured by making the local pharmaceutical agencies pay a \$150 fine per transaction when not following the \$85 cap.

Section III: a. Any statute contrary to this act shall be repealed or amended until it is no longer contradictory This bill will be enacted January 1, 2025.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to	Committee: se 1
Sponsors : Alexandra T	aylor, DaSanee Twyman, Tamara Gipson,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Henry Clay HS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act relating to redefining terms surrounding abortion. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
Section 1. KRS 311.720 is amended to read as follows: Amend (1) to read as follows, "Abortion' is defined as the use of any instrument, medicine, drug, or any other substance or device with intent to terminate the pregnancy of a woman known to be pregnant with intent other than to increase the probability of a live birth, to preserve the life or health of the child after live birth, or to remove a dead fetus.'
Section 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 311 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Penalties for refusing necessary abortion care resulting in the death of a woman include: loss of medical license, or fine of \$1,000 to \$10,000 Currently reads: 'Abortion' means the use of any means whatsoever to terminate the pregnancy of a woman known to be pregnant with intent to cause fetal death.



• °	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW	28
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Hegal Banja	de Banjade, Gabe Aghil, ,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Henry Clay HS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act relating to the establishment of a foundational gun regulation Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will create a robust statewide requirement of background checks on all transactions involving guns and the requirement of a permit to carry any gun.

Section 2: Create a new statute which outlines any and all background checks related to all transactions involving guns and the issuance of permits for guns. The statute will require the background checks to be run in accordance with federal guidelines for federally licensed dealers.

Section 3: KRS 237.109 would be repealed as it poses obvious danger, through allowing the un-regulated access to carry a 'deadly weapon'. In accordance with the repealment of KRS 237.109, KRS 527.020 would also be amended to allow for a permit-less person carrying, selling, or buying a deadly weapon to be given a criminal penalty.

Section 5: KRS 237.110 will be amended to allow for thorough background checks that are to be done in accordance with Section 2. In addition, before the issuance of a gun permit a person will be required to go through a gun safety training course with both educational training and live-fire training done by a NRA certified instructor.

Section 6: A gun permit as outlined in section five (5) will have a five year (5) expiry period starting from the day of permit issuance, during the last year of the allotted five year period a person with a valid gun permit will be allowed to renew said permit. Under the renewal process they will be asked to take an updated gun safety assessment.

Section 7: Relating to the permit discussed in section five (5) and six (6), a permit may also be invalidated immediately if the permit holder exhibits behavior that is flagged under the background check system that is outlined in section two (2). To ensure compliance with the previous statement a background check will be conducted yearly on permit holders or after a person is deemed to be guilty of any state or federal criminal charges.

Section 8: KRS 237.104 would be repealed or amended to allow for a new statute that would require a permit to carry, purchase, and sell guns. If a persons does not have gun permit they are subjected to government action which would revoke, suspend, limit the use of, or otherwise impair the validity of the right of any person to purchase, transfer, loan, own, possess, carry, or use a firearm, firearm part, ammunition, ammunition component, or any deadly weapon or dangerous instrument.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW	29
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Committee: House 1	
Sponsors: Julia Minor,	Leah Bell, ,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Cross HS	– Louisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act relating to cosmetic surgeries for non-agricultural animals in Kentucky

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OK KRS CHAPTER 258 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) It shall be unlawful for any individual to perform cosmetic surgeries on non-agricultural animals unless the surgery is medically necessary to improve or protect the health of the animal, as determined by a licensed veterinarian. (2) This Act shall not apply to surgical procedures deemed necessary for the well-being of an animal, such as surgeries to correct congenital disabilities or to prevent or treat injuries or diseases and procedures on animals raised for agricultural purposes.

Section 2: Terms in this Act shall be defined as follows: (1) Cosmetic Surgery shall be defined as any surgical procedure performed on an animal for aesthetic or non-medical reasons, including but not limited to tail docking, ear cropping, declawing, and debarking. (2) Non-Agricultural Animals refers to domesticated animals such as dogs, cats, birds, and other pets, excluding livestock and other animals raised for agricultural purposes. (3) Veterinary Medical Procedure refers to any procedure performed by a licensed veterinarian with the intention of improving or maintaining an animal's health and well-being.

Section 3: This Act shall create a database updated yearly that keeps track of all surgeries/operations completed prior to the Act going into effect.

Section 4: This Act shall be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture in cooperation with local animal control agencies and licensed veterinarians.

Section 5: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed. Section 6: Failure to adhere to this Act will result in penalties as follows: (1) Any individual found guilty of violating this shall be subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 per violation. (2) Offenders may face additional penalties, including the suspension or revocation of their professional licenses, if applicable. (3) Animal owners who permit owners who permit or encourage cosmetic surgeries on their pets may be fined up to \$2,000. (4) Repeat offenders may face up to a year in jail.



