 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   1</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House   1</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Emmett Davenport, Anne-Riley Corbin, Milly Thompson, Cyndi Case	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
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1                                    An Act Relating To Gradual Restoration of Parental Rights  
2                                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4    Section 1: When a parent or guardian is released from jail for child maltreatment, they will go through a  
5    rehabilitation process before they are given gradual custody of their child/children.  
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7    Section 2: The Department for Community-Based Services (DCBS) will enforce this law. The parent or  
8    guardian will gradually be given custody of their child, but they first must successfully meet all rehabilitation  
9    requirements set by DCBS  
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11   Section 3: The gradual granting of custody would work as follows: In cases of 1st-degree child abuse:  
12   supervised visitation will be given on the weekends for the first 6 months. After that time period, assuming  
13   all court-mandated requirements have been met, the child may return to the parent’s custody. In cases of  
14   2nd-degree child abuse: supervised visitation will be given on the weekends for the first 4 months. After that  
15   time period, assuming all court-mandated requirements have been met, the child may return to the parent’s  
16   custody. In cases of 3rd-degree child abuse: supervised visitation will be given on the weekends for the first  
17   2 months. After that time period, assuming all court-mandated requirements have been met, the child may  
18   be returned to the parent’s custody.  
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20   Section 4 : No additional funding will be necessary to enact this bill. All measures and resources needed are  
21   already in place. This bill simply adjusts the process for restoring custody.  
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23   Section 5: This bill will go into effect July 1, 2025.

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</b> <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b> <b>Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>BG   2</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee:</b> <b>Senate   2</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Eric Yang, Riley Waldron, Steven Yao,	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <table border="0"> <tr> <td align="center"><b>House</b></td> <td align="center"><b>Senate</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td align="center">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td align="center">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td align="center">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td align="center">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>School:</b> Anchorage Public ES							
<b>City:</b> Anchorage							

1    An Act Relating To School Safety/Mental Health

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

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4 Section 1. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the "Kentucky School Safety Act"


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6 Section 2. The purpose of this Act is to allocate \$50 million in additional funding to the Kentucky education  
7 system to enhance educational outcomes, ensure equitable access to resources, and provide necessary  
8 support for students, teachers, and schools across the Commonwealth.

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10 Section 3. For the purposes of this Act, the following definitions shall apply: 'State Education Budget' refers  
11 to the annual budget of the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) that funds the operations and  
12 initiatives of public education. 'Local Education Agencies (LEAs)' refer to school districts, charter schools, and  
13 other public educational entities within Kentucky. 'Equitable Funding' refers to the distribution of funds in a  
14 manner that addresses disparities in resources among schools, particularly those serving historically  
15 underserved and economically disadvantaged communities.


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17 Section 4. (a) Total Funding Amount: The total amount of funding allocated to the Kentucky education  
18 system through this Act is \$50 million, to be distributed School Safety and Mental Health Services (i) A total  
19 of \$50 million shall be allocated to enhance school safety and provide mental health services for students. (ii)  
20 These funds shall be used for hiring additional school counselors, school resource officers, and implementing  
21 safety measures such as security cameras, building upgrades, and emergency response training.

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23 Section 5. (a) Equity Requirements: To ensure the equitable distribution of funds, the Kentucky Department  
24 of Education shall require that all LEAs submit annual equity plans, outlining how the funds will be used to  
25 address educational disparities, particularly for low-income and rural students.

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27 Section 6. The government already taxes people for funding schools. Some taxes include property taxes,  
28 State taxes, and Federal taxes. Property taxes are also the biggest source of money for public schools. The  
29 Federal government also contributes 8% to funding public schools .

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	BG   3						
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<b>School:</b> Ashland MS							
<b>City:</b> Ashland							

