• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 1	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Avery Allen,	Grace Phillips, Hayden Staebler, Hira Gopang	Action o	n the Bill
School: Ballard HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Kentucky Joining the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC)

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

Section 1: The NPVIC is a compact currently involving 15 states and Washington D.C. The compact is an agreement to award all electoral votes in each participating state to the national popular vote winner during presidential elections.

Section 2: The number of electoral votes needed for a candidate to win the presidential election is 270; this is the same amount of total votes an interstate compact needs in order to have legal force. The compact will come into effect only when it ensures that it will actually fulfill its intent, meaning enough states have to be involved for the sum of electoral votes to reach 270. There are currently 195 electoral votes within the states that have enacted the compact, and there are 68 votes in the states with a pending status.

Section 3: Assuming all pending states will join the compact, only 7 electoral votes remain before the required number of electoral votes is surpassed. Kentucky has 8 electoral votes, which is enough to achieve the aforementioned legal force on a national level.

Section 4: This bill will be enacted when all pending states officially join the compact and the sum of electoral votes passes 270.

« KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 2	
the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Caleb Mattingly, Cal Yates, Caroline Mattingly, Juliana Palumbo	Action o	n the Bill
School: Bethlehem HS	House	Senate
City: Bardstown	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Undetectable Tactical Knives
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: To ban the sale, manufacture, and transport of undetectable tactical knives.
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7	Section 2: Kentucky needs this law to prevent people from possessing as well as using dangerous knives.
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9	Section 3: The Kentucky Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives will enforce this bill.
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11	Section 4:
12	First Offense: The offender will be charged a fine of three thousand dollars (\$3,000).
13	Second Offense: The offender will be sentenced to one (1) year of county jail and fined five thousand
14	dollars (\$5,000).
15	Third Offense: The offender will be sentenced to three (3) years of federal prison and fined ten
16	thousand dollars (\$10,000).
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18	Section 5: This bill will go into effect ninety (90) days after passage by the governor.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Maggie Dral	ke, Dastin Scott	Action o	n the Bill
School: Butler Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Morgantown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Implementation of Excused Mental Health Days for Students

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

Section 1: Students in grades 6–12 would be allowed one excused mental health day per semester. Students may take a mental health day at home or in a safe space within the school.

Section 2: Schools may dismiss a student's request to take a mental health day on state or district testing dates. Students must seek parent or counselor approval before taking a mental health day.

Section 3: This act will not require any form of appropriations.

Section 4: The act will take effect July 1, 2022.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Riley Hill,	Jonathan Velarde, Layla Clemente, Katie Stallard	Action o	n the Bill
School: Butler Tradition	nal HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Raising The Age Limit Of Foster Care

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

Section 1: This bill will allow for young adults who are in foster care to stay in the system if they desire until the individual is twenty-one years old instead of eighteen years old.

Section 2: The purpose of this bill will be to raise the age limit on foster care, allowing people up to the age of twenty-one to remain within the system. This would allow for young adults to become more stable, have better opportunities to get acclimated to social life, and financial support from their foster parents. Many services give foster children money each day. New Beginnings Foster Care, which is based in Kentucky, can reach up to as much as eighty dollars a day in reimbursement rates. The reimbursement rate has no taxes on it, which means this is not considered income for the foster family; a simple eighty dollars a day would allow for clothes and food to be bought, rent for an apartment easier to manage, and anything else that requires money in one's day-to-day life.

Section 3: In Kentucky, there are currently 9,156 youth that are in foster care (as of April 2021). After reaching the age of eighteen, twenty percent of the children who are in foster care become instantly homeless. There will be an estimated 1,831 young adults in Kentucky that will be homeless after aging out of foster care. Only half of foster kids who age out of the system will have gainful employment by the age of 24. Nearly 36 percent of foster youth receive a graduation waiver, compared to an estimated 12 percent of their peers. This bill will give these individuals more support in many aspects of their life including getting a job, going to college, and bypassing poverty.

Section 4: This bill will give a greater chance for young adults leaving the system to enter society with the opportunity of earning a job. It allows for more possibilities to have young adults coming out of foster care to work and become contributing members of society.

Section 5: Individuals who have recently "aged out" of the current foster care system, but are under the age of twenty-one are eligible for reimbursement.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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the KENTUCKY YOUTH A Bluegrass Bill	SSEMBLY		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Emmalee Miller, Maddie Jones, Cole Shartz	er, KC Thompson	Action o	n the Bill
School: Butler Traditional HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Background Checks For The Education System

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

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Section 1: This bill will help the education system have better in-depth background checks across schools in Kentucky.

Section 2: The Kentucky Board of Education will be tasked with determining the best infrastructure for implementation via research/vetting of available systems, resources and financial considerations. We highly recommend the utilization of an existing third party vendor to curtail overall costs for implementation and continued maintenance and service.

Section 3: Individual School Boards will implement/install the required hardware and systems infrastructure mandated by the Kentucky Board of Education. This would include entering into agreements with any third party vendor as deemed necessary by the Kentucky Board of Education. The previous workers will also be required to submit/record their past school reports.

Section 4: This bill will ensure schools can easily share available records of potential teacher/staff members. It will also allow annual or semi-annual review of existing teachers/staff records. This level of analysis will help ensure teachers/staff are not able to commit egregious acts at one school and gain employment at another.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on August 1, 2022 with full implementation by the end of the 2022–2023 school year.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Aden Edwar	ds, Jahari Jackson, Joe Randolph, Parker Wright	Action o	n the Bill
School: DeSales HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Social Security for municipal firefighters. 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 95 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 1) For each payment period, 6.2% of a firefighter's pay will be taken out for social security. 6 7 (2) These benefits are able to be received at the minimum age of 62. 8 9 Section 2: Federal firefighters already receive social security, however, municipal firefighters in Kentucky do 10 not. 11 12 Section 3: This Act takes effect March 1, 2022. 13 14 Section 4: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

« KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 7	
the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Co Senate	
Sponsors: Ben Schory, Nathan Smith, Cameron Mccullough, Madeline Curtis	Action on	the Bill
School: Elizabethtown HS	House	Senate
City: Elizabethtown	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To An Act Relating to Inspection of Juvenile Detention Centers

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 15A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) Quality Assurance Branch inspectors from the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) will be sent to juvenile detention centers across the state, to conduct unannounced inspections of the facilities at least once every calendar month.
- (2) Quality inspections will include a full report of facilities (kitchen, laundry, medical facilities), correct use of solitary confinement in accordance with DJJ policy, appropriate physical handling of inmates, and all other requirements listed in DJJ policy.

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

Section 3: Failed inspections will result in further investigations by the Quality Assurance Branch for the specific center.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 8	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Savannah S	ingleton, Michael Martinez	Action o	n the Bill
School: Elizabethtown	HS	House	Senate
City: Elizabethtown		☐ ☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To mandating adulthood classes

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

Section 1: All public high schools must issue a mandate of an adulthood material course, including household maintenance, as well as basic cooking knowledge, in order to be prepared when graduating high school.