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW	30
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Committee: House 1	
Sponsors: Frank Good	ing, Madden Mehrizi, Austin Milberger, Logan Sapp	Action o	n the Bill
School: Lafayette HS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Minimize the Disturbance to Hydrologic Balance Caused by Mining Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1. Terms in this act shall be defined as: 'Settling ponds' as used in this bill, means any body of water over approximately 1650 liters created for the purpose of holding or as a result of runoff or wastewater. 'Siltation structure' as used in this bill, refers to any structure or device used to hold or treat runoff or wastewater. 'DMRE' as used in this bill refers to the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement within the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet.

Section 2. KRS 350.420 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS. Amend Section (4). `Cleaning out and removing temporary or large settling ponds or other siltation structures from drainways must occur 45 days after mine is no longer operational, and depositing the silt and debris at a site and in a manner approved by the DRME;'

Section 3. Insert in Section (4). 'No settling ponds and siltation structures may be left. All must be removed within 6 months of the ceasing of mining operations. Failure to comply will result in a financial penalty set at \$20,000 for each day that said settling ponds and siltation structures remain at the site, in accordance with KRS 534.050. Additionally, the company's permit to operate at other mining sites in the Commonwealth will be revoked after the 6 months.'

Section 4. Insert in Section (4). 'Must occur 45 days after mine is no longer operational,'

Section 5. Delete from Section (4). `However, settling ponds and siltation structures may be left and not removed if determined to be safe and written approval is granted by the cabinet pursuant to its regulations;'.

Section 6. Delete from Section (4). 'after disturbed areas are revegetated and stabilized'.

Section 7. Any statute contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed.

Section 8. This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 1 Action on the Bill	
Sponsors: Eva Alcaraz-	-Monje, Wren Carter, ,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Lafayette HS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Raising of the Kentucky Minimum Wage Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Section 1: Over one in ten employed Kentuckians earned at or below minimum wage in 2019. The yearly salary of a full-time worker at minimum wage is \$15,080 before taxes, and the average cost of living in Kentucky, \$40,816 per person annually. With the current minimum wage set at \$7.25 and tipped wage set at \$2.13 since 2009, minimum wage workers are unable to afford the cost of living, which has been steadily rising due to inflation.

Section 2: AMEND KRS CHAPTER 337.275 [1](a) TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Except as may otherwise be provided by this chapter, every employer shall pay to each of his employees wages at a rate of not less than five dollars and eighty–five cents (\$5.85) an hour beginning on June 26, 2007, not less than six dollars and fifty–five cents (\$6.55) an hour beginning July 1, 2008, and not less than seven dollars and twenty–five cents (\$7.25) an hour beginning July 1, 2009 and not less than eleven dollars (\$11.00) an hour beginning on July 1, 2025.

Section 3: AMEND KRS CHAPTER 337.275 [2](a) TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, for any employee engaged in an occupation in which he customarily and regularly receives more than thirty dollars (\$30) per month in tips from patrons or others, the employer may pay as a minimum not less than the hourly wage rate required to be paid a tipped employee three dollars and twenty-five cents (\$3.25) beginning on July 1, 2025.

Section 4: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 337.275 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Any employer found not to be adhering to the regulations outlined by these amendments after July 1, 2025, must compensate employees for hours worked below minimum wage to match minimum wage payment for said hours, as well as be obligated to follow minimum wage payment. If employers do not meet requirements for compensation or continuously refuse to adhere to regulations, further penalties will be administered on a case-by-case basis. All enforcement of regulations and penalties will be controlled by the Kentucky Department of Labor.

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

Section 6: This bill will go into effect July 1, 2025.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 1	
Sponsors: Finch Mayhe	w, Kai Craig, Luke Arnold, Brett White	Action o	n the Bill
School: Logan Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Russellville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To to Restoring Voting Rights of Convicted Felons Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 439 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Gives non-violent Kentucky felons the right of reinstatement of their voting rights.

