•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 1	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Alije Hoxha	, Bug Melchiors, Aiden Talty, Zach Berry	Action o	n the Bill
School: Bullitt Lick MS		House	Senate
City: Shepherdsville		☐ ☐ Passed	□ Passed

1	An Act Relating To renewable energy and K-12 schools.
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 162 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
6	50% of all public and private schools in Kentucky will be powered by solar energy no later than
7	January 1, 2032.
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9	Section 2: 75% of costs will be paid by the Department of Education either in full or by installments. The
10	remaining costs will be paid by the school district or other governing body.
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12	Section 3: Superintendents and other governing bodies will decide which schools are powered by solar
13	energy and which are powered by other means. This includes wind, geothermal, and legacy fossil fuels.
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15	Section 4: Penalties: Failure to comply with this statute will result in the loss of 75% of extracurricular
16	activity funds.
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18	Section 5: Responsibility for enforcing this act falls to the Kentucky Department of Education and the
19	Attorney General.
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Section 6: This Act takes effect on January 1, 2022.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 2	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to G	
Sponsors: Berkley Rog	gers, Emme Peterson, Grace Tibe, Sophia Arms	Action or	the Bill
School: Christ the King]	House	Senate
City: Lexinaton		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Requiring Children Under Age 18 To Be Evaluated For Child Abuse.

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

Section 1: At a minor's annual well child checkup, he or she will receive a physical and emotional abuse evaluation. This evaluation will be given to the minor by a nurse or pediatrician. If a minor is not of age to take a paper evaluation, it will be given to the child verbally. The parent or guardian must remain outside of the room while the evaluation is being given by two medical professionals. This will ensure there will be no interference with the child's responses. The purpose of the evaluation is to stop and/or prevent child abuse within the state of Kentucky.

Section 2: The evaluation will consist of 15 broad questions. These questions will be about life at home and how the adults in the child's life make him or her feel. Multiple choice questions will only be used, and the evaluation should take around 10 minutes to complete (time may vary upon different circumstances). The evaluation questions will vary by age groups, but both the verbal and paper copy of the age group variations will include the same questions. Some example questions could be, "Do you feel safe around any of the adults in your home?" and "Have you seen anyone in your home be hurt?".

Section 3: Health care workers are already trained to recognize different forms of abuse in children. This evaluation will help medical professionals detect any abuse that may not be easily identified in children while also further confirming abuse that is more obvious. If a child has three answers that are of concern or seem to need more inspection then the healthcare professional will be required to contact child protective services as is already required by law. With this evaluation, child abuse prevention rates will increase and healthcare professionals will be able to help the children that need it.

Section 4: Kentucky has the highest child abuse rates in the United States, and this bill will help to subside that number. It will reduce deaths caused by child abuse, and additionally, it will support the mental health of children. The most vulnerable people of Kentucky, its children, will be protected by this bill. It will decrease the rates of anxiety and depression disorders in teenagers and young children. Overall, it will better Kentucky's future because the children that are youth now will later lead this state and country. This state will benefit to a great extent if its youth are happy, healthy, and safe.

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

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	3
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to (
Sponsors: Allie Neeley,	, Aliyah Ridener, Braxston Yoste, Jackson Willis	Action or	the Bill
School: Corbin MS		House	Senate
		□ Passed	□ Passed

□ Defeated

□ Defeated

City: Corbin

 Policy Area I Conservation An Act Relating To the Finding of an Alternative To Dumping Excess Mining Remains Into Natural Waterways

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

Section 1: By finding an alternative to dumping surface mining remains we could increase water quality.

Section 2: By finding an alternative, we will protect our fish and keep them from dying. In 2016, over 700 fish died from a mining spill, which laced their waters with high amounts of iron. If we didn't dump our excess mining waste into these waters, we could save hundreds of fish.

Section 3: By finding an alternative, we will make the world a safer place for all animals and people to live.

Section 4: The funding for this Bill will come from fundraising advocates. (If there are not enough funds from donations, it will be taken out of state taxes used for conservation.)

Section 5: This Bill will take effect in 2022.

Section 6: This Bill will be enforced by the Wildlife Conservation Center.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	4
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 3
Sponsors: Colin Gearh	eart, Chloe Huff, Mickey Holbrook	Action o	n the Bill
School: Duff-Allen Cen	tral ES	House	Senate
City: Eastern		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Later School Start Times

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

Section 1: One positive change that can be enacted is for schools to delay their start times. This change can greatly affect the quality of public school education in Kentucky. This bill proposes that public schools should delay their start times either by one hour or until 9:00 AM, whichever is earlier. There is no cost to implement this change.

Section 2: This change of times will allow students to be less sleep deprived. Sleep deprivation is a big problem in children. According to Stanford Medicine, more than 87 percent of high school students in the United States get far less than the recommended eight to ten hours. Sleep deprivation can cause changes in mood, malnourishment, poor academic performance, and lack of motivation.

Section 3: Later start times may affect how accessible it is to parents who work later times to pick up their kids. Many parents and guardians work a schedule that does not align with the typical school day. This schedule change allows for them to pick up their children at what is likely a more convenient time. Similar to after-school programs for working parents, schools may begin implementing before-school programs to accommodate parent/guardian schedules that are negatively affected by this change.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 5	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Kiera Moore		Action o	n the Bill
School: East Oldham M	S	House	Senate
City: Crestwood		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Establishing Child Abuse as a Class B Felony 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: We propose the following amendment to KRS 439.3401: any violent abuse of a child shall be 6 counted as a Class B Felony regardless of whether the victim survives or not. 7 8 Section 2: This follows the definitions for "violent", "abuse", "child", and "Class B felony" as established in KRS 9 439.3401 10 11 Section 3: The bill will make sure that any child abuser who has been sentenced to life; a Class A felony with 12 life; or death and their sentence reduced to life will not be allowed on probation or parole until they have 13 served 20 years. 14 15 Section 4: A violent offender who has been convicted of a capital offense or Class A felony or Class B felony 16 shall not be released on probation or parole until he has served at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the 17 sentence imposed. 18

Section 5: This bill will be enacted immediately upon its passing.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 6	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Kane Welch	n, Amber Coomes, Norma Gladhill, Trenton Myrick	Action on	the Bill
School: Flaherty ES		House	Senate
City: Fkron		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed

An Act to provide major improvements in Kentucky's animal protection laws by strengthening penalties to persons found quilty of animal abuse.