Section 2: The bill will require all public school systems in Kentucky to require an increased curriculum that is taught on adulthood. This bill will require at least two weeks worth of classes to be taught regarding Home Economics, as well as being combined with human health class for the two-week period. Funds for stoves, utensils, and food ingredients in the mandated program would be provided by the school district or town's charitable organizations.

Section 3: The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) will assist in expanding classrooms to help install all the needed materials

Section 4: Upon passage, the bill will be enacted at the start of the 2022-2023 school year respectively.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Jenna Saalfe	eld, Bella Saalfeld, Jimmy Holtz, Ella Lehmkuhl	Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Cross HS	- Covington	House	Senate
City: Covington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To The Disposal and Recycling of E-Scraps in Kentucky.

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

Section 1: The Environmental Protection Agency defines Electronic Waste (e-scraps, or e-waste) as electronics that are nearing or having reached the end of their useful life that may be discarded, donated, or otherwise recycled.

Section 2: Recognizing that KRS 224.1–010(30)(b) defines hazardous waste as any discarded material or materials intended to be discarded or substance or combination of such substances intended to be discarded if any form which because of its quantity, concentration or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics may cause, or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or incapacitating reversible illness or pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored transported, or disposed of, or otherwise managed.

Section 3: Further recognizing that electronic waste generated in the home is neither regulated nor is it banned from landfill disposal in Kentucky.

Household Electronic Waste can include such items such as mobile devices, electronics containing flammable lithium batteries, computers, computer monitors and televisions that may contain the following hazardous material:

Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) in computer control units that contain significant amounts of leaded glass that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has declared hazardous waste.

Mercury in flat panel displays in televisions, computers, lap tops, etc.

 Lead, chromium, silver, cadmium, and mercury in printed circuit boards (varies with make and model) Lead, mercury, cadmium, and lithium in batteries in units.

PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) in circuit boards from before early 1980s.

Section 4: This bill will require municipal waste collection agencies to ban the dumping of electronic waste into standard refuse or recycling bins, and encourage businesses and residents to dispose of E-Waste in a proper manner.

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	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Gabriel Reed	l, Jake Daly, Zach Chalfin, Ryan Ehlman	Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Cross HS	- Covington	House	Senate
City: Covington		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To A Small Business Sales Tax Holiday in the Commonwealth. Shop Small in the Fall ACT

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

Section 1: Small Businesses, defined federally by businesses with 499 employees or less, are the heart of the Commonwealth's economy. Over 700,000 Kentuckians are employed by a small business which is nearly half of Kentucky's workforce. Many of these businesses are restaurants and retail stores which will be affected by Pandemic related issues for years to come. Given the hardships of the pandemic and ensuing economic issues, it is time for the Commonwealth to support these businesses with a sales tax holiday during the all-important holiday shopping season. This act will save Kentuckians some money as well as promote holiday shopping and eating at small businesses. Additionally, several states offer tax holidays for various reasons, and this tax holiday will encourage not only Kentuckians but individuals from bordering states to shop in the Commonwealth.

Section 2: The Tax Holiday:

- The tax holiday will eliminate the 6% sales tax requirement at all Kentucky businesses that employ 499 or less individuals and collect sales tax for their services or products regularly including but not limited to restaurants and retail stores.
- The tax holiday will begin on November 25, 2022 and end on December 2, 2022.
 These dates will encourage small business shopping during "Black Friday" and "Small Business Saturday."
- The General Assembly will have the option to review the tax holiday and possibly renew it annually as part of their legislative affairs.

Section 3: In accordance with the Kentucky Constitution's requirements for fiscal legislation, this bill will go into effect on July 1, 2022.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Anya Sharm	a, Elly Girdler, Minhal Nazeer, Tanvi Chaudhary	Action o	n the Bill
School: Kentucky Coun	try Day	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Instituting A.L.I.C.E. Training within Kentucky Public High Schools 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: AN ADDITION to KRS 158.164 thus creating Section 5 that reads as follows: all faculty working in 6 Kentucky public high schools will undergo A.L.I.C.E.(Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) training. 7 8 Section 2: This training will take place annually in each individual school, no later than two weeks prior to the 9 start of the school year. There will also be one supplemental county-wide training before schools resume at 10 the start of the new calendar year for new faculty. 11 12 Section 3: The training schedule, which will be staggered throughout the county Public School offices, will be 13 set by the Director of Security and Investigations. 14 15 Section 4: Faculty will be reimbursed for the hours spent in training. 16 17 Section 5: County-specific, as well as staff-specific, procedural adjustments can be made to best suit the 18 position of the school district. These adjustments will be made at the discretion of the ALICE officials. 19 20 Section 6: Exemptions will be made for extenuating circumstances. These exemptions must be processed 21 through the county's Public School office. 22

Section 7: The cost of A.L.I.C.E training will be channeled through the Kentucky Department of Homeland

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the	ENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY luegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Danica Love	e, Mary Brooke Stith, Jordan Stull, Sophia Vowels	Action o	n the Bill
School: Meade Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Brandenburg		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed

1	An Act Relating To The Legalization of Gambling in Kentucky
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: This bill will legalize forms of gambling including but not limited to betting, card games, slot
6	machines, and sports betting. This bill will also legalize the operation and usage of gambling establishments
7	within the state.
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9	Section 2: The following KRS sections are repealed: KRS Chapter 528 and KRS Chapter 372
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11	Section 3: Gambling establishments are any establishments that accept, record, and register bets for any
12	event game of chance for money or other forms of value.
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14	Section 4: The gambling establishments would be taxed at 10% gross yearly income.
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16	Section 5: This act takes effect on January 1, 2023.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Addie Shoup	oe, Delaney Wills, Laney Ledford, Emma Combs	Action o	n the Bill
School: Montgomery C	o. HS	House	Senate
City: Mt. Sterling		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Repeal the Tampon Tax

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

Section 1: The tax on menstrual products for women, otherwise known as the tampon tax, is costing women hundreds of dollars every year just because they have a bodily function that they can't help. Menstrual products are defined as "products made to absorb or collect menstrual blood".

Section 2: The purpose of this bill is to remove the state sales tax which is 6 cents on every dollar spent on menstrual products. Taxing menstrual products is unfair because they are a Necessity, while smoked tobacco products are a choice at least the first time.

Section 3: To counteract the potential negative effect on Kentucky's economy we are going to raise the tax on smoking tobacco products from 15% to 17%. Kentucky received \$497.4 million (estimated) in revenue from tobacco settlement payments and taxes in fiscal year 2020.