Section 2. 1. The civil rights, hereby expressly limited to the right to vote and the right to hold public office denied by judgment of conviction and any prior conviction, are hereby restored to all offenders convicted of crimes under Kentucky state law who have satisfied the terms of their probation, parole, or service of sentence (hereinafter collectively referred to for purposes of this law as 'Final Discharge'), exclusive of restitution, fines, and any other court- ordered monetary conditions. 2. This law shall not apply to any person presently convicted of: a) Treason, b) Bribery in an election, c) A violent offense defined in KRS 439.3401, d) Any offense under KRS Chapter 507 or KRS Chapter 507A, e) Any Assault as defined in KRS 508.020 or KRS 508.040, f) Any offense under KRS 508.170, or g) Any offense under KRS 529.100. 3. The provisions of this law, as mentioned above, only restore the right to vote and the right to hold public office and do not restore any other civil right. 4. Kentuckians convicted of crimes under state law not meeting the criteria for automatic restoration as set forth in this law, as well as Kentuckians convicted of crimes under federal law or the laws of jurisdictions other than Kentucky, may still go through the process of restoration of civil rights under guidelines provided by the Kentucky State Law and the provisions of KRS 196.045. 5. Any Kentuckian who has received a Final Discharge prior to the effective date of this law and who meets the criteria for automatic restoration of civil rights as set forth herein shall be eligible to request verification from the Department of Corrections of the restoration of their civil rights. 6. The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and all other Kentucky state agencies are hereby directed to comply with the provisions of this law. 7. Offenders of multiple felonies will result in a permanent loss of restoration of voting. 8. Any statute contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed. 9. Reference to the KRS 196.045 will be altered from petition to instantly restoration of non-violent felons voting rights. 10. The provisions of this law shall be effective as of January 1, 2025, and shall have both prospective and retroactive application.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 33	
		Referred to Hou s	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Brylee Truesdell, Bailey Boone, Kaden Kimble, Matthew Schoulthies		Action on the Bill	
School: Mason Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Maysville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Legalizing Medically Assisted Suicide Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill seeks to allow medical professionals with the requirements to administer euthanasia to qualifying persons.

Section 2: To qualify for medically assisted suicide, one must be: 1. A legally competent adult. 2. In a hopeless medical situation and be experiencing constant and unbearable physical suffering that cannot be alleviated and that results from a serious and incurable accidental or pathological condition, or life expectancy is not exceeding six months. The request must be made voluntarily, carefully thought out, and repeated, and must not result from external pressure.

Section 3: To qualify to administer euthanasia, one must: 1. Inform the patient about their health status and life expectancy, discuss the request for euthanasia, explore therapeutic options and the implications of palliative care, and collaborate with the patient to ensure there are no reasonable alternatives and that the request is voluntary. 2. Comply with The American Medical Association's Code of Ethics. 3. Verify the persistence of the patient's suffering through multiple interviews spaced over a reasonable period, considering the evolving condition.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 34	
			Committee:
Sponsors: James Kierig, Thayer Henley, ,		Action on the Bill	
School: Mayfield HS		House	Senate
		□ Passed	□ Passed
City: Mayfield		Defeated	Defeated

An Act relating to the age requirement for serving alcoholic beverages. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 244 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) A person under eighteen (18) years of age shall not enter any premises licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages for the purpose of purchasing or receiving any alcoholic beverages. (2) A person under eighteen (18) years of age shall not possess for personal use or purchase or attempt to purchase or have another purchase for the person any alcoholic beverages. No person shall aid or assist any person under eighteen (18) years of age in purchasing or being delivered or served any alcoholic beverages. (3) A person under eighteen (18) years of age shall not misrepresent the person's age for the purpose of inducing any licensee, or the licensee's agent, servant, or employee, to sell or serve any alcoholic beverages to the underage person. (4) A person under eighteen (18) years of age shall not use, or attempt to use any false, fraudulent, or altered identification card, paper, or any other document to purchase or attempt to purchase or otherwise obtain any alcoholic beverage.

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



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 35	
			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Emma Combs, Laney Ledford, ,		Action on the Bill	
School: Montgomery Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Mt. Sterling		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act relating to Mobile Maternal Health Units Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF THE KRS CHAPTER 211 IS CREATED AND READS AS FOLLOWS: [1]The Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be responsible for maintaining mobile health units in cooperation with Kentucky Perinatal Quality Collaborative, with oversight provided by the Kentucky Department of Public Health. [2] These units shall include all necessary equipment needed to properly treat mothers and newborns and shall be staffed by licensed healthcare professionals with specialized training in maternal and newborn care. [3] These units shall prioritize underserved and rural areas identified by the Kentucky Department of Public Health, ensuring equitable regional coverage. [4] Each mobile maternal health unit shall be expected to visit each designated location one(1) day per month. [5] Medicaid shall be accepted as a form of payment for the services provided, along with other common forms of payment for medical services. [6] The Kentucky Department of Public Health shall implement a feedback system for patients, and mobile units shall operate with emergency response protocols, including referral agreements with local hospitals and clinics.

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

 Section 3: The amount of \$400,000 is appropriated to the Department of Public Heath from the General Fund for the fiscal year 2024–2025 for the purpose of establishing the mobile maternal health units.

Section 4: This Act takes effect on April 1st, 2025, with full implementation by October 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 36	
		Referred to	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Aidan Wild, Gavin Gorman, Carrigan Tucker,		Action on the Bill	
School: Murray HS		House	Senate
City: Murray		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
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An Act Relating To Tax Exemptions on Data Centers 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) Eligible data centers may receive a tax exemption on capital expenditures if they invest at least \$300 million and contain 100,000 square feet . (2) Data centers that create a minimum of 15 full time jobs that are above the minimum standard wage within twenty–four months of operating are qualified for a tax relief of \$5,500 per job created. b. Additional abatements could be added for more specialized roles and higher wages.

