	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   2	
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<b>Sponsors</b> : Brooklynn Conway, Ava Puckett, macy Wooldridge, Alayna Blankenship		Action o	n the Bill
School: Bullitt Central H	IS	House	Senate
City: Shepherdsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act relating to First Aid Preparedness for Educators in Response to School Safety Threats

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

Section 1: A New section of KRS Chapter 158 Created to read as follows: All Public Schools shall mandate teachers to learn and give first aid to students during a time of a school safety threat. This would include; dressing wounds, control bleeding with direct pressure, and stopping bleeding using a tourniquet. This training would be completed over the summer as part of required trainings for professional development. All in order to prepare teachers in the event of emergent events such as school shootings. Private schools may follow these guidelines to promote safety in their buildings.

Section 2: All Public schools must also complete a safety audit once a month to ensure these requirements are being met as well as all safety requirements to ensure that the school can be adequately locked down to ensure no intruder can enter. All audits will be conducted by the schools administration and the school districts safety personnel. Private schools may follow these guidelines to promote safety in their buildings.

Section 3: Any trained personnel who is certified as CPR and Wound Trained may conduct the safety training.

Section 4: The Kentucky State Auditors office shall assess the needs for each public school district to provide sufficient funds relating to the School Safety and Resiliency Act of 2019.

Section 5: Any public school not meeting the guidelines at their safety audit will be subject to a \$3,000 fine. This money would go back into an account for the school to prioritize their school safety. Money in this account is used for the sole purpose of school safety and training.

Section 6: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

Section 7: This bill shall go into effect August 1, 2026 and affect the 2026–2027 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   3	
			Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Brooklynn B	rooks, Kelsey Mills, Harper Jennejohn, Leslie Rangel	Action o	n the Bill
School: Bullitt Central H	<del>I</del> S	House	Senate
City: Shepherdsville		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
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### An Act Relating To Protecting Victims of Sexual Violence Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A new section of KRS 211 is created to read as follows: Victims of sexual violence and other mental health endangerments are eligible for specific health services. Under such eligibility will be determined to allow access to abortion services up to 10 weeks gestation for individuals who become pregnant due to rape or incest, regardless of the age of the pregnant person. In addition to mental health counseling.

Section 2: This will require a police report, a medical examination, and a statement from a licensed counselor or social worker to confirm the incident (with provisions to protect the privacy and safety of the victim).

Section 3: Without this documentation access to any of these services will be denied. If a victim opts for an abortion they must also opt into mental health counseling. Or they may just receive mental health counseling and keep the pregnancy to term. Even if a sexual assault or act of sexual violence does not result in a pregnancy a person, regardless of age and/or gender may still have access to mental health counseling if the same requirements are met.

Section 4: There will be a mandate that resources for counseling and support be made available for minors and adults who qualify under this clause. All funding for this will be required under both private and public health insurance companies in the state of Kentucky. Including providing all prenatal care if the victim chooses to keep the pregnancy to term, regardless of the pregnant persons age. Mental health care service will be provided if needed from the time of reporting until 4 years after the reported incident if all previously stated requirements have been met. Need will be based upon data supported by the mental health counselor.

Section 5: Mental Health Exception: A provision for extreme cases where carrying the pregnancy could lead to severe mental health crises (such as a risk of suicide) as certified by a psychiatrist or licensed mental health professional. Permit abortion in cases where continuing the pregnancy poses a significant risk to the pregnant person?s life or could lead to severe, long-term health complications. In such cases it will be required that two licensed healthcare providers certify the life-endangering condition or severe health risk to the pregnant person to avoid misuse.

Section 6: This bill shall go into effect January 1st of 2025

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   4	
			Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Brent Durbi	n, Jaden Fitz Gibbon, Colton Mattingly, James Banks	Action o	n the Bill
School: Butler Tradition	nal HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐	□ Passed □ Defeated
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# An Act Relating To Street Racing Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Street Racing is the illegal process of racing on public roads usually during the night or where they are not seen. Street racing can often end with a crash where drivers can become injured or killed. We want to make Street Racing a Felony in the state of Kentucky.

Section 2: There are roughly over fifty deaths and more than one billion dollars in damages (including medical expenses, property damages, and legal costs) attributed to street racing each year. In a more local instance – there was just a death on November 6th 2024 in Louisville, Kentucky on Bardstown Road that led to the death of a 77 year old woman who was only a bystander.

Section 3: Street Racing is more than just a speeding ticket. Street racing is defined as any race between motor vehicles on public roads. This includes drag racing, drifting competitions, and other forms of competitive racing. This bill will make street racing a felony due to the significant dangers it possesses to public safety, potential for severe property damage, and the need to deter such reckless behavior through harsher penalties. The class felony will depend on the specific situation and case of street racing. For example, damages caused to the area, lives put at risk, if someone were to be killed as a result of the street racing, etc.