1    An Act Relating To limiting rent increases in residential housing  
2    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4 Section 1: This Act aims to create a fair balance between the rights of landlords and tenants by establishing  
5 a threshold for annual rent increases on residential rental properties.  
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7 Section 2: Definitions "Landlord" – any individual, corporation, partnership, or entity that owns and rents out  
8 residential property within the state of Kentucky. "Tenant" – any individual who rents or leases residential  
9 property as their primary residence. "Residential rental property" – any housing unit that is rented to  
10 individuals for residential purposes. "Annual rent increase threshold" – the maximum allowable percentage  
11 increase in rent that a landlord may impose on tenants each year.  
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13 Section 3: Landlords may not increase the rent on any residential rental property by more than 5% or the  
14 rate of inflation, whichever is lower, within a 12-month period. The rate of inflation will be determined  
15 annually by the Kentucky Department of Housing and Urban Development (KDHUD) based on the Consumer  
16 Price Index (CPI) published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In cases where landlords make significant  
17 improvements to the property that enhance living conditions or increase property value, landlords may apply  
18 for a rent increase adjustment through KDHUD. A significant improvement includes structural repairs, new  
19 appliances, security improvements, or other substantial changes that improve the value and habitability of  
20 the property.  
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22 Section 4: Landlords must provide tenants with 90 days' written notice prior to any rent increase. The notice  
23 must clearly state the new rent amount, the percentage increase, and any relevant justifications if applying  
24 for an adjustment beyond the annual threshold.  
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26 Section 5: Tenants may file complaints with KDHUD if they believe their rent has been increased unlawfully.  
27 Violations of this Act may result in penalties, including: Fines up to \$1,000 per violation. Mandatory rent  
28 adjustments or refunds to tenants who were unlawfully overcharged. Landlords found in violation of this Act  
29 more than three times within a 5-year period may be subject to additional penalties, including potential  
30 revocation of rental licenses in applicable areas.  
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32 Section 6: This Act does not apply to: Newly constructed rental properties for the first 15 years after  
33 completion. Short-term rentals (defined as leases shorter than 90 days). Single-family homes where the  
34 owner resides in one unit and rents out other units.  
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36 Section 7: This Act will take effect on January 1, 2025

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</b> <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b> <b>Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>BG   4</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee:</b> <b>House   2</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Grigsby Brown, Kye Harlow, Jake Hagan, Michael Shain	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>House</b></td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>Senate</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>School:</b> Bardstown MS							
<b>City:</b> Bardstown							

1                                    An Act Relating To Require Emergency Alert Badges for Teachers

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

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Section 1: All school staff members must have an alert badge, which is the same size as typical ID badges already required for staff members. An alert badge is a device with a button that sends alerts to people such as the principal, the nurse, and emergency services. When an emergency badge is touched three times an alert will be sent to faculty and staff. Eight or more clicks initiate a campus emergency lockdown and notify the police and or emergency services immediately. These alerts could be life-saving in the case of violent threats or medical emergencies.

Section 2: The emergency badge must include the teacher's name and photo, the school's name and address. Emergency contact numbers and any important medical information about the teacher will not be visible on the badge but will be available for first responders in the case of an emergency. These badges will have a GPS system which will cut down times compared to phone calls.


Section 3: The Kentucky Department of Education will use a company such as Centgix or Kwema to make and give out emergency badges. Schools must give the Department of Education the information needed for the badges within three months after this bill becomes law. All teachers must receive and start wearing their badges within six months after this bill becomes law. The schools with the most threats, medical emergencies, and/or dangerous areas will receive the alert badges.

Section 4: The school districts of Kentucky will pay for the badges. If a badge needs to be replaced, the school or teacher must pay for the new set of badges. Each badge will cost around \$26.00.


Section 5: Schools that do not comply with this law will be evaluated by the Kentucky Department of Education and be mandated to use the badges. Following a second offense, schools will be required to receive routine visits by KDE to ensure they comply. Schools and/or districts can lose funding chosen by The Kentucky Department of Education.

Section 6: A committee chosen by The Kentucky Department of Education, will review the effectiveness of this law every two years.

Section 7: 'This bill will be added to Title XIII Education, Chapter 158, Section 4451, under 'School Safety and School Discipline.'

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   5</b>						
	Referred to Committee: <b>Senate   2</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Aili Mizutani, Olive Ganoe, Hannah Acree, Emma Crume	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>House</b></td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>Senate</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>School:</b> Bardstown MS							
<b>City:</b> Bardstown							