Section 2: (1) Qualified capital expenditures include costs related to renovating, constructing, and purchasing necessary equipment. (2) Data Centers refer to a large group of networked computer servers typically used by organizations for the remote storage, processing, or distribution of large amounts of data.

Section 3: (1) Data centers seeking incentives must apply to the Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet. (2) The application should include investment amount, projected job creation, details about the project, and projected economic impact.

Section 4: (1) Recipients of tax incentives need to report an annual summary of investment results and job creation. (2) The Kentucky Economic Development Cabinet will review the application and annual summary, measuring its effectiveness, and then perform an annual report to the General Assembly.

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



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 37	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Ava Taylor	, Quinn Murphy, Jordan Evaldi, Guen Batsaihan	Action o	on the Bill
School: New Albany H	S	House	Senate
		□ Passed	□ Passed
City: New Albany		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Coercive Control As A Form Of Domestic Violence And A Means To Receive Rapid Rehousing For Victims

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

SECTION 1: Coercive Control can be defined but not limited to: (1) Isolating a person from friends, relatives, or other sources of support; (2) Depriving a person of basic necessities; (3) Controlling, regulating, or monitoring a person's movements, communications, daily behavior, finances, economic resources, or access to services; (4) Compelling or inducing a person by force, threat, or intimidation to engage in conduct from which the person has a legal right to abstain; or abstain from conduct in which the person has a legal right to pursue; (5) Damaging or threatening to damage property or household goods of another person; or (6) Releasing or threatening to release sexual images of another person.

SECTION 2: The current Kentucky's Domestic Violence Statutes, Section 403.720, as used in KRS 403.715 to 403.785, will be amended to include coercive control, as defined in Section I, as a form of domestic violence. This will be an addition to the current definitions of 'domestic violence and abuse' which includes physical injury, serious physical injury, stalking, sexual abuse, assault, or the infliction of fear of imminent physical injury, serious physical injury, sexual abuse, or assault between family members or members of an unmarried couple. This change to include coercive control as domestic violence would therefore qualify victims of coercive control for rapid-rehousing funds. The Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence (KCADV) launched a Rapid Rehousing Program (RRH) for survivors across the state last year. The program has a rural focus, serving survivors in every county except in the state's two urban areas (Louisville and Lexington). The program is aimed toward 'difficult-to-serve' survivors who haven't been able to access traditional HUD-funded housing programs.

SECTION 3: This addition will be sponsored under Family Violence Prevention and Services grant awards from the Office of Family Violence Prevention and Service. Rapid rehousing funds will continue through the Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Kentucky Housing Corporation.

SECTION 4: This act will go into effect on January 27th, 2025. All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.

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the		Referred to Hou s	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Logan Hart,	Tylar Craig, Peyton DeMasters,	Action o	n the Bill
School: North Hardin H	-IS	House	Senate
City: Radcliff		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Required Teacher Certification in First Aid, CPR, and AED **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: A new sub–section of KRS 160.020 is created to read as follows: Educator applicants applying for an initial teaching license (and at the time of conversion or renewal of any kind) must have successfully completed training in: – First Aid training, – Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) that includes a test demonstration on a mannequin, – The use of an automated external defibrillator (AED); and – Hold a valid certification in each of these procedures from a provider as approved by the Kentucky Department of Education, such as the American Red Cross or the American Heart Association, that must be maintained by the educator at all times.

Section 2: An initial teaching license is the first license issued to an applicant, regardless of content area or setting and the requirements listed above must be met for the following initial license and permit renewals and the certification must be kept active to maintain good standing for their teacher license.

Section 3: Current Kentucky educators must show proof of valid First Aid/CPR/AED training from an approved provider before renewal of teaching license can be approved.

Section 4: Any educator applying for initial or transfer licensure must show proof of valid First Aid/CPR/AED certification before any license may be issued.

Section 5: If an educator is unable to complete the required training due to physical limitations that make it impractical or impossible to complete a course or certification or perform the required tasks, the Kentucky Department of Education shall review and excuse those educators from the requirement.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 39	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Oliver Tan	g, Larkin Grimm, Jack Ransdell,	Action c	n the Bill
School: North Oldhan	n HS	House	Senate
City: Goshen		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Provide Tax Incentives for Clean Energy Installations in Residential Homes

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

Section 1: Purpose: To encourage Kentucky residents to adopt renewable energy sources, reduce their carbon footprint, and promote environmental sustainability by offering tax incentives for the installation of clean energy systems. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 2: Definitions 1. Clean Energy Systems: Systems that generate energy from renewable resources, such as solar panels, wind turbines, geothermal heating, and other approved sustainable technologies. 2. Tax Credit: A dollar-for-dollar reduction in the amount of income tax owed by individuals who qualify for this incentive.