Section 4: 4 This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2022.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Andrew Pha	m, Adrian Couch	Action o	n the Bill
School: North Laurel H	S	House	Senate
City: London		☐ ☐ Passed ☐ ☐ Defeated	□ Passed

An Act Relating To An Act relating to the Expungement of Criminal Records

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

Section 1: Amend KRS 431.073 section 1(a) to read as follows:

"Any person who has been convicted of a Class D felony violation or a non-violent Class C felony which was punishable by not more than ten (10) years' incarceration, which was not a violation of KRS 189A.010, 508.032, or 519.055, abuse of public office, a sex offense, or an offense committed against a child, and did not result in serious bodily injury or death; or of a series of felony offenses eligible under this paragraph... may file with the court in which he or she was convicted an application to have the judgment vacated. The application shall be filed as a motion in the original criminal case. The person shall be informed of the right at the time of adjudication."

Section 2: Amend KRS 431.073 section 2(a) to read as follows:

"A verified application to have the judgment vacated under this section shall be filed no sooner than two (2) years after the filing of the person's sentence, or two (2) years after filing, and upon the successful completion of the person's probation or parole."

Section 3: This statute requires no appropriations.

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

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	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: use 2
Sponsors: Carmen Kelly	y, Ellery Kloek, Stella Macumber	Action o	on the Bill
School: Oldham Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Lagrange		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Mandating Technology Professional Development Classes For Teachers

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

Section 1: Acknowledging there is no current required training course covering technology for in-class and online classrooms for all certified teachers and classified substitute teachers. By Aug 1, 2022, every public school shall provide current technology training to all certified teachers and classified substitute teachers. This mandatory training will be focused on necessary and contemporary instructional technology programs used within the classroom.

Section 2: A new section of KRS 156.095 is created to read as follow:

- (1) All public school certified teachers and classified substitutes shall participate in mandated professional development focused on technology for the in-person and online classroom.
- (2) If a staff member is hired after the training has been provided for the school year, the local school district shall provide training materials on technology instruction.

Section 3: The statute will go into effect for the upcoming school year starting Aug 1, 2022. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 16	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Lila Holt, Ke	enzie Carpenter, Allie Payne	Action o	on the Bill
School: Rockcastle Co.	HS	House	Senate
City: Mt. Vernon		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Equal Career Opportuinty for Mothers and other Primary Household Caretakers of Children

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

Section 1: A postsecondary program to create opportunities for caretakers of children. Implementing this program will ensure these caretakers receive childcare as well as personal career and future guidance.

Section 2: Many mothers and other caretakers can not afford child care pushing them into the home to care for their children. Even if these caretakers have access to affordable childcare they may not have the appropriate career education. Our bill will provide funding for preexisting childcare facilities that will not only make childcare affordable by giving their parents a place to leave their children during the time they work, but they will also provide access to career readiness education.

Section 3: Childcare centers will serve as physical locations and will be used to support mothers and other primary household caretakers of children. Each center with one to two counselors at each office on a rotating basis who will work with them to help them gain the credentials and connections necessary to provide financial prosperity for their families and personally fulfilling work life for themselves.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Sena	
Sponsors: Mattie Petti	it, Jake Hamill, Carly Graves, Emily Jones	Action or	n the Bill
School: South Oldham	HS	House	Senate
Citv: Crestwood		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Teacher Requirements in Neurodivergent Departments in Elementary, Middle, and High Schools

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

Section 1: Neurodivergence is defined as differing in mental or neurological function from what is considered typical. Neurodivergent students have a mental diagnosis such as, but not limited to, autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia, down syndrome, OCD, etc. These can cause struggles for students in a typical educational environment. This bill will instil neurodivergent support through teacher training in grades K-12 to make the learning experience less challenging for neurodivergent students.

Section 2: All special education teachers must also undergo at least 18 hours of specialized CPD (continuing professional development) training a year, to further understand how to support neurodivergent students. CPD is a low budget training that will be state funded. It consists of but is not limited to: e-learning, training workshops, and conferences to further educate teachers how to teach neurodivergent students.

Section 3: This bill will take place starting July 1, 2022.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Katie Quinla	n, Heidi Peters, Layne West, Logan Age	Action o	n the Bill
School: South Oldham	HS	House	Senate
City: Crestwood		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Background Checks When Purchasing A Firearm

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

Section 1: Background Checks are designed to prevent convicted felons, minors, users of controlled substances, those illegally living in the United States, with history of mental illness(es), subject to a restraining order, and/or convicted of domestic violence offenses from having access to a firearm. Under state law, those purchasing a firearm in Kentucky are not required to have a background check when buying from an unlicensed seller– people selling online, at gun shows, or anywhere without a federal dealers license. Individuals who commit crimes are likely to seek to purchase firearms from people who are not required to run background checks. 80% of all firearms acquired for criminal purposes are obtained/ transferred through an unlicensed seller.

Section 2: In an average year, 718 people die by guns in Kentucky. With a rate of 15.9 deaths per 100,000 people, Kentucky has the 15th highest rate of gun deaths in the United States. The rate of gun homicides in Kentucky is on the rise, with the rate of gun deaths increasing by 63% from 2009 to 2018, compared to a national increase of 18% in the same period of time. Of the top five states with the lowest amount of gun violence, four of those states have laws in place to run background checks on both licensed and unlicensed sellers (Rhode Island, New York, Hawaii, and Connecticut).

Section 3: This bill prohibits the selling and transferring of firearms without a background check. Similar to laws in other states which require background checks for firearm sales, those buying from an unlicensed seller will be required to meet their seller at a gun dealer. The gun dealer will then run the background check, a process they are already familiar with and required by law to do.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect 90 days after passage.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Chloe Linde	r, Jonathan Peer, Matilyn Perkins	Action o	on the Bill
School: Williamstown S	5r. HS	House	Senate
City: Williamstown		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act relating to the Legalization of Gambling in Kentucky

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 528 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) A bill to put a spending limit (cap) onto the amount of money one can spend while gambling. From the profit of gambling, the organization or establishment collecting this money will cecum a tax that will be put forth to the funding of Kentucky Education.

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

Section 3: Currently, in the state of Kentucky many forms of gambling are in attempt to be reintroduced into the state. A bill that creates a cap on gambling amounts spent could help reopen the state to casinos. As well as increasing gambling profit besides that of horse racing or the lottery; but not only could this cap improve the economics of the people by increasing state revenue, but it would also help the funding for statewide education. By putting a tax on the general product of a casino, this can improve the state of Kentucky's education system. Bringing forth more funding and opportunities to the students and future of Kentucky.

Section 4: A cap on gambling in the casinos of Kentucky would help limit the amount of money that one would spend in a calendar month. There would be a 10% cap on one's yearly income. This cap will prevent one from going bankrupt or losing large amounts of money, which can cause the need to be supported by the state.

Section 5: In association with this bill a security system is required to ensure the ideas stated in Section 2 are administered. The most efficient solution would be an online website that links with the official Kentucky Website (kentucky.gov). register and add on the personal information regarding your personal economic status. This will add and demonstrate how much this cap's dependence will be on the person.

Section 6: To enhance the wellness of the people of Kentucky a portion of casinos' taxes will be taken and added to the fund for Kentucky's schools. The future of our state and nation starts at the base level of life, education. All casinos that open in Kentucky will be required to take 13.5% of their taxes to the funding of Kentucky's schools.