1                                    **An Act Relating To Require Rehabilitation Services for Violent Students**  
2                                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4    Section 1: "Violent student behavior" shall be defined as any physical aggression, threats of violence, or  
5    actions that cause or threaten to cause bodily harm to others within the school environment (Within the  
6    school property.) "Structured consequences" shall refer to a standardized set of disciplinary actions designed  
7    to address violent behavior. These actions could be counselor meetings, rehabilitation, and suspensions.  
8    "Rehabilitation" shall refer to programs and interventions to address the root causes of violent behavior and  
9    promote positive change.  
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11   Section 2: Some first offenses for violent behavior right now, are to be immediately extracted out of the  
12   classroom. Schools will call parents/guardians, have a one-day in-school suspension, and have a meeting  
13   with a school counselor. Second offenses are used if they keep on doing it after the first offense. This  
14   includes a three-day out-of-school suspension, a parent conference, and the development of a behavior  
15   improvement plan. These are some of the structured consequences.  
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17   Section 3: Some programs that shall be developed and implemented in all public schools are peer mediation  
18   training, conflict resolution workshops, and social-emotion learning curriculums. These programs will take  
19   place on-site. These programs will last based on the number of offenses that have happened and the  
20   severity of the offense. Each school shall designate at least one counselor specifically trained in addressing  
21   violent behavior. Schools also shall partner with local mental health professionals to provide additional  
22   support and resources for exhibiting violent behavior. This will help students understand how to fix violent  
23   behavior. Rehabilitation shall take place in a classroom, or if successful, in a whole building. It will be a tiered  
24   process to determine how long they have to stay.  
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26   Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Education shall conduct annual evaluations of the effectiveness of  
27   these measures and report findings to the state legislature. The program shall be reviewed and updated  
28   every three years based on evaluation results and current best practices. If it is successful there will be fewer  
29   and fewer violent acts recorded.  
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31   Section 5: The state shall fund most of the money for the rehabilitation program and staff training. This act  
32   complies with KRS Chapter 158 section 150.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   6</b>						
	Referred to Committee: <b>Senate   1</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Aarav Tibrewal, Hadley Stansbury, ,	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>House</b></td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>Senate</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>School:</b> Beaumont MS							
<b>City:</b> Lexington							

1                   An Act Relating To Accommodations for English Language Learners on Statewide Testing  
2                   **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4 Section 1: (1) All English Language Learners (ELL) students will be accommodated with BED-A, ET-A, ONLS-A,  
5 RDR-A, SB-A level accommodations, depending on their progress throughout the ELL Program offered at  
6 their school. (2) The level of accommodation will be proportional to the level of ELL advancement a student  
7 has had in the program.  
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9 Section 2: English Language Learners in their first year will not take any form of state testing beyond ACCESS  
10 Testing.  
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12 Section 3: Based on English Language Proficiency for students beyond their first year of ACCESS Testing will  
13 be provided with the accommodations based on independent domain (Reading, Listening, Speaking, Writing)  
14 proficiency.  
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16 Section 4: English Language Learners eligible will provide 1 or more of the 5 main accommodations areas  
17 listed below: BED-A Bilingual/English Dictionary Assessment ET-A Extended Time Assessment ONLS-A Oral  
18 Native Language Support Assessment RDR-A Reader Assessment SB-A Scribe  
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20 Section 5: The accommodation provided is based on independent domain scores in ACCESS testing. Until a  
21 student leaves the ELL program, they are eligible for at least 1 accommodation.  
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23 Section 6: If a student scores Emerging in 3 or more categories in ACCESS testing, then their Kentucky  
24 Summative Assessment score will not be counted towards the school's score.  
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26 Section 7: After 7 years, if an ELL student has not tested out of the ELL program their Kentucky Summative  
27 Assessment scores will be counted towards the school's total scores.


 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</b> <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b> <b>Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>BG   7</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee:</b> <b>House   1</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Dani Shone, Eabha Cotter, JP Hays, Livia Shone	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
<b>School:</b> Bourbon Co. MS							
<b>City:</b> Paris							
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- 1                           An Act Relating To Creating Screen Time Limits for Students on School Devices
- 2                           **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 4   Section 1: With the enactment of this bill, it will limit screen time use in public schools.
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- 6   Section 2: The purpose is to reduce many problems that students face because of having too much screen
- 7   time including stress, poor academic performances, eye issues, and sleep problems.
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- 9   Section 3: Our bill will not cost anything.
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- 11   Section 4: There will be different limitations for different grade levels. Half - Day Kindergarten: Max of 30
- 12   minutes on the screen per day. Full - day Kindergarten and 1st: Max of 1 hour on the screen per day. 2nd
- 13   and 3rd: Max of 1 and a half hours on the screen per day. 4th and 5th: Max of 2 and a half hours on the
- 14   screen per day. Middle School Students: Max of 3 hours on the screen per day. High School Students: Max of
- 15   3 and a half hours on a screen per day.
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- 17   Section 5: The Kentucky Department of Education will enforce this law. The way this will be evaluated will be
- 18   through surveys and school visits.
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- 20   Section 6: Any class needing an exception will have to be approved by the Kentucky Department of
- 21   Education.
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- 23   Section 7: There will be exceptions for students with an IEP or 504 with specific technology needs.
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- 25   Section 8: This bill will go into effect in the 2025 - 2026 school year.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<p><b>BG   8</b></p>			
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<p><b>Sponsors:</b> Carter Massey, Michael Mollett, Gage Howard, McCoy Adwell</p>				
<p><b>School:</b> Bourbon Co. MS</p>				
<p><b>City:</b> Paris</p>				