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

Section 1: Allowances will be made to charge accused animal abusers with a Class D Felony in the most serious cases of animal abuse and neglect (e.g. starvation, torture, and abandonment). Presently, most animal cruelty cases are considered Class A misdemeanors, with very light if any jail time (misdemeanors may be punishable by 90 days up to 12 months in jail and fines up to \$500).

Section 2: Any person who is charged as a repeat animal abuser will automatically be charged with a Class D Felony (punishable by one to five years in prison with fines up to \$10,000).

Section 3: Any animal suspected to the cruelty of animal abuse will be immediately removed from the location and placed in animal foster care, Humane Societies and shelters, or taken to animal clinics for health care.

Section 4: Any person or persons convicted of animal abuse will be prohibited from owning other animals for an extended period of time to be determined by the courts (ex. 5 years). Any repeat offenders will be banned for life.

Section 5: The state will provide mandatory health evaluations or counseling for all offenders found quilty.

Section 6: This bill will be funded and supported by animal rights groups (e.g. ASPCA, PETA), Humane Societies and fines imposed on convicted animal abusers for "cost of care."

Section 7: This law will go into affect at the beginning of the new fiscal year on July 1, 2022.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG 7	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: use 1
Sponsors: Mackenzie	Davidson, Ella Peden, Emma Newberry, Evelyn Dobbs	Action o	on the Bill
School: Franklin-Simps	son MS	House	Senate
City: Franklin		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
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1 An Act Relating To Providing A Daily Recess Like Break For K-12 students 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: This bill requires a mandatory mind and social break period everyday for K-12 students that is a 6 minimum of 15 minutes. The individual schools can determine if they are to give more time for students and 7 what these breaks will look like. 8 9 Section 2: This break doesn't necessarily require any physical activity although it can be an option if students 10 choose. 11 12 Section 3: The purpose of this bill is to give students a break throughout the school day. This could help 13 prevent anxiety and give students a boost of energy throughout the day. 14 15 Section 4: The following are the consequences for not following the law: 16 1st Offense: Warning to the school district 17 2nd Offense: \$1,000 fine for the school district 18 3rd Offense: \$5,000 fine for the school district 19 4th Offense: \$10,000 fine for the school district 20 21 Section 5: This bill will not require any funds from tax payer money or any other government association. 22 23 Section 6: This law will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education. 24

Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed.

Section 8: This law will go into effect on July 1st, 2022.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Natalya Mc	cutchen, Aysha Cosby, Emma Toth, Sydney Konow	Action o	n the Bill
School: Franklin-Simps	on MS	House	Senate
City: Franklin		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
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1 An Act Relating To Requiring School Districts To Have A Late Bus Route At Least Twice A Week. 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: This bill will require school districts to have a late bus at least twice a week. This will ensure all 6 students can participate in extracurricular activities. 7 8 Section 2: To ensure we will have enough buses/drivers, students will have to sign up a week in advance with 9 their schools. 10 11 Section 3: The purpose of this bill is to provide equitable access for all students to participate in 12 extracurricular activities. These activities could include clubs, sports, after school help, etc. 13 14 Section 4: The following are the consequences for not following the law: 15 1st Offense: Warning to the school district 16 2nd Offense: \$1,000 fine for the school district 17 3rd Offense: \$5,000 fine for the school district 18 4th Offense: \$10,000 fine for the school district 19 20 Section 5: Funding for this bill will come from the federal COVID-19 relief funds designated for the 21 Commonwealth of Kentucky. 22 23 Section 6: The law will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education. 24 25 Section 7: All laws or part of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed.

Section 8: This law will go into effect on July 1st, 2022.

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

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Referred to Committee: Senate 4

Sponsors: Iris Loyall, Lydia Poteet, Jude Borden	Action on the Bill
School: Highlands MS	House Senate
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City: Ft. Thomas	Defeated Defeate

An Act Relating To the cost of care for animals seized in cases of cruelty and neglect.

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

Section 1: Under current Kentucky law, when animals are taken into custody in cases such as cruelty, neglect, or animal fighting, by a peace officer or animal control officer, the cost of care for the animals while they are in custody before the end of a trial falls on the county in which the animals are held. A majority of animal neglect and cruelty cases are never pursued, and animals remain in dangerous situations because the cost of caring for the animals prior to the completion of a trial is unaffordable for many Kentucky counties. The costs in hoarding situations can run into tens of thousands of dollars depending upon the number and type of animal. Although the county can seek restitution for costs after a conviction, many counties see little, if any, reimbursement of their costs.

Section 2: Within five days of an animal being seized for cruelty or neglect under Section 525 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the owner must give notice that they intend to try to maintain ownership of the animal, and their willingness to pay reasonable costs for the care of the animal while the animal is in the custody of the seizing agency. If they do not give that declaration, then the animal is deemed abandoned, and ownership is forfeited to the seizing agency within the county.

Section 3:

- (a) If a person declares that they wish to maintain ownership of an animal under section 2, the seizing agency can petition the court to require the owner to pay into the court an amount of money reasonably anticipated to cover costs related to care of the animal. The seizing agency shall present the court with an accounting of the reasonably anticipated costs of caring for the animals while they are in custody.
- (b) The court, within ten days of receiving the petition, shall hold a hearing to determine if, by a preponderance of the evidence, that an animal has been subject to cruelty, neglect, or abandonment. If such a finding is made, then the seizing agency shall maintain control of the animal, and the owner shall pay into the court the amount of money reasonably required to care for the animal. If the owner cannot or will not post the bond, then ownership of the animal is immediately forfeited to the seizing agency.
- (c) If at the end of trial proceedings for cruelty and neglect the court finds in favor of the defendant, the amount of the bond not spent on care for the animals shall be returned to the owner.
- Section 4: Any animal forfeited to the seizing agency shall be immediately made available for adoption.
- Section 5: This bill shall take effect 120 days after the date of enactment.