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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Referred to Committee: House 2

Sponsors: Emma Westerman, Yash Arabati, Samantha Ansari, Samyuktha Jaganathan	Action o	n the Bill
School: Ballard HS	House	Senate
	Passed	Passed
City: Louisville	Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Solving Food Deserts

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

Section 1: Defined by the United States Department of Agriculture, any low-income tract where a substantial number or substantial share of residents does not have easy access to a supermarket or large grocery store constitutes a food desert. The Kentucky Initiative for Food Deserts (KIFD) aims to resolve the issue of food deserts in Kentucky.

Section 2: Farmers would apply to provide fresh foods to the Kentucky Initiative for Food Deserts (KIFD) through an application process. The application will determine what produce or meats the farmer produces and determine the size of their farm. Farmers who participate will need to provide their required meats or produce that is typical to their farm, and will not need to accommodate for new products. The participating farmers will receive a tax incentive for their service to KIFD. This incentive will be a 15 to 30 percent property tax reduction based on the size of their property and the amount of property dedicated towards the KIFD. Farmers will have to provide their produce or meats to their regional shipping company every month. Farmers will be responsible for keeping track of their food donations to KIFD.

Section 3: KIFD Centers will be placed at already existing common areas accessible to people living within a ten mile radius of each center. The centers will be for people lacking current access to a grocery store so that they can get fresh produce. In each area, there will be a center at a local church, school, library, etc. accessible to all within the radius to get their fresh produce. Each KIFD center will be provided with refrigeration units to keep produce and meats fresh. The refrigeration units will be funded by the money from the auctions and maintained with the profit from selling the produce and meats. Pricing of the products sold will be price matched with junk foods. KIFD centers will be run by volunteering organizations.

Section 4: State-local shipping companies will have the opportunity to bid for transportation rights for the meats and produce. An auction will be held for shipping companies to bid for work in the transportation process of the food products. The number of companies selected from the auction will depend on the land area of each KIFD center radius and population size in said radius. The companies selected are responsible for providing drivers and trucks to transport the items provided by farmers. Participating companies will receive a 20 percent state income tax deduction, therefore enticing companies to participate in the program.

Section 5: Transportation will be provided by the winning companies from the auction in each radius. Transportation requires both drivers and trucks with working refrigeration to carry and distribute the products. Drivers will be paid by the aforementioned companies

Section 6: This law will be enacted by January 1, 2022.

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Referred to Committee:

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Sponsors: Dawn Delozier, Eren Harbron, Maddie Butler, Zaeim Brown	Action on the Bill
School: Ballard HS	House Senate
City: Louisville	Defeated Defeated
1 An Act Relating To The Expansion of Transportation	in Kentucky

An Act Relating To The Expansion of Transportation in Kentucky

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

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Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 96A IS TO BE READ AS FOLLOWS: For every two bus routes, the owning bus organization will receive \$500,000 in grants. This money will be provided by the CTAC. Money will be deducted if the buses fail to meet route length, area, safety, and stop quality requirements.

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- 1.2: Each run must cover at least 50 miles.
- 1.3: Stops must be located in accessible and safe areas.
- 1.4: Buses must be cleaned regularly, and kept in reasonable running order.
- 1.5: Stops must include an enclosed structure with room to hold a maximum of ten people.

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Section 2: An additional \$20,000 will be added for every bus route that connects counties, and/or branches out to eastern/southern parts of the state.

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Section 3: This bill will go into effect April 30th, 2022.

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Referred to Committee:

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9	Sponsors: Mallory Brown, Emily Jackson, Ally Palumbo, Rebecca Lee		Action on the Bill	
9	School: Bethlehem HS	House ☐ Passed	Senate ☐ Passed	
L	City: Bardstown	□ Passed _	Defeated	
1	An Act To Amend KRS 508.100, 508.110, and 508.120 to Apply to the Abu	se of Anyone Under	Eighteen	
2	(18) Years of Age	-	_	
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4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky		
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6	Section 1: This bill will defend all legal minors in the Commonwealth of Kentuck	y under law from at	ouse by	
7	their legal guardians.			
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9	Section 2: Child abuse is when someone, whether through action or failing to a		•	
10	emotional harm, or risk of serious harm to a child. In Kentucky, there were 20,0	•		
11	2019 alone, according to Norton's Children Hospital. This means about 20 out	• •	•	
12	children experienced abuse in some form. This is the highest rate of abuse in the	ne United States. In	the United	
13	States, a child is defined as someone under the age of 18.			
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15	Section 3: The law currently established in Kentucky only protects children twe	lve (12) years of age	e and	
16	younger. This law will ensure that all children are defended by law from abuse.			
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18	Section 4: There will be minimal cost for this bill. There are already social worker	• •		
19	enforcement responsible for child abuse cases. Although more employees migh		influx of	
20	cases, The creation of job opportunities can only help the Commonwealth of Ke	entucky's economy.		
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22	Section 5: The Child Protective Services (CPS) and Local Law Enforcement Offic	ers will enforce this	law.	
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24	Section 6: The penalties for not abiding by this law are as follows:			
25	First degree: Class C felony			

Section 7: This bill will go into effect 90 days after passage and signature by the governor.

Second degree: Class D felony

Third degree: Class A misdemeanor

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW	1 4
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Alex Goode,	, Ronny Smith, Lillian Mitchell, Hussein Almosawi	Action c	on the Bill
School: Butler Tradition	nal HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ ☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Diversifying High School History Curriculums

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

Section 1: This bill will give a greater variety of social studies curriculums by adding a class on women's and African American history to the junior year curriculum. Women's history as well as African American history will be counted as credit classes and will be semester-based. U.S. History will still be available as an elective that can replace the women's and African American class.

Section 2: This bill will ensure that students receive a diverse history curriculum and will not be relearning redundant material. U.S. History is taught throughout most elementary schools and focused on in 8th grade along with somewhat in 9th grade. Spending another year focusing on similar material puts our students at a disadvantage by making them less aware of lesser-known yet still significant areas of history. In order to increase the diversity of knowledge to students, this bill will allow students to learn and understand the history of different cultures. Additionally, it mitigates the fostering of hate in our schools by helping instill tolerance through teaching how important these minority groups have been to history.

Section 3: Topics schools will be required to teach in African American courses: International slave trade, Domestic Slavery, American Civil War, Reconstruction Era, Segregation and Integration, Great Migration, World War I and World War II, Civil Rights Era, and Race and Identity. The county will determine the order of the topics. Current African American history electives will still exist, it will just focus more heavily on African American accomplishments.

Section 4: Topics schools will be required to teach in Women's history courses: information about women in World War I, World War II, civil rights, education, the Second Great Awakening, voting rights, women's suffrage, government, and arts and cultures. The county will determine the order of the topics.