1                                    An Act Relating To Reducing Single Use Plastic Bags  
2                                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4    Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 145 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS. To reduce the use of  
5    single use bags in the commonwealth of Kentucky we will put a ten cents cost on plastic bags in the stores  
6    that offer single use plastic bags.  
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8    Section 2: Stores around Kentucky will be forced to put a cost on bags of ten cents a piece. The store  
9    inspectors will make sure that they are charging the right amount by looking at the register and looking to  
10    see if they are charging for the bags.  
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12    Section 3: Any store who does not follow this policy will be fined \$1000 and if they do it a second time it will  
13    be \$1500 until the 3rd offense. At the third offense, the store management will meet with the attorney  
14    general. If they still don't follow this policy the store will not be allowed to sell plastic bags.



 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</b> <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b> <b>Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>BG   9</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee:</b> <b>House   2</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Remy Davis, Devin Rice, ,	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>House</b></td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>Senate</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>School:</b> Bowling MS							
<b>City:</b> Owenton							

1                                    **An Act Relating To Paid Maternity Leave for Kentucky Educators**  
2                                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4 Section 1: Introduction This bill aims to provide Kentucky teachers with six weeks of paid maternity leave  
5 following the birth or adoption of a child. Teachers play an essential role in shaping the future of our state,  
6 and this support will encourage a healthier work-life balance and improve teacher retention and satisfaction.  
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8 Section 2: Definitions 1. Teacher: Any full-time educator employed by a public school in Kentucky. 2.  
9 Maternity Leave: Time away from work following the birth or adoption of a child to care for the child and  
10 recover physically and emotionally. 3. Paid Leave: Compensation provided during the leave period, equal to  
11 the teacher's regular salary.  
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13 Section 3: Policy Details 1. Eligibility Teacher must have worked for at least one year in their current position  
14 to qualify for paid maternity leave. 2. Benefits Six weeks of paid leave for eligible teachers, to be used  
15 consecutively. 3. Coverage School districts will budgets funds to ensure substitute teachers are available  
16 while regular teachers are on leave. 4. Non-discrimination This policy applies equally to all eligible teachers,  
17 regardless of gender, for adoption or childbirth-related leaves.  
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19 Section 4: Funding 1. The Kentucky Department of Education will allocate additional funding to districts to  
20 support this program. 2. Schools may apply for supplemental grants from the state to assist with the cost of  
21 implementing this program.  
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23 Section 5: Benefits of Kentucky 1. Supports Families: Giving teachers the ability to spend essential time with  
24 their newborns without worrying about finances. 2. Teacher Retention: Helps retain high-quality educators  
25 by offering competitive benefits. The state currently is 41st in the nation for pay. Increased benefits could  
26 entice people into a profession that is getting more difficult to fill positions. 3. Improves Morale: Recognizes  
27 the hard work of teachers and shows that Kentucky values their well-being.  
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29 Conclusion: By passing this bill, Kentucky shows its dedication to supporting the educators who shape our  
30 future. Paid maternity leave is an investment in teachers, families, and our state's educational system.












 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   16</b>						
	Referred to Committee: <b>Senate   1</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Colette LaTondress, Ilaina Newberry, Anna Shell, Madison Carter	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>House</b></td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>Senate</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>School:</b> Flaherty ES							
<b>City:</b> Ekron							

1                    **An Act Relating To Strengthening Penalties for Pet Theft Offenders**  
2                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4    Section 1: Penalties for Offenders. Offenders found guilty of pet theft will face the following penalties, based  
5    on the severity of the offense: First-time offenders will be subject to a fine of up to \$2,500 and/or  
6    community service. Repeat offenders will automatically be charged with a Class C misdemeanor. In Kentucky,  
7    a Class C misdemeanor can result in a fine and up to one year in jail. It is considered the least serious  
8    misdemeanor and may offer the possibility of probation. The court will determine the specific length of jail  
9    time.