Section 4: There would be no cost to this bill other than legal fees and actions of the courts.

Section 5: This will be put into effect 90 days after the bill is passed.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   5	
			Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Ellis Nepi, Barrett Alicna, Caderyn Windmueller, Harris Springsteen		Action o	n the Bill
School: Elizabethtown HS		House	Senate
City: Elizabethtown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To converting Kentucky into an at fault state

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 304 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Fault shall be defined as responsibility for an action caused by a wrongdoing (2) No-Fault shall be defined as a system in which no fault must be determined, and requires that all drivers must file a claim with their insurance to cover damages, regardless of fault. (3) At-fault shall be defined as a system in which the actions of all parties are reviewed to determine who shall pay compensation for damages or losses.

Section 2: Kentucky shall be converted into an at-fault state.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   6	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	
Sponsors: Kelsey Wayne, Allysa Coogle, ,		Action o	n the Bill
School: Elizabethtown HS		House	Senate
City: Elizabethtown		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To ensuring the safety and security of EPO victims 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 456 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: The purpose of this Act is to provide protection and security for victims of domestic violence and those under Emergency protective orders by ensuring they are safely escorted to and from the courthouse.

Section 2: ?EPOs? refer to emergency protective orders issued by the court to protect victims of domestic violence. (2) ?Escorts? refer to law enforcement officers or court-appointed personnel designated to accompany and protect EPO victims.

Section 3: (1) All individuals under an EPO or Domestic Violence Order (DVO) shall be provided with an escort to and from the courthouse for any court appearances related to their case. (2) The escort shall ensure the safety and security of the EPO victim throughout their travel to and from the courthouse.

Section 4: (1) The Kentucky State Police, in collaboration with local law enforcement agencies, shall develop and implement procedures for assigning escorts to EPO victims. (2) Training programs shall be established for escorts to ensure they are adequately prepared to handle the specific needs and safety concerns of EPO victims.

Section 5: (1) The general assembly shall appropriate funds necessary for implementing and maintaining this Act. (2) Additional funding sources may include federal grants and private donations designated for the protection of domestic violence victims.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   7	
		Referred to <b>Hou</b> s	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Olivia Wrigh	t, Haiden Cammack, Rheese Braden,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Elizabethtown HS		House	Senate
City: Elizabethtown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

# An Act Relating To improving rehabilitation programs Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 441 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) The purpose of this Act is to decrease recidivism rates within Kentucky through the implementation of rehabilitative programs. (2) Recidivism shall be defined as the tendency of a criminal to reoffend. (3) Rehabilitative programs shall be defined as programs designed to address the root cause of the offense and better reconnect the offender with society.

Section 2: (1) All prisoners shall receive a psych evaluation/screening before entry in order to determine the necessity of rehabilitation programs. (2) All prisons shall provide access to drug/alcohol abuse treatment. (3) Drug/alcohol abuse treatment programs shall be defined as programs designed to work with offenders to decrease dependencies and addictions to harmful or illegal substances. (4)All prisons shall provide access to behavioral and psychological programs. (5) Behavioral and psychological programs shall be defined as programs and occupational/educational programs available to all prisoners.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   8	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee:
Sponsors: Audrey Bann	nister, , ,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Frankfort HS		House	Senate
City: Frankfort		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Lack of Mental Health Care in the Juvenile Justice System Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 645 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) A psychiatric facility shall be built to care, treat, and/or rehabilitate convicted juvenile offenders whose actions were influenced by mental health issues. (a) ?Psychiatric facility? means a psychiatric hospital with 35 rooms, 1 full-time qualified correctional psychologist for every 5 inpatients, as well as other appropriately trained staff. (2) This psychiatric facility shall be built and maintained with funding from the General Fund and federal funding from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Section 2. Upon entry to juvenile detention centers, all juvenile offenders shall be evaluated, in person, by a qualified correctional psychiatrist to determine whether they need to be transferred to the psychiatric facility. (2) This evaluation system shall be monitored and enforced by the Division of Health Care as defined in KRS 216B.015.

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

Section 4. This bill will go into effect immediately after passage.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   9	
			Committee: te   2
<b>Sponsors</b> : Alizabeth N	lorsworthy, Hunter Gardner, Payton Torres,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Graves Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Mayfield		□ Passed □ Defeated	Defeated
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An Act Relating To First-Responder Budgeting.

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

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION IN KRS Chapter 311A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All EMTs from the age groups 35–46 (or up) should receive the retirement benefits given to firefighters and police officers. This will edit anything stating that only firefighters or police officers will receive retirement benefits.

Section 2. A NEW SECTION IN KRS CHAPTER 311A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All first responders? emergency equipment should have upgrades relevant to the up-to-date technology. (2) This will follow with inspections to determine the relevant standard of equipment. These inspections should occur at least twice yearly.