Section 5: Teachers that currently teach U.S. History would be able to receive training to double as teachers for the Women's / African American studies class, which would cut down on costs of teacher salaries, or schools can open new positions for teachers who only want to teach that class. The starting salary for new teachers would be approximately \$40,000.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect starting the 2023–2024 school year so schools have enough time to prepare.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Connor Fron	mme, DJ Wright, Drew Keesee, Kerrylyn Poole	Action o	n the Bill
School: Butler Tradition	nal HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed

An Act Relating To Increasing Punishments for Consecutive DUI's

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

Section 1: Driving Under the Influence (DUI) is an important issue in the United States, especially in the city of Louisville. Drinking and Driving causes 31% of car accidents in the city. This bill regards increasing jail time for the second DUI an individual receives within five years. The current laws state that the sentence can go anywhere from seven days to six months. This bill proposes to change the sentencing to 30 days to 12 months. It also forces drivers to buy a red license plate after they receive a DUI.

Section 2: Drivers under the influence are the leading cause of car crashes in the state of Kentucky. This bill will require drivers to serve the current punishments and get a new license plate after the first offense. After the second offense within five years, the driver will be required to serve anywhere from thirty days to twelve months in jail and rehab while in jail.

Section 3: All drivers with a DUI will be required to purchase a red license plate. If they choose to not buy the license plate, their license will be suspended until the license plate is bought.

Section 4: There will be no further consequences for not buying the license plate unless the individual is caught driving a car without it. This will result in a Class B misdemeanor which is a \$250 fine and up to 90 days in jail.

Section 5: No funding is needed to provide this bill, seeing as if the individual who is charged with the DUI will be paying for the license plate and no one will pay for the increased jail time.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2022.

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the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Gwen Dunlap, Mateo Barrientos, Khadija Jah, Olivia Patterson	Action o	n the Bill
School: Butler Traditional HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	☐ ☐ Passed☐ ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Mountain Top Repurposing

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

Section 1: This bill will repurpose mountain tops flattened by coal mining in order to create solar fields.

Section 2: Due to strip mining, many mountain tops have been blown off and flattened. These mountain tops are then no longer useful and serve no purpose to the communities. This will aim to put solar panels on the tops of flattened mountain tops in Pike, Perry, Knott, and Floyd County. Since the flattened areas are high up, it will allow access to better sunlight. The solar power collected from these panels will provide clean energy to the counties that the panels are located in.

Section 3: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

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Referred to Committee: Senate 3

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Sponsors: Daniel Hall, Miles Lasley, Travis Ryan	Action o	n the Bill
School: DeSales HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the addition to obtain a Restricted Driver's License

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

Section 1: A new section of KRS Chapter 186.480 is created to read as follows:

The examination shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight to ensure compliance with the visual acuity standards set forth in KRS 186.577. The examination shall also include a test of the applicant's ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic, the applicant's knowledge of traffic laws, and an actual demonstration of the applicant's ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle. (1) The examination shall include a mock traffic stop conducted by a state trooper.

Section 2: To ensure the tester knows the proper procedure beforehand, this bill also requires that the written drivers permit tests to have at least 10% of its questions concerning such traffic stops.

Section 3: The traffic stop will involve the tester being pulled over by a state trooper following the conclusion of the intermediate driver's test before the driver is released to the public.

Section 4: This bill will be set to go into effect July 1, 2023.

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c	ity: Elizabethtown	□ Passed _	□ Passec
1 2 3	An Act Relating To An act to require teenagers eighteen and under to take a attaining their drivers intermediate license	four hour road cour	se before
4 5	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
6 7 8	Section 1: Requires teenagers eighteen and younger to take a four hour road of acquire their intermediate driver's license	ourse over two days	s to
9 10 11	Section 2: This bill will be funded by the Kentucky Department of Motor Vehicle drivers license fees	es and paid for by K	entucky
12 13	Section 3: The course instructors will be paid a salary set by the Kentucky Dep	artment of Motor V	ehicles
14 15	Section 4: The new guidelines will be enforced the Kentucky Department of Mo	tor Vehicles	
16 17	Section 5: The course will be created and managed by the local DMV		
18 19 20	Section 6: If the local DMV's violate this bill the punishment will be the already Guidelines	set	
21	Section 7: This bill will go into effect June 1, 2022.		

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		
Sponsors: Jake Bottom	ns, Cole Cansler	Action o	n the Bill
School: Heritage Christ	ian Academy	House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville		☐ ☐ Passed ☐ ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Make Medical Bill Pricing More Accessible To The Public

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

Section 1: As it currently stands in healthcare system of America , there is no way future patients of a hospital can determine the cost of their treatment. This may come as a surprise, given that the U.S. has the highest healthcare cost as a percentage of GDP out of all developed countries (18%). Furthermore, the Commonwealth of Kentucky spends \$6,596 per capita on healthcare, exceeding the national average with 18.7% of our Gross State Product (GSP) being spent on healthcare.

Section 2: With a growth rate of 6.7% on per capita healthcare spending, it is imperative for Kentuckians to be instructed on the cost of procedures. As stated in the National Patients Bill of Rights, patients have "the right to choose health care providers who can give high-quality health care when you need it." As such, this bill aims to achieve transparency in medical pricing as well as the opportunity for individuals to make wise financial decisions and exercise their own medical freedom. Additionally, this will stimulate competition between healthcare providers and open the door to a variety of quality, cost effective medical care options.

Section 3: This bill will mandate the itemization of every common procedure and detailed information on pricing be made available to all potential patients of any given healthcare center. This bill will also require that healthcare providers in the Commonwealth report their standard price range for any given treatment. These figures are to be listed in multiple digital and physical databases, such as healthcare.gov, their own website, informational pamphlets, and social networking sites. This itemization will include the average price range of commonplace surgical procedures, bloodwork and other diagnostics, radiology, procedures performed by specialists, inpatient and outpatient care, and any other reasonable fees. The cost of implementation of this bill will be minimal, given that healthcare centers already possess detailed billing information for all services rendered unto patients.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2022.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Will Lachm	ann, Nathan Wendt, Will Fuller, Jared Davis	Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Cross HS	5 - Covington	House	Senate
City: Covington		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Sars-COVID 19 Vaccination Documentation
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: Prohibits a government body from requiring persons to provide proof of vaccination before
6	entering or receiving services.
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8	Section 2: Prohibits a business entity from requiring persons to provide proof of vaccination before entering
9	or receiving services.
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11	Section 3: Allows the Cabinet for Health and Human Safety to impose a fine not to exceed \$10,000 per
12	violation of this Act.
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14	Section 4: This bill will take effect immediately upon passage.



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Referred to Committee: House 2

Sponsors: Alyssa Perkins, Brenna Wilson, Mia Wilson, Sydney Wilson

School: Holy Cross HS - Covington

City: Covington

Action on the Bill

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Senate

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An Act Relating To Educational Sovereignty in the Commonwealth

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

Section 1: Recognizing that what is taught in classrooms across the country and in our Commonwealth has become highly politicized, the General Assembly must act to restore a non-partisan and professional approach to standards and curriculum creation across Kentucky's public primary and secondary schools to prevent the hostile takeover of our educational system by special interests and untrained parties.