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11   Section 2: Animal Recovery and Care Any animals in the possession of the offender will be removed and:  
12   Returned to their rightful owner. Placed in foster care, Humane Societies, or shelters. Taken to animal clinics  
13   for medical treatment if necessary. The offender will be responsible for covering all veterinary costs.

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15   Section 3: Ownership Restrictions Anyone convicted of pet theft will be prohibited from owning animals for a  
16   period of time determined by the court (e.g., 5 years). Repeat offenders will be permanently banned from  
17   animal ownership.

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19   Section 4: Funding and Support This bill will be funded and supported by: Animal rights groups (e.g., ASPCA,  
20   PETA). Humane Societies. Fines imposed on convicted offenders to cover the `cost of care` for animals.


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22   Section 5: Mandatory Rehabilitation and Monitoring In addition to the penalties outlined in Section 1,  
23   offenders convicted of pet theft must: Undergo mandatory counseling or rehabilitation programs focused on  
24   animal welfare and empathy training, as deemed appropriate by the court. Submit to regular monitoring and  
25   inspections by animal control officers or designated authorities to ensure compliance with animal ownership  
26   restrictions. Offenders who fail to comply with these rehabilitation and monitoring requirements will face  
27   additional penalties, including extended probation periods, fines, or additional jail time.

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29   Section 6: Implementation This law will take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year on July 1, 2025.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   17</b>	
	<b>Referred to Committee: House   2</b>	
<b>Sponsors:</b> Meredith Baldwin, Kady Cook, Keilan Hayes, Story Schultz	<b>Action on the Bill</b>	
<b>School:</b> Grayson Co. MS	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>
<b>City:</b> Leitchfield	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1                                    **An Act Relating To The Removal of Sales Tax on Menstrual Hygiene Products**  
2                                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4    Section 1: This bill will repeal the sales tax of 6% from women's menstrual products, because taxing period  
5    products as a luxury is bluntly discriminatory and makes basic health-related necessities more expensive.  
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7    Section 2: KRS 139.472 provides a list of medical items that are exempt from sales tax. Included in this  
8    section are 'Grooming' and 'hygiene products' such as 'soaps, cleaning solutions, shampoo, toothpaste,  
9    mouthwash, antiperspirants, and suntan lotions'.  
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11   Section 3: KRS 139.472 is amended to read as follows: Insert (1)(j) to read, 'Menstrual hygiene products  
12   purchased for the regulation or care of a woman's period cycle. Menstrual hygiene and care products include  
13   but are not limited to pads, tampons, sanitary napkins, menstrual cups, and period underwear.'  
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16   purchased for the regulation or care of a woman's period cycle. Menstrual hygiene and care products include  
17   but are not limited to pads, tampons, sanitary napkins, menstrual cups, and period underwear.'  
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19   Section 5: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.  
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21   Section 6: This bill shall take effect on Jan 1 2025.



 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   18</b>	
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate   1</b>	
<b>Sponsors:</b> Jerrica Ward, Kayden Young, Nate Rink, Levi Smith	<b>Action on the Bill</b>	
<b>School:</b> Hebron MS	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>
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An Act Relating to Tornado Shelters in Apartment Buildings  
**Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**


Section 1: This new bill states that it is proposed that every apartment building and complex in Kentucky must contain a tornado shelter for people to be allowed to live in it. These tornado shelters must be made to withstand extreme weather conditions, the tornado shelter requirements would be based on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) standards.

Section 2: This bill states that if a tornado shelter is not included in an apartment building and does not meet FEMA tornado shelter requirements then the fine should be 20% of the property value.


Section 3: The funding that the government would receive from these fines will be used for tornado shelters subsidies for homeowners. This will make it easier for homeowners to be safer during tornadoes, helping the community overall.

Section 4: This bill will be added to all building codes in Kentucky.

Section 5: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Emergency Management on March 1, 2028. This will give landowners time to build the tornado shelters.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   19</b>	
	<b>Referred to Committee: House   2</b>	
<b>Sponsors:</b> Shelby Sellers, Paisley Dickinson, Emilio Santillan, Ray Fehd	<b>Action on the Bill</b>	
<b>School:</b> Henderson Co. North MS	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>
<b>City:</b> Henderson	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