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the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	10
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Alex Moore	, Mijaia Dunn, Will Dean, Davis Tyler	Action o	n the Bill
School: Kenneth D. Kir	ng MS	House	Senate
City: Harrodsburg		☐ ☐ Passed ☐ ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Mandating Vision Tests for KY drivers 55 and over When Renewing Driver's License

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

Section 1: According to KRS 186.577, all persons applying for an initial operator's license or an initial instruction permit shall submit to a test of visual acuity and visual field at the time of application. Currently vision screening is not required for renewal unless the license has been expired for more than one year. Our bill would mandate that all Kentucky drivers would be required to pass a visual acuity test once they turn 55 and each time they renew their driver's license. A Kentucky operator's license is valid for four or eight years. (Eight year credentials are only available for new standard licenses and REAL IDs.)

Section 2: The purpose of this bill is to reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents in the state of KY. Drivers 55 and over will be required to pass a vision test every four or eight years (depending on the type of license) when they renew their KY driver's license. The vision test will be administered by the KY State Police officers assigned to the regional offices. Reminder cards will be mailed to KY drivers two months before their 55th birthday and drivers will have 90 days to schedule and pass a vision test.

Section 3: If a driver is pulled over and their vision test is not up to date, drivers would receive a warning and have 30 days to show proof of passing a vision test. If after 30 days and no proof is shown, then the driver will be fined \$50. If they do not pay the fine, they could have their license suspended. If drivers fail the vision test, they will be referred to a vision specialist and their license will be suspended until a vision test is passed.

Section 4: Persons moving into Kentucky have 30 days to obtain a Kentucky Driver's License. If the out-of-state license is valid when transferring to Kentucky, a test will not be required. However, if the license has expired for more than one year at the time of transfer, drivers will be required to take both the written and eye exams before being issued a Kentucky operator's permit or license. If the license is expired for more than five years, the driver will be required to start over as a new driver.

Section 5: Upon passage of this bill, it will go into effect on August 1, 2022, in order to prepare for extra vision testing and to transition to Driver Licensing Regional Offices in Kentucky.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	11
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 3
Sponsors: Addy Bliede	n, Mason Koon, Sadler Ishmael	Action o	n the Bill
School: Louisville Colle	giate MS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed

An Act Relating To Assistance for Homeless Veterans

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

Section 1: In Kentucky, we have a profound number of homeless Veterans. About 14% of Kentucky is homeless, and about 6,000 of those people are veterans.

Section 2: Currently, law 40.340 states that veterans in Kentucky are entitled to rehab against drug abuse, alcoholism, and gambling but is not limited to those things. It also states that veterans not dishonorably discharged are entitled to permanent housing.

Section 3: Our bill proposes the state buy second-hand real estate such as abandoned malls and hospitals to renovate and make into comfortable living spaces for veterans. Veterans would have to meet specific requirements to be able to stay in the homes such as consistent health check-ups and therapy sessions. Plus Veteran affairs and doctors can establish offices within the buildings.

Section 4: Money to fund this would come from the Veterans Affairs Association, which has a budget of \$240 billion dollars for the year 2021. We want a portion of this budget to be used towards funding permanent shelters for our homeless veterans.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	12
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Sophia Lee,	Abigail Pope, Mustafa Sattaur	Action o	n the Bill
School: Louisville Colle	giate MS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An act to end student homelessness

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

Section 1: In the state of Kentucky, there are about 24,200 homeless students whereas, the homeless veteran population is only about 450 people. There is a big contrast between these two groups of people. We have realized that it is very hard to put a meal on the table and there are people who take it for granted. We want to make sure that at least two meals are put on the table.

Section 2: Unfortunately, there are no laws to support student homelessness besides the McKinney-Vento act. This act includes that unaccompanied youth must submit an approved plan for satisfactory assurance.

Section 3: Other state's laws are similar, but other states have more funding. California has \$7.4 billion in funding for this year alone. As well as many other states investing for the well-being of their students. Tennessee has laws not for funding, but for helping homeless students that are going into higher education, such as college.

Section 4: Our solution is to give free school supplies, high-quality food, and access to small and comfortable sleeping pods with showers and toilets. Pods centers will be set up in abandoned lots in close proximity to safe centers such as police centers, fire stations, and schools. We want people to be able to live comfortably and achieve their dreams, without worrying about not having any food, having to pay school fees, and getting evicted from their homes.

Section 5: In April 2021 The U.S. Department of Education said it was sending 13 million dollars to the state of Kentucky to help with student homelessness. The 2020 funding for student homelessness in KY is 950,000 dollars.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	13
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: use 4
Sponsors: Emily Vetter	r, Julianne Woodham, Kennedy Stetson	Action o	on the Bill
School: Our Lady of Lo	urdes	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act to Require All Schools in Kentucky to Have a Defibrillator

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

Section 1: All schools operating in the Commonwealth of Kentucky will be required to have at least one working defibrillator in the school building. Funding for the machines and training will be paid for by the county school boards.

Section 2: At least two people must be certified to use the machine and must be on campus when school is in session and/or students are in the building. A school could choose to train more people. Also, qualified people must be on campus when there are extracurricular activities.

Section 3: The defibrillator must be in a case hung on a wall readily accessible to qualified people. The cabinet has to have an alarm to indicate that the device is being used, so an ambulance can be called.

Section 4: All schools must have at least one working defibrillator and at least two trained personnel by the beginning of the school year 2022–23. Failure to comply by the beginning of the school year will result in the suspension of state school funding for the days, not in compliance with the law.

Section 5: Schools that do not have the funds to do this can apply for money supplied by the Kentucky Lottery.