Section 3. A NEW SECTION IN KRS CHAPTER 311A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All first responders, following an inspection, have the ability to submit a written request for an upgrade of emergency equipment to the appropriate persons at their local level.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   10	
		Referred to <b>Hou</b> s	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Alex Combs,	Lindsi Campbell, Sharbel Elsoueidi,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Hazard HS		House	Senate
City: Hazard		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Black Lung Diagnosis and Pneumoconiosis Diseases Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: KRS. 342. 315 section (1) is amended as follows ?For workers who have had injuries or occupational hearing loss, the commissioner shall contract with the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville medical schools to evaluate workers. For workers who have become affected by occupational diseases, the commissioner shall contract with the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville medical schools, or other physicians otherwise duly qualified as ?B? readers who are licensed in the Commonwealth pulmonary specialists, Commonwealth-certified radiologists, out of state radiologists who are NIOSH-certified ?B? Readers and who are medically licensed in the Commonwealth, and radiologists who are working or have worked for coal companies in the Commonwealth. Referral for evaluation may be made whenever a medical question is at issue.?

Section 2: This statute will go into effect on April 20, 2025.

Section 3: Any statute contrary to this act will be repealed or removed.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   11	
			Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Mezzie freking, Kyla McGuire, Brylee Monson, Zara Velazquez		Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Cross HS	- Covington	House	Senate
City: Covington		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To to a mandatory ?Introduction to the Trades' credit for all graduating High School Students

#### 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: Beginning with the entering ninth grade class of the 2026–2027 school year and each year thereafter, successful completion of a one-half credit (1/2) course entitled Introduction to the Trades shall be a Kentucky high school graduation requirement. The graduation requirement shall also apply to a student pursuing an early graduation program, as established in KRS 158.142.

Section 2: In accordance with KRS 156.160, the Kentucky Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing academic standards and a graduation requirement for Introduction to the Trades.

Section 3: The local school-based decision-making council, or principal if no council exists, of each high school shall determine curricula for the course that is aligned with the academic standards of Introduction to the Trades as established by the Kentucky Board of Education as directed in Section 2 of this ACT.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   12	
		Referred to <b>Sen</b> a	Committee: te   1
Sponsors: Aubrey Anti	robus, Izzie Lachmann, Elaina Bullis, Maddie Holtz	Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Cross HS	- Covington	House	Senate
City: Covington		□ Passed □ Defeated	Defeated
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# An Act Relating To to safe commercial parking structures Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 198B IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Twenty years after construction, all parking structures with a height of three stories or more must be inspected annually. (2) Ten years after construction, all underground parking structures must be inspected annually. (3) Any publicly-owned parking structure that fails an inspection will be immediately closed until repairs are made. (4) Any privately-owned parking structure that fails an inspection will be fined \$200 every month until repairs are made. If repairs have not been made after six months, the parking structure will be closed until it passes an inspection.

Section 2: The Kentucky Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction will be tasked with implementing this legislation and establishing the regulatory framework.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   13	
			Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Landon Dea	ring, Maisie Smith, Kaleigh Coleman, Carlsen Russman	Action o	n the Bill
School: J. Graham Brov	vn School	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
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# Abolishment of Single Family Housing Zones Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Amending KRS 100.201 Section 3, stating, ?Zoning which includes single-family housing, must permit at least 1 separate form of housing.?

 Section 2: This bill removes all currently designated single-family housing zones and prevents further rezoning of this type. Single-family housing zones create an increase in competition for housing and restrict the diversity of housing types in the area. This doesn?t prevent the construction of single-family housing as this bill only opens the opportunity to build other types of buildings.

Section 3: Creating more diverse housing opportunities provides more affordable options for houses and increases the sense of community. These more affordable housing can be buildings like apartments, town houses, and duplexes. Single-family housing zones force many residents to be separated from commercial areas.

Section 4: Aiming to restrain suburban sprawl, this bill will improve walkability and distance from commerce. Providing denser housing, the average citizen can walk with shorter commute times while minimally modifying the current infrastructure. With less residential space needed, commercial and office zoning has more opportunity to expand. The construction of more commercial areas closer to these new neighborhoods, will not only bring jobs to residents but also add opportunity to build small businesses, further bringing opportunities to citizens.

Section 5: This bill will take effect June 2025, and by that time, every county must revise zoning accordingly.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   14	
		Referred to <b>Hou</b> s	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: paige Danie	ls, Inas Saad, Lydia Demissie, Tasneem Addas	Action o	n the Bill
School: Kentucky Coun	try Day	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

# An Act Relating To Paid Maternal Leave in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Amend KRS 161.155 to read as follows: Paid time off must be provided to all mothers following childbirth or adoption. This would entitle state employees who?ve held their jobs for at least a year to take up to 13 weeks of paid leave after birth or adoption. All eligible state employees shall be entitled to 13 weeks of paid parental leave upon the birth or adoption of a child. The Kentucky state government must require employers to pay state employees on maternity leave at least 66% of their regular pay during this period. Employers may offer more generous terms if they choose. State officials will be paid 90% of their regular salary for 13 weeks of paid leave.