- 1                    **An Act Relating To the Creation of Luxury Goods Tax on Lottery and Sport Bet Winnings**
- 2                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 4    Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to instate a luxury goods tax on lottery and sport bet winnings so that
- 5    families in poverty can receive food, clothing, and school supplies from the currently established YSC and
- 6    backpack programs in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
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- 8    Section 2: The luxury good tax will increase the current tax on winnings from 6% to 10%. The luxury good
- 9    tax is a tax that is enforced on non-essential goods like jewelry, electronics, and designer clothing. This tax
- 10   is not enforced in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and everything has a tax of 6%.
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- 12   Section 3: If the lottery fails to impose this tax, they will be fined 10% of the non application taxed funds.
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- 14   Section 4: This law will be enforced by the Department of Revenue.
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- 16   Section 5: This law will go into effect January 1, 2025.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   20</b>				
	<b>Referred to Committee:</b> <b>Senate   2</b>				
<b>Sponsors:</b> Greyson Cloern, Georgia Barton, Sofia Greco, Jake Milligan	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>House</b></td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>Senate</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">           ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed            ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated         </td> <td style="text-align: center;">           ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed            ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated         </td> </tr> </table>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>School:</b> Holy Spirit ES					
<b>City:</b> Louisville					

1 An Act Relating To eligibility requirements for candidates seeking elected office in the Commonwealth of  
2 Kentucky.

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


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5 SECTION 1. The question to be submitted to the voters of the Commonwealth shall read as follows: Are you  
6 in favor of requiring candidates for public office in Kentucky to successfully complete a Civic Knowledge  
7 Examination and provide a health certification to serve in office before filing for candidacy’  
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9 SECTION 2. It is proposed that Section 32 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows:  
10 No person shall be a Representative who, at the time of his election, ‘has not successfully completed the  
11 Civic Knowledge Examination and health certification’ for which he may be chosen. No person shall be a  
12 Senator who, at the time of his election ‘... if they have not successfully the completed Civic Knowledge  
13 Examination and health certification thereof in the district for which he may be chosen.  
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15 SECTION 3. It is proposed that Section 72 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows:  
16 The Governor and the Lieutenant Governor shall of ‘... successfully completed a Civic Knowledge Examination  
17 and health certification requirements...’  
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19 SECTION 4. IT IS PROPOSED THAT A NEW SECTION BE ADDED TO THE CONSTITUTION OF KENTUCKY TO  
20 READ AS FOLLOWS: No person shall qualify to run for any state, county, or local elected office in this State  
21 unless they have: (a) Successfully completed a Civic Knowledge Examination within six (6) months of filing  
22 their candidacy, evaluating their knowledge of civic principles, including U.S. history and government. (b)  
23 Submitted a health certification conducted by a licensed health care provider of this State, verifying they are  
24 of sound physical and cognitive health to perform the duties of the office they seek.  
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26 SECTION 5. This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the Commonwealth for their ratification or  
27 rejection at the time of the next election, November 3, 2026.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   21</b>	
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate   2</b>	
	<b>Action on the Bill</b>	
<b>Sponsors:</b> Jane Emerson, Carson Fowler, ,	<b>House</b>	
<b>School:</b> James Madison MS	<b>Senate</b>	
<b>City:</b> Madisonville	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

An Act Relating To Highway Safety to Prevent Hydroplaning

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


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Section 1: This bill would help prevent hydroplaning between mile marker 6 to the end of the Western Kentucky Parkway at Elizabethtown.


Section 2: This bill requires new drains on the Western Kentucky Parkway to prevent hydroplaning.

Section 3: The Kentucky Road Department will decide how far the drains are apart according to the sewage.

Section 4: If any one person would block a drain they would be charged a 150 dollar fine.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   22</b>	
	<b>Referred to Committee: House   2</b>	
<b>Sponsors:</b> Alex Schultz, Cooper Crawford, Jhett Johnson, Olivia Harper	<b>Action on the Bill</b>	
<b>School:</b> Livingston Co. MS	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>
<b>City:</b> Burna	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1                                    An Act Relating To Sale of Tobacco Products to Persons Under 21  
2                                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4    Section 1: An act proposing an amendment to section 438.310 of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to  
5    the sale of tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products, to persons under age 21  
6    prohibited penalty.  
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8    Section 2: It is proposed that section 4 of the constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows: A  
9    person who violates subsection (1) or (2) of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than one  
10    thousand dollars (1,000) nor more than three thousand dollars (3,000) for a first violation, jail time of up to  
11    3 months for person making the sale and loss of tobacco license for 6 months for the second violation, and  
12    jail time of one year for person making the sale and loss of tobacco license permanently for third violation.  
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14    Section 3: This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the Commonwealth for their ratification or  
15    rejection at the time and in the manner provided for under Sections 246 and 257 of the Constitution and  
16    under KRS 118.415.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   23</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee:  House   1</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Tilly Maynard, , ,	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <table> <tr> <th align="center">House</th> <th align="center">Senate</th> </tr> <tr> <td align="center">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td align="center">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td align="center">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td align="center">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>School:</b> Louisville Collegiate MS							
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An Act Relating To Divorces During Pregnancy

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

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Section 1: In Kentucky, a law prohibits women from getting divorced if they are pregnant. If they are pregnant they CAN still apply for a divorce but they will not be granted one until they have given birth or their pregnancy is over.