Section 6: This bill will be in effect three months after passage and the Governor signs it.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	14
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 2
Sponsors: Jack Gardne	r, Landon Curtsinger, Mitchell Reeves, Jude Wigginton	Action o	n the Bill
School: Seton Catholic	School	House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To provide a tax incentive to solar energy companies who come to Kentucky.

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

Section 1: Kentucky currently ranks 34th in the nation for effective clean energy. Solar panels are clean, can make energy and , with a battery bank, can store several days worth of energy. They won't ever run out or be in low supply. Solar batteries can last for 15–30 years depending on the type. Solar energy saves the average homeowner around \$20,000 over 20 years.

Section 2: Kentucky has had 16% fewer jobs since the beginning of the Covid-19 outbreak. This bill can bring many jobs o Kentucky. If a company like Sungevity or Nextera Energy builds a plant in Kentucky, the company will bring much needed jobs to Kentucky. The company will need workers for building and manufacturing solar panels and for making sure the solar panels in the field are working and are collecting energy correctly.

Section 3: The IRS will enforce this bill.

Section 4: There is no cost to this bill.

20 Section 5: This bill will go into effect on May 1, 2022.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	15
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Christy Cerv	voni, Greta Ivy, Mary Lush	Action o	n the Bill
School: Seton Catholic	School	House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To requiring zoos, petting zoos, and aquariums in Kentucky to provide the proper space allotment for each animal in its care.

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

Section 1: Animals need ample living space to thrive. Many times, the living space necessary for an animal to grow and live comfortably is far more than what is provided in facilities whose objective is research, education, and entertainment.

Section 2: This law will require all businesses housing animals to indicate their objective. If that objective is for research, education, and/or entertainment, then those businesses will need to follow the shelter guidelines set forth by the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. These guidelines will be research based and will allow for the ample comfort for animals to live and thrive. These guidelines will also take into consideration the amount of time necessary each animal/species will need to spend in the larger living quarters.

Section 3: The Kentucky Department of Agriculture will enforce this bill.

Section 4: It will be up to the individual business to provide the money for the animals living spaces.

Section 5: If a business fails to indicate that they are a research, educational and/or entertainment but they are, they will receive a \$500 fine and will have one month to make the necessary changes in animal living quarters. If a business fails to comply with the animal living quarters guidelines, they will be charged:

1st offense-\$50 per animal. 2nd offense-\$100 per animal

 3rd offense-\$200 per animal until the animal shelters follow guidelines.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	16
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Briley Staple	es, Elliott Underwood, Isaiah Nally, Parker Wilcoxson	Action o	n the Bill
School: Shelby Co. East	: MS	House	Senate
City: Shelbyville		· □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Equity & Fairness in Jury Selection Processes Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 29A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS; Section 2: This bill will provide an Equal Opportunity for minority people serving as registered citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the Jury Selection Process. A Jury can not be one race and if a Jury member of one race repeals their duties as a jury member, a Re-pick of jurors of that race will take place. Section 3: The bill will state that any official Kentucky citizen can be called for jury duties but can turn down the responsibility. The person that is called has to be available for the jury position. If they are unable to serve this jury, they can decline the position of jury duty. Section 4: Any Statute Contrary to This Act Shall Be Amended Or Repealed. Section 5: This bill will be effected in 90 days upon passage.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	17
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Abbie Fairbo	ourn, Jenna Elam, Mason Plottner	Action on	the Bill
School: Shelby Co. Wes	st MS	House	Senate
City: Shelbyville		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

1	An Act Relating To The Increase of Minority Teachers
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 161 IS CREATED TO INCREASE MINORITY TEACHERS IN
6	GRADES K-12 public schools.
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8	Section 2: There will be a \$1 million scholarship program over the next 10 years, to give minority college
9	students who promise to go into education a \$1500 scholarship a year. Students will have to teach for two
10	years in Kentucky public schools or will be required to pay back the grant.
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12	Section 3: By 2026 every district will have 10%, minority teachers.
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14	Section 4: Any Statute Contrary to This Act Shall Be Amended Or Repealed.
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16	Section 5: This bill shall go Into Effect in the school year of 2023-2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	18
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 4	
Sponsors: Hannah Gan	t, Kinsley Luther, Raeleigh Mcdonald, Takayla Hale	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Andrew Aca	demy	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To FREE FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS IN SCHOOLS.

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

Section 1: This bill requires all public and charter schools which have students in grades 6–12 to provide free feminine hygiene products in 50% of the bathrooms used by students who can have a menstrual cycle.

Section 2: This bill also requires schools to publish on its website and post in its common areas the locations of the bathrooms where the hygiene products are provided.

Section 3: Finally, this bill provides that each school must consult with its school nurse regarding the products to be provided. This will go into effect after the standard 90 days.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	19
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: House 2	
Sponsors: Pj Harris, L	eland Bernauer, Cole Sprague, Todd Niemann	Action on	the Bill
School: St. Francis of	Assisi	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed ☐ Pefeated	□ Passed

An act relating to eliminating Kentucky sales tax on school supplies and clothing.

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

Section 1: Every year, parents buy their kids supplies and clothing for school. It is estimated that all the school supplies and clothing on average cost \$272.00. In Kentucky that would incur a 6% sales tax. That would be an additional \$16.32 in sales tax.

Section 2: KRS 139.470 (25) is created to read as follows:

Gross receipts from the sale of shoes and clothing items under \$75.00, as well as school and art supplies under \$100.00, will be exempt from Kentucky sales tax on the first Saturday and Sunday of every August.

Section 3: This Act takes effect on August 6, 2022.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	BG	20
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Alex Naylor,	, Courtney Scott, Emma Groves, Sophia Mcghee	Action o	on the Bill
School: Sts. Peter and	Paul - Hopkinsville	House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville		☐ ☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To requiring all counties in Kentucky to implement programming to receive 911 texts in all Emergency Operations Centers.

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 65.760 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

 All counties in Kentucky will be required to implement programming to receive 911 texts in all Emergency Operations Centers.