Section 2: This paid maternal leave program will be funded by the state?s budget surplus, which exceeds \$1 billion.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   15	
			Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Raya Attalla	n, Claire Morris, Jilly Chesnut, Zaynab Buridi	Action o	n the Bill
School: Kentucky Count	ry Day	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

## An Act Relating To Teacher Salary Enhancement Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 161 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 1. Teacher Pay Raise Fund: (a) The "Teacher Pay Raise Fund" is hereby established within the Department of Education to support an increase in salaries for public school teachers across the Commonwealth of Kentucky. (b) \$1.1 billion from the current state budget surplus shall be allocated to this fund to ensure a minimum pay raise of eleven percent (11%) for all eligible teachers. 2. Minimum Pay Increase: (a) The fund shall be used to provide a minimum salary increase of 11% for all eligible public school teachers, effective for the next fiscal year following the enactment of this Act. (b) This increase is intended to address compensation disparities and improve teacher retention rates across the state. 3. Surplus Allocation Conditions: (a) This allocation from the budget surplus shall prioritize teacher pay raises, provided that the allocation does not compromise existing commitments of the budget surplus funds. (b) Any additional funds within the \$1.4 billion budget surplus, not allocated to the Teacher Pay Raise Fund, shall remain in the general fund for future budgetary allocations as needed.

Section 2. Amendment of Conflicting Statutes Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed to conform with the provisions of this Act.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   16	
			Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Miles McNar	mara, , ,	Action c	on the Bill
School: Louisville Area	United Homeschool	House	Senate
City:		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Replacing Non Violent Misdemeanors With Community Service **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 532 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:(1) Any non violent offender as described in KRS 439.3401 convicted of committing a misdemeanor shall be sentenced to community service as described in KRS 533.070 instead of prison for an equal amount of time as described in KRS 533.070(3)(b) and KRS 533.070(4)

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

Section 3. This Act takes effect October 1st, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   17	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	_
Sponsors: Matthew De	elaney, Isabella Fierro, Lucinda Ayres,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Meade Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Brandenburg		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Extending Animal Cruelty Charges To Protect All Domesticated Animals **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1: Currently, the ?animal cruelty? bill, KRS 525.135 only protects dogs and cats, and while it protects them well, expanding it to include all domesticated animals protects the wellbeing of all animals under human care in the Commonwealth. KRS 525.135 will be amended to include any domesticated animal, and define the term ?domesticated animal?.

Section 2: KRS 525.135 is hereby amended to read ?any domesticated animal? where ?dog or cat? was previously. A new section of KRS 525.135 is created to read as follows: (9) The term ?domestic animal? includes dogs, cats, rabbits, mice, rats, reptiles, guinea pigs, chinchillas, hamsters, gerbils, ferrets, cattle, oxen, buffalo, sheep, swine, goats, horses, ponies, mules, donkeys, hinnies, ratites, poultry, and any other animal that is kept as a household pet or for use of food, raw materials, or income.

Section 3: This bill will continue to be enforced by police, animal control, and SPCA (Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

Section 4: This act will not affect any existing funding.

Section 5: This bill will take effect on June 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   18	
		Referred to <b>Hou</b> s	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Kaylee Flem	ing, Kolten Hughes, Alexis Scott,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Muhlenberg Co	. HS	House	Senate
City: Greenville		☐ Passed☐ Passed☐ ☐ ☐ Defeated☐	□ Passed □ Defeated

## An Act Relating To The Mental Health Of Educators Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: The Commonwealth of Kentucky is experiencing a mental health crisis among public school teachers. This crisis affects students, teachers, and staff of Kentucky schools.

Section 2: 87% of teachers in the country have reported feeling some kind of stress due to teaching. 74% of teachers also reported feeling professional burnout. To worsen the issue, resources that teachers would normally employ to resolve these problems, such as public sector unions, are ineffective as they are focused more on their own interests.

Section 3: This dilemma not only affects teachers but the entire future of the state. When teachers? mental health suffers, students do not get a worthwhile learning experience, thus leading to a generation of students who are not as educated as they could have otherwise been.

Section 4: This bill proposes training 1,600 therapists to aid teachers. The money for this bill will come from the Kentucky General Fund, a pool of money holding \$16 billion.