Section 3: Eligibility 1. All Kentucky residents who own and reside in a residential property within the state are eligible for this tax credit. 2. Eligible clean energy systems must meet industry standards for energy efficiency and sustainability as determined by the Kentucky Department of Energy.

Section 4: Tax Credit Amount 1. A tax credit equal to 30% of the cost of purchasing and installing a clean energy system will be offered, up to a maximum credit of \$5,000 per household per tax year. 2. Unused tax credits may be carried forward for up to three additional tax years.

Section 5: Implementation 1. This act will take effect on January 1 of the following year after its passage. 2. The Kentucky Department of Revenue will develop an application process for homeowners to claim the tax credit, including guidelines for verification of installation.

Section 6: Funding The tax credit program will be funded through reallocations within the state's budget from non-environmental discretionary spending areas, if needed, to support clean energy growth.

Section 7: Penalties for Fraudulent Claims 1. Homeowners who submit fraudulent claims for this tax credit will be subject to a fine of up to \$2,000 and disqualified from receiving this credit for five years. This bill provides financial incentives to Kentucky residents for clean energy adoption, aiming to support environmental goals and reduce reliance on nonrenewable energy

	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 40	
the			Committee:
Sponsors: Alex Kuhn, Z	Zainab Haider, Paulina Pilati, Sadie Wetherton	Action o	on the Bill
School: North Oldham HS		House	Senate
City: Goshen		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to the primary election date. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

SECTION 1. KRS 118.025 is amended to read as follows: (1) Primary Election Date Change. The primary election for all elections conducted under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in March of each year in which a primary election is required. (2) Effect on Other Dates. All provisions of the Kentucky Revised Statutes that are dependent on the primary election date, including deadlines for filing for office, the withdrawal of candidacy, and the certification of candidates, shall be adjusted accordingly to reflect the new primary election date. (3) Transition Period. For the primary election occurring in 2029, the following transitional provisions shall apply: (a) Any candidate filings that have occurred before the effective date of this Act shall remain valid. (b) The State Board of Elections shall make any necessary adjustments to election calendars, voter registration deadlines, and other timelines impacted by this change.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2026 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or upon its otherwise becoming law.

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 41	
		Committee:
Sponsors: Andrew Warren, Ruby Himes, ,		n the Bill
st School	House	Senate
	☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
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An Act Relating To Implementing Animal Detection Systems Across Kentucky Roadways

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

 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 189 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: As defined in this section: (a) Animal Detection Systems (ADS) detect large animals before they enter roadways and warn drivers that an animal is on or near the road at said time.

Section 2: (a) ADS are to be installed in the (3) following locations: US-60 29A-20B, I-75 115-20, and US-150 off the sherman-minton bridge in Jefferson County. (b) Each of these locations shall be (1) mile in length.

Section 3: (a) Should these efforts see a 65% or more decrease in Animal–Vehicle collisions over (1) fiscal year, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet shall assemble and decide the next (3) locations at which to install ADS



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 42	
			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Justin Jiang,	Bethany Allen, Colten Halleck,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Russell HS		House	Senate
City: Russell		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To To Allowing Physician–Assisted Suicide For Terminally III Patients

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

Section 1: Introduction: To prioritize an individual's health and dignity, a patient with a terminal illness who requests aid-in-dying a prescription to end their life is administered by a medical professional. This is also known as Physician-assisted suicide (PAS) and will be referred to as PAS throughout. In certain studies on the benefits and harms of legalizing PAS, they have found that 27–30 percent of the overall Medicare budget goes to the 5 percent of terminally ill Medicare patients who die each year. The legalization of euthanasia in Kentucky will allow a large amount of the Medicare budget to cycle back into the economy. This would benefit terminally ill patients suffering and help others in need of medical assistance in the state.

Section 2: The following KRS section is Amended to read as follows: Amend (2) 216.302:(1) A person commits a Class C felony when the person knowingly by force or duress causes another person to commit or attempt to commit suicide. (2) A person commits a Class D felony when the person, with the purpose of assisting another non-terminally ill person to commit or to attempt to commit suicide, knowingly and intentionally either: (a) Provides the physical means by which another person commits or attempts to commit suicide, or (b) Participates in a physical act by which another person commits or attempts to commit suicide. to read '(1) A person commits a Class C felony when the person knowingly by force or duress causes another person to commit or attempt to commit suicide. (2) A person commits a Class D felony when the person, with the purpose to assist another non-terminally ill person to commit or to attempt to commit suicide knowingly and intentionally either: (a) Provides the physical means by which another person commits or attempts to commit suicide, or (b) Participates in a physical act by which another person commits or attempts to commit suicide. (3) Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS) is legalized in the state of Kentucky for terminally ill patients under the following conditions. (a) the patient has been diagnosed by two medical professionals to have an incurable and fatal disease plus has records of attempting life-saving treatments that are not working. (b) the patient has met with a counselor over the three-month consideration period, alongside their family or significant others to further their understanding and the counselor has provided a statement of their awareness. (c) they have signed a legal document(consent).