Section 2: The Federal Communications Commission requires all wireless carriers and other providers of text messaging applications in the United States to deliver emergency texts to call centers; however, not all emergency call centers have the capability to receive the text messages. This new section of KRS Chapter 65.760 will require all counties in Kentucky to implement this service.

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

Section 4: Al counties will have 1 year from the passage of this bill to comply.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 1	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Emma-Mar	ie Glockler	Action on	the Bill
School: Bullitt Lick MS		House	Senate
City· Shenherdsville		☐ Passed	Defeated

1	An Act Relating To renewable energy and K-12 schools.
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 162 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
6	50% of all public and private schools in Kentucky will be powered by solar energy no later than
7	January 1, 2032.
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9	Section 2: 75% of costs will be paid by the Department of Education either in full or by installments. The
10	remaining costs will be paid by the school district or other governing body.
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12	Section 3: Superintendents and other governing bodies will decide which schools are powered by solar
13	energy and which are powered by other means. This includes wind, geothermal, and legacy fossil fuels.
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15	Section 4: Penalties: Failure to comply with this statute will result in the loss of 75% of extracurricular
16	activity funds.
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18	Section 5: Responsibility for enforcing this act falls to the Kentucky Department of Education and the
19	Attorney General.
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21	Section 6: This Act takes effect on January 1, 2022.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 2	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Noah Sims,	Kate Hatfield, Kendell Gaddis	Action o	n the Bill
School: Burgin Indepe	ndent	House	Senate
City: Burgin		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To requiring all persons convicted of animal cruelty to be placed on an animal cruelty registry

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

Section 1: According to the Animal Defense Legal Fund in 2020, Kentucky ranks 47th in the nation, based on the strength of its animal protection laws. According to petpedia.com, every 60 seconds one animal suffers abuse and more than 10 million animals are killed from abuse in the U.S alone. Additionally, in 2016 the FBI added animal cruelty to their Universal Crime Reporting Program due to the increase in animal abuse cases and data is currenlty being collected through participating law enforcement agents using the Bureau's National Incident-Based Reporting System.

Section 2: This bill would create an animal abuse registry, available for public use to ensure the safety of our Commonwealth's animals.

Section 3: Any person convicted of animal abuse will be placed on the registry for 8 years and will not be allowed to own a pet during that time. The first offence of being caught with a pet (while on the registry) would be to surrender the animal. Second offense, would be to both surrender the animal and pay all rehoming costs. Later offences will result in the same consequences plus a graduated fine starting at \$250 and increasing by \$50 for each offence. It shall be the offender's responsibility to notify their local county clerk of any changes to their address within 5 business days; non-compliance will result in a fine of \$25 per day late. All fines will be donated to the Kentucky Humane Society.

Section 4: The initial funding for the creation and maintenance of the registry website will be funded by the Kentucky State Police.

Section 5: This act will take effect 90 days after passage

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Referred to Committee: House 2

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Sponsors: Mary Walker West, Addison Carrillo, Polly Rink, Amira David	Action on the Bill	
School: Christ the King	House	Senate
City: Lexington	Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Suicide Prevention Programs in Kentucky Schools

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

Section 1: The current conduct of Kentucky mentioning suicide prevention per Kentucky Revised Statues (KRS) guidelines is KRS 156.095. This code requires that all middle and high school students receive suicide prevention information before September 15. The information can be delivered in person, by live stream, or by video recording to all students in grades 6–12. Experts recommend that it is important to tailor the delivery to the current situation, but it is not required. Instructors have a one hour refresher course each year, but the delivery of the information is currently not required to be updated. This bill would require a second suicide prevention course per school year, as well as a yearly check in of the current curriculum and possible update of said course.

Section 2: In addition to the one suicide prevention lesson that happens before September 15, there should be a second lesson with a deadline of February 14. The February lesson is needed because according to Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania, suicide rates fall from November through January, and rise from February until the end of the school year.

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The annual check of the current curriculum would include looking over the curriculum for outdated information, as well as changing what is necessary and/or purchasing new additions for the second lesson in February.

Section 3: The total cost of purchasing or updating a curriculum will vary based on the specific needs of each school. Referencing the 2021 Fayette County budget, the Student Support Services section includes Supplies and Materials which was budgeted for \$31,800. It is estimated that in the year 2022 the budget will increase to \$39,920. Purchasing a new suicide curriculum is negligible because the overall 2021 budget for Fayette County was \$504,860,741. In conclusion, the purchase of a new or updated curriculum will not largely impact this budget.

Section 4: Suicide prevention is often overlooked, but it has several benefits. The lessons benefit grades six through twelve. Implementing a second curriculum in February into our school systems is one of the most beneficial steps towards help, since the rates rise in the spring students will be reminded their life is worth living. Additionally, as previously stated, another curriculum will most likely not impact the cost very much.

Section 5: This law goes into effect August 1st in preparation for the upcoming school year.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 4	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: B.J. Jackson	ı, Baron Butler, Addy Mae Wilson, Mary Simons	Action c	on the Bill
School: Corbin MS		House	Senate
City: Corbin		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

Policy Area | Education and Educators: An Act Relating to the Increase of Main Course Portion Sizes In School-Provided Meals

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

Section 1: Better quantity control in school lunches will insure most students will meet their nutritional requirements. Students meeting this requirement will result in healthier, happier and more productive students.

Section 2: Children risk being unfocused by not having plentiful meals. Research proves that children can become distracted if their nutritional requirements have not been met. Students may have less stamina and feel dizzy or "lightheaded" when they do not receive adequate calorie intake throughout the day.

Section 3: Not taking in enough calories at school meal times can not only affect students in class, but it also has an especially negative effect on students who stay after school for extracurricular activities such as sports.

Section 4: Funding for this Bill would already be in place through the School Meal Programs, a federally assisted meal program currently used by schools.

Section 5: This Bill will take effect at the beginning of the 2022–23 school year.

Section 6: This Bill would be enforced by the School and Community Nutrition Division of the Kentucky Department of Education.

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through the school guidance office.