Section 2: Creating Non-Partisan Professional Curriculum Boards (PCBs)

This Bill will amend KRS 158.6452 concerning the creation and maintenance of a School Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability Council. KRS 158.6452 will be amended to include seven PCBs:

Grades K-5:

1. Primary Education Board (all subjects)

Grades 6-12:

- 2. Social Studies Board
- 3. English, Language Arts, and Literature Board
- 4. STEM Board
- 5. Foreign Languages Board
- 6. Career and Technical Education Board (CTE)
- 7. The Humanities and Arts Board

These 7 PCBs will be comprised of 9 members each selected by the Governor in consultation with the Kentucky Department of Education. Board members must be professionals in their respective fields. For instance, all nine members of the English, Language Arts, and Literature Board will be professionally trained English, Language Arts, and Literature teachers who hold advanced or terminal degrees in the subjects they teach. Board members will serve at the pleasure of the governor in three-year terms. Board members may not serve more than two terms consecutively.

Section 3: Duties of the Professional Curriculum Boards

The PCBs will be responsible for reviewing any proposed changes to Kentucky's school standards and curriculum proposed by the General Assembly or the Kentucky Department of Education. The PCBs will study, discuss, and vote on any changes to the proposed Kentucky frameworks governing their fields of teaching. The PCB will vote in the affirmative or negative concerning their approval or disproval of the curriculum changes presented to them. The PCBs official recommendations will be published to the Governor, the General Assembly, and the Kentucky Department of Education upon any proposed legislation that would impact school curriculum in the Commonwealth.

Section 4: Impact Statement:

With 63 trained professionals helping to determine the Commonwealth's curriculum and standards in their professions, Kentucky can avoid politicized curriculum, educational fads, and failed attempts to sterilize education and eliminate critical thinking. Educational decisions should be made by professional educators.

Section 5: This Bill will take effect immediately upon passage under the guidelines of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	cw	CW 12 Referred to Committee: House 3	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill			
Sponsors: Maddox M	iller, Avani Singal	Action or	the Bill	
School: Kentucky Cou	ntry Day	House	Senate	
City: Louisville		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed	

An Act Relating To Installing Red Light Traffic Cameras at High Traffic Intersections Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Section 1: This bill will require that red light cameras to be installed at high traffic intersections, as determined by local municipalities, in order to prevent crashes. Section 2: Cameras will take pictures of license plates and a Third Party company will fine the driver. Section 3: Fines are to be \$100 per each offense. Section 4: Maintenance, installation and administrative processes to be handled by Third Party. Third Party will be determined by competitive bid placed by Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Commonwealth of Kentucky will not maintain or process fines. The Third Party shall keep 35% of the fine for maintenance, installation and administrative costs. The remaining 65% will be remitted to the Commonwealth of Kentucky. Section 5: The Revenue to the Commonwealth of Kentucky to be allocated to Roadways (50%) and The Kentucky Public Pensions Authority (50%).

Section 6: The Bill pertains to all licensed drivers.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	cw	CW 13	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 2		
Sponsors: Abbi Jones,	Taylor Monceaux, Kaleigh Haulk	Action c	on the Bill	
School: Lyon Co. HS		House	Senate	
City: Eddyville		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated	

An Act Relating To Using KEES Money While In High School

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

Section 1: This bill will allow students in grades 11 and 12 to use their Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) money to pay for higher education expenses.

Section 2: Currently, The KEES program provides scholarships to students who earn at least a 2.5 GPA each year of attendance at a certified Kentucky high school. You may also earn awards for ACT/SAT scores and Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), or Cambridge Advanced International (CAI) test scores. Home school and GED graduates may earn awards based on their ACT scores. After high school graduation, students may use their KEES money on in-state tuition only. KEES money can not be used on tuition for out-of-state colleges or universities. A student has 5 years of eligibility to use KEES money after high school graduation, and it can only be applied for 4 years (8 semesters).

Section 3: This bill proposes that Kentucky high school students in grades 11 and 12 should be able to use their KEES money on higher education costs while still in high school. Higher education costs consist of any class or program offered through a college/university that would get a student college credit. When a student enrolls in a college program or class while in 11th or 12th grade, the student will have the option to notify the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) that they wish to begin their 5-year eligibility window. The KHEAA will then send payment directly to the college/university. Once the 5-year eligibility window begins, it can not be paused.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect for the 2022-2023 school year.

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Sponsors: Landyn Cahill, Skyler Jupin, Zaylee Clark	Action o	n the Bill
School: Meade Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Brandenburg	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
1 An Act Relating To The Legalization o	of Prostitution	

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

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Section 1: This bill seeks to legalize prostitution in the state of Kentucky. The main goals are to aid in the lowering of incarcerations, provide safe working environments for adults who choose to be sex workers, have regulations that protect the health of the workers and patrons, create new businesses that are subject to taxation that will help the great commonwealth, and provide a legal and stable income for any person that chooses to be a sex worker.

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Section 2: This bill will lower incarceration rates and provide safe working environments.

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Section 3: This bill will provide regulations that protect the health of the workers and patrons.

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Section 4: This bill will create new businesses that are subject to taxation that will help the great commonwealth; it will also provide a legal and stable income for any person that chooses to be a sex worker.

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Section 5: This bill will be free and provide income to the state. Companies will provide these workers with benefits and testing as needed. The way the taxes will work is the workers will contract themselves and pay a fee to rent the space they use at the business.

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Section 6: To enforce this bill there will be designated areas. They can be employed by companies or be independent contractors. The workers must provide testing results and proper health documents. By legalizing prostitution the workers will be able to get benefits from employers such as healthcare and paidfor STD testing.

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Section 7: We can use some of the income from the taxes to give more funding to education, public infrastructure, and public shelters.

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Section 8: This bill will be in act on the first day of January, 2023.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill			
Sponsors: Maddie Br	other	Action on	the Bill	
School: Montgomery	Co. HS	House	Senate	
Citv: Mt. Sterling		Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated	

An Act Relating to Accept Mental Health Days as an Excused Absence for All Schools in the State of Kentucky

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

Section 1: In a study in recent years, before the pandemic, data was collected for children with mental health issues in the state of Kentucky. The study showed that about 30% of Kentucky children face mental health issues. After being shut down for almost two years those numbers have dramatically increased. During the lockdown, students lost all social connections and this took a toll on everyone, but especially the young, developing minds of children. School is extremely stressful with students diligently working to receive their education. So it is understandable that this stress can heavily impact today's adolescence.

Section 2: Several states across the nation, including Oregon, Arizona, Virginia, and many others, have recently passed laws accepting mental health days as an excused absence from school. These excused absences allow students to take a day to care for their own mental health, without the additional worry of having an unexcused absence on their record. As of 2017, under Kentucky law, a student is allowed three unexcused absences a school year before they are considered truant. In many schools, a student with so many unexcused absences is prohibited from graduating.