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

Section 6: This bill will go into effect at the start of the fiscal year, July 1, 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   19	
			Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Rowen Walt	er, Lucas Brown, Lynnea Bjarnson, Adele Ihozo	Action o	n the Bill
School: Oldham Co. HS		House	Senate
City: La Grange		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

## An Act Relating To Green Space Minimums for Urbanization Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

SECTION 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 154 SUBCHAPTER 50 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) For every 55,000 sq ft of new commercial industrialization there will be a required 500 square feet of green space to be set aside. (2) Current urbanization and prior urbanization will not be subjected to this requirement, only industrialized development approved after April 1, 2025.

SECTION 2: A ?Green Space? is defined as an area of grass, trees, or other vegetation set apart for recreational or aesthetic purposes in an otherwise urban environment. Green spaces may be used for recreational development, but residential and/or commercial structures may not be built on them.

SECTION 3: The financial expenditure of green space allowances will have zero cost to implement and will go into effect after April 1, 2025.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   20	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   1
Sponsors: Parker Fenu	sh, Nate Van Bree, Jamie Noe, Arabella Wilkins	Action o	n the Bill
School: Oldham Co. HS		House	Senate
City: La Grange		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Implementation of Community Gardens Across Kentucky

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

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 247 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) A community garden shall be constructed within highly populated urban areas (starting with the cities of Lexington and Louisville along with the possibilities of future development in additional cities).

SECTION 2: Definitions for KRS 247 – ?Community Garden?, in the context of this statute, refers to a shared space where a group of people in a community grow and maintain plants and produce food.

SECTION 3: One community garden shall be constructed to provide approximately 3,008 families with fresh food (approximately 1 garden per 7,220 populace).

SECTION 3: This statute will take effect in July 2025.

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

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the		Referred to <b>Sen</b> a	Committee: te   1
Sponsors: Audrey Gon:	zalez, Makenna Banks, Tiana Jones, Grettel Lagunas	Action o	n the Bill
School: Paris HS		House	Senate
City: Paris		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
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An Act Relating To the prevention of physical harm, reduction of gun violence, and amplification of school safety protocols, and declare an emergency

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

Section 1: CREATE NEW SECTIONS OF KRS CHAPTER 237 TO DEFINE TERMS; ?Illegal firearm" means a firearm that a person is prohibited from owning or possessing under state or federal law; "Health care provider" means a person who: (a) Provides health care or professional services related to health care; (school guidance counselor, school nurse, registered Nurse, etc.) (b) Is acting within the scope of the person's license or certification;

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 237 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS Establish requirements for individuals in crisis to voluntarily request inclusion on a list that prohibits the purchase or possession of firearms for specified periods and to voluntarily commit their firearms to law enforcement for safe storage or permanent surrender; Provide processes for individuals to be removed from the list upon request and approval from a health care provider to have a surrendered firearm returned; Establish confidentiality requirements and the exclusion of list and surrender records from the Open Records Act; share list with state executors (ie school board council, mayor, governor) with states surrounding Kentucky Establish protocols for law enforcement agencies to accept, manage, and maintain the required documentation and the safe storage of firearms; Establish penalties for noncompliance; establish liability protections for good-faith conduct associated with requirements; Any person whose name is on the list and who purchases, attempts to purchase, or possesses a firearm in violation of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250), Require the Department of Kentucky State Police to annually report statistical data to the Legislative Research Commission; direct the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to seek grant funding to provide a statewide public education and awareness campaign on the voluntary list and firearm surrender programs. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed. Upon its passing, this bill shall entirely go into effect by May 1st, 2025, to coincide with the 2025-2026 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   22	
		Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Caity Pierce,	Lizzy Pierce, Kaylee Moore,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Paul G. Blazer H	IS	House	Senate
City: Ashland		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

# An Act Relating To Animal Testing in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: KRS 258.090 is amended to read as follows: All animal testing for any purpose, including cosmetic, pharmaceutical, medical research, and other non-medical research, is hereby prohibited in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This includes any procedures involving harmful chemicals, genetic manipulation, confinement, or medical interventions causing harm or death to animals.

Section 2: The Kentucky Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Kentucky Department of Health, shall be responsible for enforcing this prohibition. Any individual or facility found in violation of this Act shall be subject to fines.

Section 3: This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025. Section 4: Any statutes contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   23	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   1
Sponsors: Avery Caudi	ll, Caroline Lowman, Lauren Steele, Drew Matthies	Action o	n the Bill
School: Paul G. Blazer H	<del>I</del> S	House	Senate
		□ Passed	Description
City: Ashland		Defeated	Defeated

# An Act Relating To Increasing Safety in Public Schools Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A new section of KRS 158 is created and read as followed: All classrooms in public schools in Kentucky shall be equipped with NightLock door stoppers or their technical equivalent on every door that opens to the hallway or outdoor campus. These door stoppers must be activated during any active shooter situation or lockdown.