Section 6: The Kentucky Department of Education will enforce this bill.

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s	ponsors: Jasper Blankenship, Léo Galton, Whitley Calico, Audree Sparks	Action on	the Bill
S	chool: Corbin MS	House	Senate
c	ity: Corbin	□ Passed	Defeat
1	Policy Area Education and Educators: An Act Relating to the Spreading of Aw	areness in Schools	About the
2 3	Issue of Sexual Assault		
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4 5	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
6 7	Section 1: Increasing awareness of sexual assault and knowledge of how to proof assault and improve mental health of students.	event it can help lov	ver rates
8 9 0	Section 2: Sexual assault is and has been a large problem for women and men is specifically Kentucky, for many years. In 2003, at a time where sexual assault a	awareness was mud	h lower,
1 2 3 4	rape was reported about every 14 minutes. One of the key aspects to stopping know the signs. Widespread education of what these signs are would help peopet help and may prevent assault in the first place.	• •	
5 6	Section 3: This bill will be for students in all Kentucky schools from 5th to 12th	grade.	
7 8	Section 4: The bill funding would rely on state taxes and grant funding.		
9	Section 5: Implementation would be at the discretion of each local school board	d and could be man	aged

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 6	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: ate 4
Sponsors: Reagan Lafe	erty, Braxton Howard, Nadelie Caudill, Marleigh Lawson	Action o	n the Bill
School: Duff-Allen Cen	tral ES	House	Senate
City: Eastern		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Protecting Kentuckians from Landslides

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

Section 1: According to the Kentucky Geological Survey, there have been over 2,300 recorded landslides in the state. Landslides are the downslope movement of rock or soil. Regions like the Appalachian Mountains are especially prone to landslides due to their rocky soil. The cost to repair landslides can be millions of dollars. Across the country, landslides cause billions of dollars of damage and around 25 deaths annually. The impact of a landslide can be extensive, including loss of life, destruction of infrastructure, damage to land and loss of natural resources.

Section 2: This bill would require that all exposed cliffs and other potential landslide areas on construction sites must be covered in protective netting. The sites must abide by these rules at any time there is no active construction on the cliff.

Section 3: When applying for construction permits, areas that must be netted will be determined by the applicable agency issuing the permit. This may include the city or county clerk, local zoning office, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, and other agencies. If a rather extensive portion of cliffs will be in the site, the applicable agency will determine what portions of the cliffs must be netted while other portions undergo active construction, so as to still minimize the risk of a landslide.

Section 4: In the event that builders do not abide by this law, citizens may report their negligence to the applicable permit-issuing agencies or local law enforcement who will then investigate. Construction will be halted until the situation is remedied. Fines may also be imposed at the discretion of the permit-issuing agency. These consequences will be agreed to by the builders before the permit is issued.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Emerson M	lartin, Kirra Watson, Sophie Flanagan	Action on	the Bill
School: East Oldham	MS	House	Senate
City: Crestwood		□ Passed	□ Passed

1	An Act Relating To pesticides used 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: Pesticides containing neonicotinoids shall be prohibited for personal, commercial, and government
6 7	use in the Commonwealth.
8	Section 2: Pesticides containing neonicotinoids shall be prohibited for personal, commercial, and government
9	sale in the Commonwealth.
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1	Section 3: The Department of Agriculture shall investigate any alleged use or sale of said pesticides in
2	sections 1 and 2.
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4	Section 4: Should an individual or organization fail to comply, first they shall receive a written warning. On a
5	second offense, they shall be charged a 500 dollar fine per acre the neonicotinoids are used on. The third
6	offense shall be charged with a criminal offense as a Class A misdemeanor.
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Section 5: This bill will take effect 3 months after its passing.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: ate 3
Sponsors: Sarah Beth	Schlosser, Mya Moore, Madaleigh Doty, Eme Banton	Action o	n the Bill
School: Franklin-Simps	on MS	House	Senate
City: Franklin		☐ ☐ Passed ☐ ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To First Responders And Their Mental Health

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

Section 1: This bill would require that every department with first responders has a mental health plan. The mental health plan will be a document that sets out how the organization plans to provide services to meet the mental health of its first responders. Some examples of things included in the mental health plan could be having access to a therapist, extra personal day(s), incentives, etc. The mental health plan should be reevaluated and updated on a yearly basis.

Section 2: First responders can be defined as a person with specialized training who is among the first to arrive and provide assistance at the scene of an emergency. Some examples of first responders would be EMTs, paramedics, firefighters, and police officers.

Section 3: The purpose of this bill is for first responders to have better mental health as it relates to their jobs. Better mental health for first responders will have benefits for the community with more people staying in these career paths.

Section 4: The following are the consequences for not following the law:

1st Offense: Warning to the Organization 2nd Offense: \$1,000 fine to the Organization 3rd Offense: \$5,000 fine to the Organization 4th Offense: \$10,000 fine to the Organization

Section 5: This bill will not require any funds from tax payer money or any other government association.

Section 6: This law will be enforced by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed.

Section 8: This law will go into effect on January 1st, 2023.

○	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 9	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: use 4
Sponsors: Annsleigh B	Bonner, Mckenzie Taylor, Julia Warren, Jacie Day	Action o	on the Bill
School: Franklin-Simps	son MS	House	Senate
City: Franklin		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Providing Professional Development In The Area of Exceptional Student Services

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

Section 1: Teachers will be required to have a minimum of at least 1 hour of Professional Development a year in the area of exceptional student services. As of right now, teachers by law, are required to complete at least 24 hours of Professional Development. This bill proposes that out of those 24 hours, at least one hour would be focused on exceptional student services.

Section 2: Exceptional Student Services can be defined as services that target children who have disabilities, as well as children who are gifted and talented.

Section 3: The purpose of this bill is to ensure teachers know how to serve and teach all types of children in their classrooms.

Section 4: The following are the consequences for not following this law:

1st Offense: Warning

2nd Offense: 1 days pay suspended 3rd Offense: 3 days pay suspended

Section 5: The bill will not require any funds from tax payer money or any other government associations.