Section 2: The idea that you cannot divorce someone while pregnant is obviously not a calming thought for someone trying to get a divorce, this has been very clearly voiced by the women of Kentucky. There are many support groups for women going through this exact issue and it upsets them so much that the American Pregnancy Association even has a segment on it to comfort women going through this unfortunate problem.

Section 3: Some laws state that women who are pregnant can apply for divorce while pregnant but it can't be finalized until the end or months after the pregnancy.

Section 4: There is already a law set in place in Kentucky that prevents pregnant people from a divorce, this law also is applied in multiple other states.

Section 5: California, Texas, Arizona, Arkansas, Kentucky and Missouri are states that have bans against pregnant women getting divorced. In Alabama, Delaware, Hawaii, Indiana, Maine, Mississippi, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming there isn't a complete ban but judges will likely wait until after the pregnancy. All other states have no ban on pregnant women getting divorced. Section 6: Our solution is to change this law. Our law would allow women to get divorced while they are pregnant. However, once the baby is born the parents will have 50-50 custody. The parents will be able to have a custody battle if they feel that the arrangements are unfair. Both parents will still have to pay child support if the 50-50 custody changes.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b> <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	BG   24						
	<b>Referred to Committee:</b> <b>Senate   2</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Mack Hill, Grace Levine, ,	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <table><tr><td><b>House</b></td><td><b>Senate</b></td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td></tr><tr><td><input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td><td><input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td></tr></table>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>City:</b> Louisville							

1    An Act Relating To Suicide Prevention  
2    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**


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4     Section 1: In the state of Kentucky, the suicide rates are higher than the suicide rates in all of the US. In  
5     Kentucky, there are 18 suicides for every 100,000 people. In the US, however, there are only 14.2. This  
6     shows that Kentucky has an alarming mental health crisis.

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8     Section 2: People who are in poverty in the state of Kentucky mainly only have access to the 988 hotline for  
9     suicide prevention. The hotline is a national resource, but every state is federally mandated to decide how it  
10    is organized. This means Kentucky can easily make changes to how the hotline is run. Some KY Schools  
11    require the 988 hotline and other crisis lines to be written on student ID cards. Section 3: There have been  
12    instances that have come out where workers in the 988 hotline have been extremely unhelpful. Their harm  
13    can go either way, not enough or too much. For example, workers have gotten overwhelmed during calls and  
14    just called the police on the caller even if that is not what the person needed. In other instances, the workers  
15    seemed to just not care, they said things like ‘go take a bath’ or ‘drink a cup of tea’ which are irrelevant and  
16    not at all helpful.

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18    Section 4: There are other resources for suicide prevention, for example, emergency suicide prevention in  
19    hospitals. This would be the answer to our problem, but hospital bills add up. Going to hospitals could put  
20    these people in more debt, and harm their health even more. Thus, we are still in need of a helpful source  
21    that is inexpensive.


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23    Section 5: The suicide hotline connects the caller to a worker who is near them. With this knowledge, a  
24    solution to this problem is easy. We need to require the same training that we require psychologists to  
25    endure. This training includes a master’s in either counseling, psychology, or social work. By enforcing this  
26    bill, we wouldn’t be taking tax dollars away from the people, only requiring specific credentials to hire  
27    workers.