Section 2: All classrooms with doors that contain windows, or have windows nearby, must be fitted with Kevlar drop-down window shades or their technical equivalent. These shades are intended to prevent intruders from observing individuals inside the classroom and to minimize the risk of gunfire through these windows.

Section 3: This bill shall go into effect during the 2026–2027 school year.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   24	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   1
Sponsors: Jaxen Petrey	, Maddy Braun, ,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Pulaski Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Somerset		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Required Use of Sick Leave Credit for Maternity Leave in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

#### 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: Purpose and Definitions (1) To ensure that employees in Kentucky are not required to use their sick leave credits for maternity leave but may choose to take unpaid leave. (2) Maternity leave shall be defined as a period of time in which an employee may take off from work for the birth, adoption, or recovery from the birth of a child. Section 2: Eligibility and Use of Leave (1) Employees eligible for maternity leave under this Act will no longer be required to use their accumulated sick leave credit during their maternity leave. (2) Maternity leave may be taken in addition to other leaves of absence, such as compensatory and statutory leave. (3) The employee subject to maternity leave may opt to use accumulated annual leave or unpaid leave during their maternity period if preferred, but will not be required to use any sick leave credits.

Section 3: Maternity Leave Implementation (1) Maternity leave shall be available to all employees who have completed at least one year of work for the same company in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 4: Revising Existing Statutes (1) Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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the			Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Kiersten+ Be	ennett, Lillian Heidt, Soph ramos, Kalyani Shah	Action o	n the Bill
School: Scott HS		House	Senate
City: Taylor Mill		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Blue Collar Workers' Enhancement

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

Section 1: Definitions For the purposes of this act: "Blue collar workers" refers to individuals engaged in manual labor occupations, including but not limited to construction, manufacturing, maintenance, and transportation. "Employer" refers to any individual or entity that employs blue collar workers in the state of Kentucky.

Section 2: Employers will be required to provide comprehensive health insurance coverage to all blue collar workers, including dental and vision care. They also must offer wellness programs to promote healthy lifestyles and prevent work-related illnesses and injuries.

Section 3: Employers shall provide a minimum of 15 days of paid vacation leave annually. Employers must offer at least 10 days of paid sick leave per year. Blue collar workers shall be entitled to paid family leave for up to 12 weeks for the birth or adoption of a child or to care for a seriously ill family member. Employers shall provide overtime pay at a rate of 1.2 times the regular hourly wage for any hours worked over 40 hours per week.

Section 4: Employers must contribute to a retirement savings plan for all blue collar workers, with a minimum employer contribution rate of an additional 5% of the worker's annual salary. Employers shall offer financial planning services to assist workers in preparing for retirement.

Section 5: In addition to compliance with all state and federal occupational safety and health regulations, employers shall provide refresher safety training every 2 years and up to date equipment to ensure the continuation of a safe working environment.

Section 6: This act will be upheld and enforced by The Kentucky Department of Labor, and employers found in violation of this act shall be subject to penalties, which include, but are not limited to fines and potential suspension of business licenses.

Section 7: The funding for this bill will be derived from an additional 0.5% taxation on nicotine products.

Section 8: Effective Date; This act shall take effect on January 1, 2026

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   26	
		Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Mason Char	ndler, Samantha Campbell, Anna Powers,	Action o	n the Bill
School: South Oldham	HS	House	Senate
		Passed	Dassed
City: Crestwood		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To establishing paid parental leave for state and local government employees

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

Section 1: A Paid Parental Leave (PPL) program for state and local government employees shall be established in the state of Kentucky which shall allow for up to 12 weeks of job protected paid parental leave.

Section 2: As defined in KRS 61.420(3) a state or local government employee is any person in the service of the Commonwealth, a political subdivision, or interstate instrumentality of which the Commonwealth is a principal and shall include all persons designated officers including those which are elected and those which are appointed.

Section 3: 50% of the PPL program shall be funded by employee paid payroll taxes with a maximum contribution of \$200 per employee per pay period. The remaining 50% shall be funded by a tax on sports gambling winnings and nicotine products as determined appropriate by the Finance and Administration Cabinet of Kentucky; the aforesaid taxes shall be reevaluated and adjusted according to need by the Finance and Administration Cabinet every 5 years.

Section 4: The Paid Parental Leave program shall go into effect January 1st, 2026.

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

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   27	
the			Committee:
Sponsors: Ammon Rob	oinson, Caroline Drake, ,	Action o	n the Bill
School: South Oldham	HS	House	Senate
City: Crestwood		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

### An Act Relating To the emancipation of minors Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Emancipation of minors is the removal of a parent or legal guardian?s custody of a minor under a court of law. This decrees that the child is an ?emancipated minor,? free from the custody of their parents; and given most of the same rights as a legal adult. Emancipation is a feasible option to remove themselves from abusive or neglectful households. Currently, the only way for a minor to be emancipated from their legal guardian(s) in the state of Kentucky is through marriage at the age of 17. (KRS 402.205.) This bill will provide an improved emancipation process for minors in abusive or neglectful households.