Section 6: This law will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education.

Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill are hereby repealed.

Section 8: This bill will go into effect starting on July 1, 2022.

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Referred to Committee: House 1

2	ponsors: Caroline Bishop, Emma-Kate Fields, Steven Garrett, Gracie Kerney	Action on the Bill	
2	ichool: Glasgow MS	House Senate	
ď	City: Glasgow	Defeated Defeated	
1 2	An Act Relating To The Implementation Of Mental Health Wellness Scre	enings In Public Schools	
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealtl	n of Kentucky	
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5 6 7 8	Section 1: This bill would create a law requiring schools to offer scheduled app mental health wellness screenings much like schools that currently offer denta for the uninsured.		
9	Section 2: This law would ensure that middle and high school students enrolled	d in Kentucky public schools	
10	would have the opportunity for mental health wellness screenings by appointn	, ,	
11 12	health counselor. Appointment request forms will be sent home with students.		
13	Section 3: Upon completion of mental health wellness screenings, parents will	be notified of the results so	
14	that they can make informed decisions for their child's mental well being. At th	is point, it will be the parents'	
15	decision to take further action if their child needs further counseling.		
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17 18	Section 4: When enacted, the school districts and county health departments v	will incur additional expenses.	
19	Section 5: Penalties: If Kentucky public middle or high schools do not offer stu-	dents mental health wellness	
20	screenings:		
21	1st offense: Warning		
22	2nd offense: 2% cut of state funds for the following year		
23	3rd offense: 5% cut of state funds for the following year		
24	All future offenses: 20% cut of state funds for the following year		

Section 6: Upon passage, this bill will go into effect July 1, 2023.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 11	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C Hous	
Sponsors: Dee Robins	on, Hannah Nieporte, Graham Borden, Morgan Davis	Action on	the Bill
School: Highlands MS		House	Senate
City: Et Thomas		Passed	□ Passed

An Act Relating To mandatory mental health treatment in all cases of animal abuse or neglect

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

Section 1: Literally thousands of studies conducted around the world over the past 35 years have shown an undeniable link between the abuse and neglect of animals, and interpersonal abuse, neglect, and other violent crimes. Seventy-one percent of domestic violence victims reported that their abuser also targeted the household pets. Furthermore, in a study of animal abuse defendants, 82% had committed some other crime, ranging from spousal and child abuse, to gang-related offenses. Therefore, animal abuse is one of the best indicators of future criminal behavior. Unfortunately, under current Kentucky law, mandatory mental health treatment is only required in cases of sexual abuse of an animal.

Section 2: After any conviction for animal cruelty, neglect of an animal, animal fighting, or cruelty to working animals under Section 525 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, the court shall order that person to, at their own expense, attend an appropriate treatment program, or attend psychiatric or psychological counseling.

Section 3: This bill shall take effect 120 days after the date of enactment.

· · ·	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	CW 12	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: ate 1
Sponsors: Bella Zamar	nian, Alexis Lerner	Action o	n the Bill
School: Louisville Colle	giate MS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Ending the Trans-Panic Defense

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

Section 1: In 2019 there were 9 transgender murders in Kentucky. Since then hate crimes against trans people have risen. Currently, the "Trans Panic Defense" is a defense used in court to excuse violent acts against transgender people. this is done by claiming that they were unaware of the transgender person's identity prior to any sexual or romantic acts, and claiming to be tricked because of this. Making it warrant violence towards the transgender individual.

Section 2: 26 states allow the panic defense. Unfortunately, Hate crime law does not include gender identity. There are some states in the US that have already terminated the law such as the District of Columbia and the states of California, Illinois, Rhode Island, Nevada, Connecticut, Maine, Hawaii, New York, New Jersey, Washington, Colorado, Virginia, Vermont, Oregon, and Maryland.

Section 3: We propose that the state of Kentucky terminate the use of the panic defense in court.

Section 4: This bill would not cost any money.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to (
Sponsors: Rosie Mille	r, Miles Webb, Lillian Chung	Action or	the Bill
School: Louisville Colle	egiate MS	House	Senate
Citv: Louisville		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act to prevent Domestic violence

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

Section 1: According to World Population Review, "Kentucky has the highest domestic violence statistics in the United States, with 45.3% of women and 35.5% of men having experienced domestic violence." As a result, this makes Kentucky the 2nd highest state in the United States for domestic abuse. Criminal Defense Lawyer state, "A respondent who intentionally violates a protective order commits a Class A misdemeanor, and if convicted may be punished by up to 12 months in jail." This is not very restricted to the offender. If they do repeat the further action, they could possibly receive jail time of up to 5 years.

Section 2: People who get domestically abused don't have a resource of someone to talk to. If they decide to go to someone, then they usually report the abuse to the police, and the police file it away to be dealt with in 2–3 years. Oftentimes, if a person gets abused by a significant other, they feel obligated to return to their partner if they feel threatened or in trouble.

Section 3: In 1994, congress passed The Violence against Women Act . This act recognizes domestic abuse as a national crime.

Section 4: Our solution is to make it so domestic abuse is punishable by jail time. The sentence in jail is determined by the severity of the crime committed.

Section 5: This bill would not cost any money.

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Referred to Committee: Senate 2

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Sponsors: Madelyn Zdunek, Ava Hulsewede, Emma Smead, Shelby Howard	Action o	n the Bill
School: Our Lady of Lourdes	House	Senate
City: Louisville	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Nursing Home

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

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Section 1: For the purpose of creating better care in nursing homes, and long-term care facilities staff directly working with elderly patients. All people involved in taking care of elderly patients will have to have a college degree or courses in Geriatric Care approved by the Kentucky Board of Nursing (KBN). Staff members have to pass a test from the KBN to receive a license to work at a nursing home in KY. Classes must be taken yearly from the KBN to renew license.

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Section 2: A person working in Nursing must be one of the following to care for patients:

Nursing Assistant: Will take care of elderly patients' most basic care, assisting them with their everyday needs such as eating and getting dressed. Also, provide basic medical screening, taking patients' temperatures, and monitoring certain symptoms. A Geriatric Care Associates degree is required.