Section 3: This law, if passed, would require all public schools in Kentucky to allow students five excused absences to tend to their mental health per year. Privately owned schools will have the choice to excuse mental health day absences since private education is typically an exception to public school attendance requirements.

Section 4: This bill requires no funding from the state since it is just adding to the list of acceptable excused absences in schools.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect in the 2022/2023 school year.

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s	ponsors: Kamryn Bentley	Action or	the Bill
S	ichool: North Laurel HS	House	Senate
C	City: London	Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
1	An Act Relating To Juvenile Detention Centers Lack of Mental H	ealth Resources	
2 3 4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
5	Section 1: Giving a juvenile the right to request a mental health evaluation whil	e in a detention cer	nter.
7	Section 2: KRS 645.035 is amended to read as follows:		
8 9	Amend to insert a (1)m. to read as "The right to a mental health evalua	tion shall be grante	ed"
10	Section 3: KRS 645.035 is amended to read as follows:		
11 12 13	Amend to insert a (1)n. To read as "The right to postpone their sentend mental health facility if necessary"	e and enter into ar	n inpatient
14 15 16	Section 4: All appropriations for this bill will be through substance abuse and n administration (SAMHSA)	nental health servic	es
17	Section 5: A health care facility that continues to violate this KRS will result in	civil penalty of not	less than
18	\$1,000 nor more than \$5,000 in the first stage; Suspension of licenses in the	• •	

multiple times can equate in loss of job or shutting down of facility.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to	
Sponsors: Reagan Eva	ns, Tucker Payne, Mckenna Carter, Abigail Zaranko	Action o	n the Bill
School: Oldham Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Lagrange		☐ ☐ Passed☐ ☐ Defeated☐	Passed

An Act Relating To a Tax Break For Electric Vehicle Purchases

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

Section 1: Acknowledging climate change is an issue encroaching on our world, caused in part by carbon emissions produced by gas powered vehicles, people in Kentucky are trending towards electric vehicle purchases and should receive state tax break incentives.

 Section 2: Recognizing the \$7500 tax credit already given by the federal government to encourage electric vehicle purchases. The statute will offer a tax credit for all electric vehicles purchased between 2022 and 2037 for \$500 or less on an annual basis. Noting that hybrid vehicles will also receive a tax break of up to \$200 each year.

Section 3: This bill will be enacted by December 2022 and will remain in effect for 15 years. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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the KENTUCKY YOUTH AS Commonwealth Bil			Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Kenzie Bowman, Chloe Eisenback, Julia Welborn	, Joby Pace	Action o	n the Bill
School: Oldham Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Lagrange		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

	An Act Relating To the Removal of Standardized State Testing For High School Students
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: KRS 158.6453 is amended to read as follows:
6	Delete 5(b)1-4. Removing state students assessments for high school requirements except for the
7	college admissions examination.
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9	Section 2: KRS 158.6453 is amended to read as follows:
10	In 11(b), delete "If funds are available," and insert "Annually". Requiring the Kentucky Department of
11	Education to provide a college admissions examination preparation program.
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13	Section 3: The statute will go into effect for the upcoming school year starting Aug 1, 2022. Any statute
14	contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	cw	19
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Carson King	, Robert Reams, Kaden Kidwell	Action on	the Bill
School: Rockcastle Co.	HS	House	Senate
City: Mt. Vernon		— □ Passed . □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To High School Sports Region Reclassification

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

Section 1: Sports in Kentucky are important to many high school students across the board. However, many KHSAA regions contain a majority of sports teams that hold stats that are either extremely high or low. For example, ten teams in one region may be considered good teams based off of their stats, but two may be considered bad. This gives these teams each less opportunity to become better and stronger teams. This is an unfair advantage for both situations. This is the reason for our bill. Reclassification of regions would fix this issue.

Section 2: In our bill, we propose that there be a reclassification of regions, based on past tournament success and stats. The KHSAA will hold this hearing where they reclassify the teams into different regional groups limited to 150 miles away from the high school. These hearings will take place on the first week of July each year. This is the official beginning of the school year and between high school sports seasons which is the best time for this to be revised. The bill will also go into effect July 1st, 2023 to give a year for the KHSAA to gather stats about each sports team. This only applies to high school sports teams.

Section 3: The Kentucky Board of Education appoints the KHSAA to direct all high school sports. If there is any question of regional reclassification fraud, the Kentucky Board of Education can check the KHSAA for any mishap.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Gabby Wang	g, Olivia Cecil, Harper Larkin, Kali Gross	Action o	n the Bill
School: South Oldham	HS	House	Senate
		Passed	🗆 Passed

An Act to Require CPR Certifications as Graduation Credentials

□ Defeated

□ Defeated

City: Crestwood

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

Section 1: Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) is a medical procedure of repeated compressions of a person's chest and artificial ventilation in order to restore the blood circulation and breathing of a person.

 Section 2: The American Heart Association estimates that between 100,000 to 200,000 lives could be saved each year if CPR were performed early enough.

Section 3: Seeing as health classes are mandated in every public school in Kentucky, this bill will require highschool students to be taught CPR in their health class or an after school class in order to receive at least one CPR certification during highschool, which will be a necessity in order to graduate.

Section 4: Health teachers will be obligated to have a basic life support certification, which ranges from \$60-\$80, in order to teach the class. This bill will take approximately \$160,000 from the Kentucky Department of Public Health (DPH) in order to train at least one health teacher from each public school in Kentucky and provide proper materials.

Section 5: Students must have at least one certification but due to the fact that CPR certifications expire in 2 years, it will be the school boards' decision on when their students will take the class and if they will require more than one certification. It is highly encouraged that students take the class their 12th grade year in order to avoid expiration within high school.

Section 6: This bill will be enacted July 1, 2023.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Bailey Reed,	, Hannah Baker, Emma Robinson	Action o	on the Bill
School: South Oldham	HS	House	Senate
City: Crestwood		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Providing Mental Health Services In Prison And Making An Appropriation Therefor 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: A NEW CHAPTER OF KENTUCKY KRS 441 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 6 All prisons in the state of Kentucky must administer a baseline mental health screening to determine 7 whether or not an inmate is in need of mental health services. If deemed necessary, the prison will 8 provide such services until no longer necessary. 9 10 Section 2: Any statute contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed. 11 12 Section 3: There is appropriated to the Department of Kentucky State Police from the General Fund of tax 13 money \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2021-2022 for the purposes of such Mental Health Services 14 15 Section 4: If law is not followed, it will be considered a Class A misdemeanor, which results in no more than

12 months of imprisonment for the "Warden", and a fine of up to \$500.