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 43	
		Referred to	Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Jaiden Lowe	ry, Landon Kinzer, Kate Schindler,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Scott Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Georgetown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating ToBan the Use of Derogatory Names and Caricatures as Mascots in Kentucky K–12 Public Schools

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

Section 1: A new chapter of KRS Chapter 158 is to read as follows: Bans the use of derogatory names and caricatures of ethnic groups, races, nationalities, and religious affiliations as mascots in Kentucky K-12 public schools.

Section 2: Calls for the removal of existing Kentucky K-12 public school mascots that depict ethnic groups, races, nationalities, and religious affiliations in a derogatory manner.

Section 3: Derogatory is to be defined as detracting from the character or standing of someone; intending to disparage.

Section 4: This act is to be instated immediately; Schools will be given until the 2027–2028 school year to remove the outlined depictions and names along with associated memorabilia from the school and its merchandise.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 44	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Max Davis,	Mary Kethyza, ,	Action o	n the Bill
School: South Warren HS		House	Senate
City: Bowling Green		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Bilingual Education in Public Schools Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 156 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Public primary and secondary schools must have at least one foreign language class as part of the core curriculum. Foreign language class(es) must be either French or Spanish if multiple are not available. German, Chinese, Russian, Arabic, and Tagalog are accepted as additional languages to be taught. Schools can teach a local dominant language if the importance of that language is proven to the Kentucky Department of Education. Starting in grade three, parents choose a foreign language for their children. If only one class is available, students will be automatically set. Parents must be informed of learning materials students will be exposed to when enrolling their child in a foreign language class. Expectations for the quality of foreign language classes are equivalent to a student's English class.

Section 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Beginning with the third-grade class of the 2030-2031 school year, and each year thereafter, graduation needs for each student in every public high school in Kentucky graduating with a regular diploma shall include: Nine credited courses, from grade 3 to grade 12, learning a foreign language. A final assessment for each foreign language course, with a passing grade. If a student transfers from out of state or cannot complete all 9 courses, they must finish the remaining credits of how many years they have till graduation.

Section 3. KRS 158.645 is amended to read as follows: Sufficient ability to read and speak a foreign language to a degree of comprehension equal to a student's written and spoken English.

Section 4. Foreign language teachers in public secondary and primary schools will earn an average salary of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) annually, starting in fiscal year 2027.

Section 5. The Kentucky Department of Education shall be given eighty million dollars (\$85,000,000) from the more than one billion dollars (\$1,000,000,000) General Fund budget surplus to cover the given salary increase and any other possible changes necessary for schools to allow the given changes.

Section 6. The Kentucky Department of Education is responsible for developing an effective curriculum plan and standardized assessments for public schools to the given changes.



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 45	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Addie Farme	er, Nora Harris, Jaxon McCubbin, Jax Parish	Action o	n the Bill
School: Taylor Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Campbellsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Requiring a Gun Safety Training Course to Purchase a Handgun Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will implement a gun safety training course for anyone looking to purchase a handgun in the state of Kentucky.

Section 2: The cost for the course will be \$30, which is less than the cost for the Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapons certification. If someone already holds the Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapons certification they will not need to take this course in order to purchase a handgun.

Section 3: The curriculum for the training will be the same as the Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapons training. This includes how to load, fire, clean, operate the functions of a handgun, and teach how and where to store a handgun. The training will also involve how to use force in self-defense situations, principles of marksmanship, and the laws and regulations surrounding the carrying of concealed firearms in Kentucky.

Section 4: To complete the training course, the trainee will have to pass an end of course assessment with a 70% or higher in order to get the certification. After receiving the certification the trainee will now be able to purchase and utilize a handgun.

Section 5: The employees giving this training will be the same government officials from the Department of Criminal Justice Training that administer the Carrying Concealed Deadly Weapons training. This will result in no extra funding to be necessary.

Section 6: Any establishment that is selling a handgun to a person without the correct certification will face a fine up to \$500.

Section 7: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 46	
		Referred to	Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Diego Barrio	s, Noah Patterson, Aidan Phillips, Adam Pourheydarian	Action o	n the Bill
School: Taylor Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Campbellsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act to Improve Regulatory Oversight and Safety Standards in Coal Mining **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: Kentucky coal mines have persistently faced high numbers of safety violations, largely due to inadequate enforcement of pre-existing mandates and limited penalties for violations. This has led to recurrent safety hazards, increasing injury and long-term risks for Kentucky coal miners. The purpose of this bill is to increase the enforcement of coal mining safety standards in Kentucky by enhancing safety inspections, firmly enforcing violation penalties, and increasing resources dedicated to ensuring adherence to safety regulations and protecting the well-being of Kentucky coal miners.