Licensed Practical Nurse: Will take care of elderly patients' basic everyday needs but would also be responsible for more of the patients' medical care, such as changing bandages and administering medication. A Bachelor's Degree from a college in Geriatric Care is required.

Registered Nurse: Will take care of elderly patients' medical care, but they are also responsible for developing a plan for each patient's care and managing a staff of LPNs and nursing assistants. A Master's Degree in Geriatric Care is required.

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23 24 Section 3: All people currently working in nursing homes will have to begin work on the requirements within one year.

A Nursing Assistant's Associate's Degree must be finished in two years once started.

A Licensed Practical Nurse's Bachelor's degree must be finished in four years once started.

A Registered Nurse's Master's Degree must be finished in four years once started.

If anyone needs money for education; grants and loans for the education will be available from the Education and Workforce Cabinet.

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Section 4: If a nursing home doesn't do all the requirements:

First Offense: \$1000 fine for the nursing home.

Second Offense: The person responsible for the offense must be fired.

Third Offense: The nursing home will be supervised closely by the state until the problems are solved.

These penalties are meant to fix problems and also keep the facility open to care for the Elderly.

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Section 5: This bill will take effect 90 days after passage.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: August Tow	nsend, Davis Cureton	Action o	n the Bill
School: Shelby Co. East	: MS	House	Senate
City: Shelbyville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

ı	All Act Relating to Homelessness support and Prevention
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 198A IS CREATED TO Give mental health support to the
6	homeless by having more affordable mental health support.
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8	Section 2: Kentucky will use 0.5% of the 6% in sales tax to fund this initiative.
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10	Section 3: The two main illnesses to be supported will include schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.
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12	Section 4: The support can include medications and therapy.
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14	Section 5: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to G	
Sponsors: Darrin Wrig	ht, Mark Burnett	Action or	the Bill
School: Shelby Co. Wes	st MS	House	Senate
Citv: Shelbyville		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Civil Act Upon Weapons

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

Section 1: Guns and items that resemble a gun may not be brought into a school unless by a government approved individual(s). If the individual(s) do not show intent to fire these arms and yield, they may not be met with lethal force. For an individual to be considered as one who yields they must A. Take the clip of ammo out while visible and slide the firearm and ammo clip to police or if there is no ammo clip must slide the firearm on the floor and put their hands on their head and stand still. If the individual(s) are believed to have more firearms they may be threatened with lethal force if they don't put their hands on their head and stand still.

Section 2: Explosive or incendiary devices may not be brought into a school or 100 yds from the school for more than 30 seconds unless an uncontrollable force makes the owner of such explosive or incendiary weapons is rendered unable to move out of a 300 yd. radius(only if the bombs are in a 100 yd)

Section 3: Any Statute Contrary to This Act Shall Be Amended Or Repealed.

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Referred to Committee: House 3

Sponsors: Emily Hutchinson, Landon Vowels, Taylor Wright, Emma Whetstone	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Andrew Academy	House	Senate
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City: Louisville	🗆 Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Creating Living Donor Protection

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

Section 1: This bill prohibits certain insurance carriers from discriminating against, and provides other protections for, living organ donors. Specifically, carriers may not deny, cancel, or otherwise impose conditions on policies for life insurance, disability insurance, or long-term care insurance based on an individual's status as a living organ donor. The bill also expressly specifies that recovery from organ-donation surgery constitutes a serious health condition that entitles eligible employees to job-protected medical leave. In addition, the Department of Health and Human Services must update educational materials on live organ donation to include information about the benefits of live organ donation and about access to insurance for living organ donors.

Section 2: Definitions. The term "disability insurance policy" means a contract under which an entity promises to pay a person a sum of money in the event that an illness or injury resulting in a disability prevents such person from working. "Life insurance policy" means a contract under which an entity promises to pay a designated beneficiary a sum of money upon the death of the insured. "Living organ donor" means an individual who has donated all or part of an organ and is not deceased. "Long-term care insurance policy" means a contract for which the only insurance protection provided under the contract is coverage of qualified long-term care services.

Section 3: Notwithstanding any other provision of law, it shall be unlawful to:

- (1) decline or limit coverage of a person under any life insurance policy, disability insurance policy, or long-term care insurance policy, solely due to the status of such person as a living organ donor;
- (2) preclude an insured from donating all or part of an organ as a condition of continuing to receive a life insurance policy, disability insurance policy, or long-term care insurance policy; or
- (3) otherwise discriminate in the offering, issuance, cancellation, amount of such coverage, price, or any other condition of a life insurance policy, disability insurance policy, or long-term care insurance policy for a person, based solely and without any additional actuarial risks upon the status of such person as a living organ donor.

Section 4: Enforcement. A State insurance regulator may take such actions to enforce fines as are specifically authorized under the laws of such State.

Section 5: Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall review and update materials related to living organ donation in order to educate the public on the benefits and risks of living organ donation; and the impact of living organ donation on the access of a living organ donor to insurance. This will go into effect after the standard 90 days.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: ate 4
Sponsors: Grady Amick	s, Charlie Hummel, Seth Niemann	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Francis of A	ssisi	House	Senate
City: Louisville		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed

An Act relating to the Youth Minimum Wage in Kentucky.

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

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Section 1: KRS 337.275 is amended to read as follows:

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Section 2: Section 206(g) of the FLSA (Fair Labor Standards Act), allows employers to pay a person under twenty years of age \$4.25 an hour for their first ninety consecutive calendar days of employment for

(3) All employees, regardless of their age, will be paid the federal minimum wage in Kentucky.

training instead of the federal minimum wage of \$7.25. KRS 337.275 is amended to read as follows: (4) No

employer in Kentucky shall pay any employee under the federal minimum wage for training pay.

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Section 3: Whereas Kentucky businesses and government employers are finding it difficult to fill open jobs,

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

or upon otherwise becoming law.