Section 2: This bill will ensure minors of sixteen years of age or older a way out of their abusive or neglectful household. The emancipation process is as follows: The minor must file a petition to the court, once filed, the court will send notice to the minor and the minor?s legal guardian(s) and order them to attend the court hearing. If the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) do not attend, the court will not defaultly rule in favor of the minor, they will still have to prove their case. Once assembled, the court shall rule if the evidence shows it is in the best interest of the minor, any child of the minor, and/or the parents or legal guardian(s) of the minor, to be emancipated.

Section 3: This bill will ensure that when a minor petitions for emancipation, (prior to the court date) if there are safety concerns in the minor?s current household, said minor will have the option to be emitted into a temporary foster home or stay with a chosen legal adult until their emancipation court date. (Legal support for the temporary residence change is declared in KRS 199.470) Juvenile court services such as: prevention programs for residential placement and treatment services, community aftercare, and reintegration programs, etc. will be provided for the duration of time before the emancipation court hearing and as long as necessary after the court hearing depending on the specifics of the program and circumstances of said minor. Any additional funding necessary will be provided by the Federal Block Grant Social Security Act. (Title IV-B of the Social Security Act.)

Section 4: This bill will go into effect January 2026.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   28	
			Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Annlina Yang	g, Lenox Allen, Riley Richards, Vincent Young	Action o	n the Bill
School: South Oldham I	HS	House	Senate
City: Crestwood		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Regulation of Cooperating Witnesses and Jailhouse Informant Testimonies

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS KENTUCKY RULES OF EVIDENCE IS TO BE READ AS FOLLOWS: The benefits provided or will be provided by the prosecution or defense to informants, and all other cases where the informant has provided information in return for benefits in addition to the specific benefits given shall be disclosed in a timely manner to the other party (prosecution or defense) as well as to the entire court directly before the informant?s testimony. A timely manner shall be defined as a month before the testimony is held for misdemeanors, and 3 months before the testimony is held for felony cases. If the testimony is obtained after the timely manner, the prosecution/defense shall disclose the information to the other party within 3 days. This bill shall only pertain to criminal cases.

Section 2: [1] If the prosecution or defense fails to comply with the disclosure requirements outlined in Section 1, the informant shall not be penalized for the oversight or misconduct of either party. [2] Failure to provide the required information will result in the exclusion of the informant?s testimony from the trial. [3] In cases where an attorney fails to comply with the disclosure requirements 3 or more times, professional sanctions may be imposed. Such sanctions may include suspension or disbarment. The Kentucky Bar Association would determine disbarment.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   29	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Jaden Mikes	ell, Kat Quackenboss, ,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Spencer Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Taylorsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

### An Act Relating To Paid Maternity Leave Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 337 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Definitions: ? (a) ?Paid maternity leave? means paid leave provided to an employee due to the birth of a child. ? (b) ?Eliqible employee? means an individual who meets the criteria specified in subsection (2) of this section. (2) Eliqibility for Paid Maternity Leave: ? An employee shall be eligible for paid maternity leave if: ? (a) The employee has been employed by the company or organization for at least twelve (12) months prior to the requested leave. ? (b) The employee has worked at least one thousand two hundred fifty (1,250) hours during the twelve (12) months preceding the start of the leave. ? (c) The employee works at a location with at least forty (40) employees within a ninety (90) mile radius. (3) Paid Maternity Leave Provisions: ? (a) In the first year after the enactment of this Act, an eligible employee shall be entitled to: ? (i) Three (3) months of paid maternity leave, compensated at eighty percent (80%) of the employee?s annual salary based on the regular schedule of payment. ? (ii) Three (3) additional months of unpaid maternity leave, if requested. ? (b) In the second year after the enactment of this Act, an eliqible employee shall be entitled to: ? (i) Six (6) months of paid maternity leave, compensated at eighty percent (80%) of the employee?s annual salary based on the regular schedule of payment. (4) Rationale for Extended Maternity Leave: ? (a) Maternal mental health recovery may require six (6) to twelve (12) months, depending on individual health conditions, such as postpartum psychosis. ? (b) The extended leave provision is intended to support adequate bonding time for mothers and their children, recognizing the varying needs of each family.

SECTION 2. Non-Discrimination and Continuation of Benefits ? (a) Employers shall not discriminate or retaliate against an employee for taking maternity leave under this Act. ? (b) During paid maternity leave, employees shall retain any benefits to which they are entitled, including but not limited to healthcare, retirement, and other accrued benefits.