Section 2: The Kentucky Department of Mine Safety (KDMS) shall conduct 6 unannounced inspections of underground coal mines annually, and 4 unannounced inspections of surface mines. Following each inspection, KDMS must issue a detailed report outlining any violations, deadlines for remediation, and scheduled follow-up inspections. Any mine with severe state safety violations putting workers at immediate and grave risk will have 60 days to achieve compliance and have the opportunity to apply for an extra 30 day extension if needed, after which KDMS will conduct a follow-up inspection to verify corrective actions. If the violation(s) has not yet been resolved, the KDMS must issue a Failure to Abate Cessation Order (FTACO) – an 'order for immediate compliance and cessation of any mining activities that are contributing to the violation.' The FTACO may not be lifted until said mine has abated the violation(s) or the order is appealed, and workers must be given paid leave while the operations are ceased.

Section 3: In order to accommodate the new mandates, the KDMS shall receive an additional \$1,250,000 in funding annually for hiring and equipment in order to more thoroughly inspect the mining operations. In order to obtain the funding necessary, an increase will be added to the coal severance tax as a penalty for safety violations. The average coal penalty per mine shall be 0.1% of the gross value of coal severed. Any additional unused funds shall be distributed to the Local Government Economic Development Fund.

Section 4: This bill shall go into effect on July 1, 2026.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 47	
			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Alanna Was	hington, , Jaelyn Holbrook,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Trimble Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Bedford		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An act relating to the Reestablishment of DMV Offices in Small Towns

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

Section 1: This bill will put DMV offices back into small towns. The DMV shall seek funding from state funding and grants. Every year the DMV will be required to submit progress reports. The DMV shall prepare an annual report detailing service usage, community feedback, and recommendations for further improvements. This report shall be submitted to the General Assembly and made available to the public. The DMV will hold community forums to gather input on local services needs and preferences.

Section 2: The DMV shall ensure that all reestablished offices are fully accessible to individuals with disabilities, in compliance with the Americans with disabilities act. Extended hours of operation will be considered to accommodate those who can not make it during business hours. The DMV shall enhance online services to allow residents to complete certain transactions such as: vehicle registration renewals, license renewals and replacements, appointment scheduling in–person visits.

Section 3: This effect will take place within 18 months of the bills passing

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 48	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Wyatt Bonifer, Davis Dauk, Gboyega Fakunle, Eli Jones		Action o	n the Bill
School: Trinity HS – Lo	uisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Public School Metal Detectors 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 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All public high schools shall require students to pass through metal detectors upon entry to school facilities. (2) All public high schools shall implement 1 metal detector for every 200 students enrolled.

Section 2: There will be a \$2,500 fine for each missing metal detector to be put towards the implementation of additional metal detectors.

Section 3: There is appropriated to the Department of Education from the General Fund \$1,250,000 in fiscal year 2025–2026 for the purposes of the program.

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

Section 5: This Act will go into effect July 1, 2025.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 49	
the		Referred to Sen a	Committee: te 1
Sponsors : Jason Bui, P	aul Nguyen, Carson Song,	Action on the Bill	
School: Trinity HS – Lo	uisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Implementation of Naloxone Training Protocols 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 218 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Completion of a requisite training program concerning appropriate protocol regarding the administration and handling of naloxone is set to be a graduation requirement encompassing all Kentucky law enforcement academies. The training program will include understanding opioid abuse and symptoms, as well as basic administration skills of naloxone during and after its usage. (2) The Kentucky Department of Public Health and Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet are responsible for implementation and oversight of naloxone training programs, adhering to FDA and public state health protocols. (3) Law enforcement agencies will ensure all personnel possess naloxone kits as part of standard equipment.

Section 2: Law enforcement agencies failing to comply with the requisite training and naloxone kit provision for personnel are liable to the following penalties: a) Upon the first violation, the agency will receive a caution notice and must submit a remedial plan outlining actions to be taken to guarantee compliance to the Kentucky Department of Public and the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. b) Upon the second violation, occurring within a year of first, the agency will be placed under strict oversight by the Kentucky Justice & Public Safety Cabinet.

Section 3: Penalized law enforcement agency or personnel may appeal within thirty days. By submitting a formal request for review to the Kentucky Department of Public Health, a hearing will be conducted. Any law enforcement agency or personnel demonstrating non-compliance due to unavoidable circumstances, including but not limited to naloxone shortages or equipment malfunctions, are not subject to penalties

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

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 50	
		Referred to	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Evan Klein, Henry Mitchell, Ben Merrick, Albert Nguyen		Action on the Bill	
School: Trinity HS – Louisville		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to Prevent Job Displacement

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 336 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Kentucky's own Special Committee Artificial Intelligence Task Force shall begin to monitor Kentuckian companies that have Al integration. They will assess whether jobs are at risk of job displacement by Al. (2) Any business in Kentucky that wishes to implement Al, which could result in job displacement, must submit a report of the job displacement to the Special Committee Artificial Intelligence Task Force. (3) The Kentucky Workforce Innovation Board will help create job employment for the displaced workers to less Al affected sectors of the economy and shall be funded.