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Referred to Committee: Senate 3

Sponsors: Sasha Haunz, Kaitlyn Kellams, Lucy Heitz	Action on the Bill	
School: South Oldham HS	House	Senate
City: Crestwood	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to the Implementation of Physician Assisted Suicide

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

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Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 216 WILL BE CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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- (1) An attending physician can prescribe end-of-life medications to any adult who:
 - (a) Has been diagnosed with a terminal disease or condition;
 - (b) Has permanent residence in the State of Kentucky;
 - (c) Is not suffering from psychological or psychiatric disorder or depression, as confirmed by an attending physician or psychiatrist; and
 - (d) Is capable of making an informed and voluntary decision.
 - (2) An informed decision consists of the attending physician:
 - (a) informing the patient of alternative treatments, prognosis, and probable result of medication; and
 - (b) Recommending the patient contact first of kin, as well as other family and friends.
 - (3) The patient can request end-of-life medication after:
 - (a) visiting their attending physician; and
 - (b) Being referred to and visiting a consulting physician.
 - (4) After visiting both an attending and consulting physician, the patient can submit an oral request for end-of-life medication that will be documented by the attending physician. After no less than 15 days after the initial request, a written request can be submitted and documented by the attending physician. After no less than 48 hours after the submission of a written request, the attending physician can prescribe an end-of-life medication.
 - (5) The attending physician cannot administer the medication, nor can the patient take the medication on the property of the medical office.
 - (6) If the attending and consulting physician determine that the patient will die within the 15 day waiting period, then the patient can opt to advance to the written request with a waiting period of 48 hours.

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Section 2: KRS 216.302 Causing a suicide -- Assisting in a suicide is amended to read as follows: Insert (3) to read as follows,

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"Those identified as an attending or consulting physician that have undergone the procedure outlined in KRS 216 are not subject to penalty or felony."

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Section 3: The following KRS section is repealed: 216.308 Revocation of license of health care professional assisting in a suicide.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 23	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: use 1
Sponsors: Emily Richardson, Hannah Richardson, Priya Patel		Action on the Bill	
School: South Oldham	HS	House	Senate
City: Crestwood		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Decreasing Poverty Among Children In The State of Kentucky

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

Section 1: The national poverty line for a family of four living in the United States has been defined as \$26,500. Any family of 4 bringing in less than \$26,500 annually is considered impoverished. Child poverty rates account for any person under the age of 18 living in an impoverished family.

Section 2: We propose to establish a state level Earned Income Tax Credit and a state-level Child Tax Credit for Kentucky. Kentucky does not currently offer a state-level EITC, or CTC (30 states do). The only tax credit Kentucky currently offers for families with children and/or dependents is the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit (CDCTC). However, this CDCTC is non-refundable, and only credits a maximum of \$210 for one child, and \$420 for two or more children.

Section 3: The CTC allows taxpayers to claim a credit up to \$2,000 for each child/dependent that qualifies, with a \$1,400 maximum refundable credit. The credit maximum is reduced by 5 percent when the AGI is \$200,000 or more for single tax filers, and \$400,000 or more for married tax filers. The EITC is a credit primarily for families with an AGI under \$30,000. The credit allows taxpayers to claim a credit up to \$6,557 (this amount is the same for single or married filers. This amount refers to families with three or more children).

Section 4: Upon passage, this bill will go into effect July 1, 2022.

□	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 24	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Gray Taylor, Eli Gersony		Action on the Bill	
School: Sphinx Academy		House	Senate
City: Lexington		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Establishing the New State of Revere

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

Section 1: A separate and independent state is established from the northern portions of Kentucky. The new state is named and known as the state of Revere. The southern and eastern boundary of Revere follows the southern borders of Bullitt, Nelson, Marion, Boyle, Garrard, Madison, Estill, Powell, and Menifee counties, and the eastern borders of Menifee, Bath, Fleming, and Mason counties. The western and northern borders of Revere are the existing state borders.

Section 2: Transition committees are established to assist in the formation of the new state of Revere. Each transition committee shall be responsible for developing and adopting a master plan for its respective policy area to establish the government of the state of Revere. Transition committees are established for the following policy areas: Executive functions; Legislative functions; Judicial functions and courts; Statewide elections; Debt; Revenue and taxes; Infrastructure; Transportation; Education; Ecology and natural resources; Public safety and law enforcement; Labor and personnel; Agriculture; and Health care.

Section 3: Each transition committee is comprised of four state legislators and three experts, consultants, or other support staff, including an attorney not employed by the attorney general, who are chosen by a majority vote of the four legislators on the transition committee. The four legislators on each transition committee are chosen as follows: The speaker of the house of representatives, the minority leader of the house of representatives, the senate majority leader, and the senate minority leader shall each choose one legislator from his or her caucus to serve on each transition committee. If there are not enough legislators in a caucus, legislators from that caucus may be assigned to multiple committees. Of the two legislators chosen by leadership of each party, at least one must represent a district that predominantly lies within the boundaries of the proposed state. The membership of each transition committee must be finalized within 30 days after this section takes effect. The governor shall call the first meeting of the transition committees, to be held within 45 days after the committee membership is finalized. Each transition committee must develop its master plan within three years of the effective date of this section.

Section 4: This act takes effect immediately upon the United States congress's consent to the formation of a new state of Revere in accordance with Article IV, section 3 of the United States Constitution.

Section 5: The governor shall provide written notice of the effective date of this act to affected parties, the chief clerk of the house of representatives, the secretary of state, and others as deemed appropriate by the governor.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 25	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: use 1
Sponsors: Jonathan Green, Nathan Green, Tyler Orne, Cole Sutherland		Action on the Bill	
School: Walden School HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ ☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To The Use of Illegal Substances In The Equine Industry

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

Section 1: Recognizing that the punishments listed within section 810 KAR 8:030 are too weak in regards to punishing horse owners or trainers who have massive amounts of money.

Section 2: Aware that the entrance fee to The Kentucky Derby is \$25,000 and, as listed in section 3 of 810 KAR 8:030, the average punishment is only a \$1,500 fine and two-year suspension from racing

Section 3: Alarmed by the fact that Lasix, one of the most commonly used drugs in the equine industry, will cause heavy internal bleeding and hemorrhages in horses. Nearly all horse owners and trainers have been caught utilizing it. In a recent race in Keeneland, out of the 11 races, 98.3% of the horses were utilizing Lasix.

Section 4: Section 4: 810 KAR 8:030 is amended to enforce stricter and harsher penalties by shifting punishments of later offences onto earlier ones (for example, a first time offence shall have the punishment of a second offence, a second time offence shall have the punishment of a third offence).

Section 4: Section 4. 810 KAR 8:030 is amended to stricter maximum punishments: Class A drug offences for trainers is a \$250,000 fine and a guaranteed lifetime ban from the practice, for owners a \$100,000 fine will be added to current penalties.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Shayna Bassi, Hana Daye		Action on	the Bill
School: Williamstown Sr. HS		House	Senate
City: Williamstown		Defeated	□ Passed

An act relating to inclusivity training for teachers, specifically with LGBTQ+ matters 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: (1) All public-school teachers must be trained in LGBTQ+ inclusion by implementing the Welcoming Schools program created by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation into all Kentucky public schools. Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed. Section 3: If teachers fail to, or refuse to participate in the program it will be considered insubordination and

teachers will face the consequence that their board of education chooses to enforce.

Section 4: Goes into effect beginning with the 2022–2023 school year.