SECTION 3. Penalty for Companie Unwilling to Comply ? (a) First offense would be a warning and the business would have to go through with the leave. ? (b) Second offense would be a fine and the business

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   30	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Hunter Stanford, Violet Stines, ,		Action o	n the Bill
School: The Phoenix So	chool of Discovery	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Obesity Inclusiveness in Level IV Trauma Centers

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

Section 1: Bariatric care: used in medical facilities and at home for care taking of obese individuals.

Section 2: Rate of obesity in KY/actual number of Kentuckians impacted.

Section 3: This bill proposes to Amend 902 KAR..030 REG Kentucky?s Trauma System Level IV Criteria to include bariatric accommodations and relevant medical equipment, such as wheelchairs, bariatric MRI machines, wider waiting room seats, larger beds, blood pressure cuffs and extenders, hydraulic body lift, bigger breathing masks, bariatric scales, shower gurneys, bathroom aids, slings, walkers, commodes.

Section 4: This Act takes effect January 1, 2027.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   31	
			Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Haylee Mart	tin, Kaitlyn Cruse, Kenzie Childress, Noah Ward	Action o	n the Bill
School: Thomas Nelson	n HS	House	Senate
City: Bardstown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Parental Rights Involving Child Support.

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 403.210 IS DESIGNED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Child support MUST come out of the obligor?s paycheck as soon as payroll is released. (2) If the obligor does not have an occupation, they have a maximum of 6 months to find a place of employment. (3) If unable to find an occupation, they must find a different source of income to provide the child support payment. (4) 10% of the obligor's child support payment will be allocated into a separate account for the child. This account will become accessible to the child at the age of 18, or after they graduate high school.

Section 2: Any statute contrary to the Family Act of 1988 and the following sections shall be amended or repealed.

· · ·	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   32	
the			Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Livia Breckel	, Lydia Redd, Lilli Richardson, Jayden Visingardi	Action o	n the Bill
School: Trigg Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Cadiz		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To providing financial aid for students taking dual credit classes. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164.020 is created to read as follows: [1] All public Schools will be required to provide The Kentucky Commitment program to high school students (this is available to private school students as well). [2] This offers financial aid to any student interested. [3] This is a required program for the government to provide but student responsibility to enroll/apply. [4] Application results will be based on income and need for the scholarship.

Section 2: This bill will be enacted in May 2025.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   33	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Landie Hite,	Emma Rogers, Lexie Valentine,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Trigg Co. HS		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Cadiz		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To requiring identification scanners from every establishment that sells alcohol, nicotine, and tobacco products.

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 243 is created to read as follows: This bill will enforce any place that sells alcohol, liquor, or nicotine products to scan identifications to track and prevent underage drinking. The purpose of this bill is to prevent underage youth from buying alcohol, nicotine, or tobacco products with fake identification.

Section 2: The Kentucky Government will fund and provide this bill using surplus taxes to protect our youth and communities across Kentucky.

Section 3: Penalties for fake IDs or selling alcohol, nicotine, or tobacco vary for consumers and businesses. Consumers under 17 face community service, while those aged 18–20 may incur fines of \$1,000 to \$2,500. Multiple offenses can lead to court appearances and suspended driver's licenses. Businesses caught selling to minors or failing to scan and verify the identification, are fined and may lose their licenses to sell any of these products.

Section 4: This bill takes effect on February 1, 2025

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   34	
the			Committee:
Sponsors: Leah Post, C	amden Stout, Madison Bishop,	Action o	n the Bill
School: West Jessamine	e HS	House	Senate
City: Nicholasville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Designating A Natural Disaster Fund for Kentuckians **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 205 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS The Department of Revenue shall receive the funds that are gathered from the tax increase (KRS 139) mentioned below. The Department of Revenue shall disperse the gathered funds to the affected citizens of Kentucky if a natural disaster happens to occur. The revenue collected shall be dispersed based on an income schedule determined by the

General Assembly.

 SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS 139 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All products containing nicotine will include an additional 1% tax.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	BG   35	
			Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Lettie King,	Abby Whaley, Sophie Hagedorn, Parker Heaverin	Action o	n the Bill
School: Williamstown S	Sr. HS	House	Senate
City: Williamstown		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Revolving Around The Issue of Food Deserts

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

SECTION 1: One out of six children and one in nine adults in Kentucky experience some type of food insecurity. This means they lack sufficient food to meet their needs. About 80,000 in Louisville don?t have a reliable source of fresh healthy food.

SECTION 2: This act requires there to be at least one store that carries fresh food within a seven mile radius of a populated community with at least 1500 people.

SECTION 3: This bill makes sure all people in Kentucky have access to fresh food. (1)7% of estate tax will go to fund this bill. (2)Must carry a variety of fresh, affordable options.

SECTION 4: This shall be in full effect at the start of 2026.