Section 2: Companies will be susceptible to a \$1000 fee for each worker that is displaced by Al integration. Companies can reduce this fee by up to 50% for having retraining programs within the company.

Section 3: Any business that fails to follow these guidelines will have a first offense fine of \$5,000. Any time after that is a fine of \$25,000.

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

Section 5: This Act will go into effect January 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 51	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Ajae Oatts,	Bella Brunson, Emma Dill, `Smith	Action on the Bill	
School: University Heights Academy HS		House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Require Helmets to Motorcyclists of All Ages in the State of Kentucky

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

Section 1: Section 1: This bill will amend KRS 189.285 (3a) to require motorcyclists of all ages to wear protective headgear rather than only motorcyclists under the age of 21.

Section 2: This bill would require motorcyclists of all ages to wear protective headgear at all times. If motorcyclists are caught not wearing any protective headgear, they will be charged \$25 for this offense and points will be deducted off of their insurance. This punishment is comparable to seatbelt violations that are already in place.

Section 3: This bill would go into effect on January 1st, 2025.

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the		Referred to Sen a	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Ava Roberts	rts, Luke Humphries, Laiken Guffey, Conlee Lindsey Action on the E		n the Bill
School: University Heights Academy HS		House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to the Education of Students in the Use of Naloxone to Prevent Opioid Overdoses

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

 Section 1: Section 1: KRS 158.6453 is amended to read as follows: Insert (18) (b) to read: Beginning with the entering ninth grade class of the 2025–2026 school year and each year thereafter, the curriculum of all health education classes shall include the training of students in the use of naloxone for the purpose of reversing an opioid overdose. The graduation requirements for every student graduating with a regular diploma shall include at least one (1) course of health education, the curriculum of which is decided by the County School Board upon the counsel of the Kentucky Board of Education.

Section 2 : KRS 158.6453 is amended to read as follows: Insert (18) (c) to read: The Kentucky Department of Health shall be responsible for the design and specific inclusions of this program, and the health departments of each county shall be responsible for the training of students in each high school in their county.

Section 3 : KRS 158.6453 is amended to read as follows: Insert (18) (d) to read: In accordance with the increased need for opioid antagonists, each high school shall maintain a supply of at least two (2) units of naloxone on school property for the purpose of reversing an opioid overdose that occurs on campus or in the vicinity thereof.



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 53	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Emma Wolfe, Sawyer Riddell, ,		Action on the Bill	
School: Walton-Verona HS		House	Senate
City: Walton		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Sexual Abuse of Children Under the Age of 12. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Under current law, KRS 510.110 defines sexual abuse in the first degree as a Class C felony if the victim is under the age of 12 incurring a punishment imprisonment for 5–10 years.

Section 2: KRS 510.110 is amended as follows: Sexual abuse in the first degree as defined in KRS 510.110, where the victim is a child under the age of 12, is hereby reclassified as a Class B felony.

Section 3: A person found guilty of sexual abuse in the first degree, where the victim is a child under 12 years old, shall be subject to a penalty as follows: Class B felony punishment: Imprisonment for a term of not less than 10 years and up to 20 years.

Section 4: This Act shall apply to any offenses of sexual abuse of a child under 12 years of age committed on or after the effective date of this Act. Those offenders who have already been charged or convicted of first degree sexual assault on a child under 12 will be remain class B offenders.

Section 5: This act shall take effect 90 days after passage.

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Sponsors: Addy Liles	, Holly Adams, ⊤abor Tackett, Kale Back	Action on the Bill	
School: West Carter Co. HS		House	Senate
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An Act Relating To Co-Sleeping Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1. KRS 211.690 is amended to read as follows: Amend (3)(C) to read as follows, 'Information related to the importance of safe sleep for babies as a way to prevent sudden infant death syndrome, and the consequences of child loss as defined in KRS 213.011.'

Section 2. KRS 213.011 is amended to read as follows: Amend (13) to read as follows, "Sudden infant death syndrome' means the death of an ostensibly healthy child who is two (2) weeks of age or older but less than three (3) years of age, which occurs suddenly and unexpectedly, with no known or apparent cause, and which remains unexplained after the performance of an autopsy.'

Section 3: KRS 211.690 is amended to read as follows: Add (6) to read as follows, 'Participant in the HANDS Program shall be informed of the consequences involving death of child caused by unsafe sleeping, where the death of a child co-sleeping with its parents will result in manslaughter of the first degree.