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29    Section 6: This bill would go into effect in January 2025.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   25</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee:</b> <b>Senate   2</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Callie Ferguson, Olivia Poague, Jake Patton,	<p align="center"><b>Action on the Bill</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td align="center"><b>House</b></td> <td align="center"><b>Senate</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td>___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>School:</b> Lyon Co. MS							
<b>City:</b> Eddyville							

1                                      **An Act Relating To Kentucky's Road Test Retake Policy**  
2                                      **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4      Section 1: A new section of KRS will be written to state: "If an individual fails the driving road test, they must  
5      wait a minimum of 7 days before retaking the test. Individuals may fail their road test up to THREE times  
6      before having to wait a mandatory period of six months before retaking the test. During the six month  
7      period, the individual will also be required to record an additional 15 hours of driving practice with a  
8      Kentucky licensed driver that is at least 21 years old."  
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10     Section 2: The purpose of this act is to reduce the number of road test retake attempts that an individual is  
11     currently allowed. Currently, if an individual fails their driving road test, they can retake the test 7 days later,  
12     and are allowed to retake the test up to SIX times before a mandatory six month waiting period. This bill  
13     seeks to reduce the number of attempts from six attempts to three attempts, and require additional driving  
14     practice during the six month waiting period.  
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16     Section 3: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2026.



 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   26</b>	
	<b>Referred to Committee: House   1</b>	
<b>Sponsors:</b> Laurel Johnson, Gideon Ross, Chaney Clark,	<b>Action on the Bill</b>	
<b>School:</b> Murray MS	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>
<b>City:</b> Murray	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1                                    **An Act Relating To The Installation of Vape Drop Boxes in Kentucky Schools**  
2                                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4    Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 211 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All Kentucky public  
5    middle & high schools will be required to install ONE vape drop-box.  
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7    Section 2: A vape drop-box shall be defined as follows: a secure receptacle to anonymously dispose of vape  
8    and tobacco products.  
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10   Section 3: Vape drop-boxes shall be collected & disposed of weekly via city or county health department  
11   officials.  
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13   Section 4: A 1% tobacco product tax will be implemented to offset the cost of vape drop-boxes in Kentucky  
14   schools.





KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  
**KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY**  
**Bluegrass Bill**

**BG | 28**

Referred to Committee:  
**Senate | 1**

**Sponsors:** Sam Peterworth, Ruby Scott, ,

**School:** Noe MS

**City:** Louisville

**Action on the Bill**

**House**

**Senate**

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An Act Relating To light pollution in Kentucky

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

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SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 224 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) To reduce light pollution in Kentucky, all newly installed public outdoor light fixtures shall be required to include coverings that direct light downward and prevent excess light from radiating into the atmosphere. (2) Existing outdoor public light fixtures shall be retrofitted with coverings when scheduled for maintenance or replacement.

SECTION 2. (1) Funds originally allocated for purchasing new street lamps shall be redirected to purchase cost-efficient, covered outdoor lighting fixtures. (2) This policy requires no additional penalties or incentives, as compliance will be managed through normal public infrastructure maintenance schedules.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	BG   29	
	Referred to Committee: <b>House   1</b>	
<b>Sponsors:</b> Max Perkins, Paul Stone, Noah Seow, Jude Tasman	<b>Action on the Bill</b>	
<b>School:</b> Noe MS	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>
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1 An Act Relating To Public School Transportation

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

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4 SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) The Kentucky  
5 Department of Education shall establish a grant program to support: (a) Increased salaries for trained bus  
6 drivers, (b) Procurement and maintenance of large school buses, and (c) Expansion of bus routes to ensure all  
7 public school students have access to transportation. (2) The grant program shall prioritize funding to  
8 districts with the greatest transportation needs and driver shortages.

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10 SECTION 2. (1) The Kentucky Department of Education shall implement the following procedures to reduce  
11 driver fatigue and increase retention. (a) Students must take an hour long course that covers bus rules and  
12 safety, (b) Provide bus driver seats that are comfortable for long hours, and (c) Offer high school internships,  
13 or community service hours, to be aids on the buses for misbehavior.

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15 SECTION 3. (1) Funding for this program shall be generated by an increase in property taxes. (2) The  
16 additional funds collected through property tax increases shall be allocated to: (a) Increasing yearly salaries  
17 for bus drivers, (b) Purchasing and maintaining buses, and (c) Expanding transportation routes to  
18 underserved areas.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b> <b>Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>BG   30</b>							
	<b>Referred to Committee:</b> <b>Senate   2</b>							
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An Act Relating To teacher safety


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SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 161 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Teachers in public schools shall have the right to take protective actions if a student threatens their personal safety by: (a) Resisting harm or preventing further injury, (b) Placing an object or barrier between themselves and a student, provided that no harm comes to the student as a result. (2) The Kentucky Department of Education shall develop guidelines and training programs for teachers to ensure that protective actions are used responsibly and only in situations of imminent danger.

SECTION 2. (1) All public school classrooms shall be equipped with: (a) Advanced door locks suitable for emergency lockdowns, (b) Glass breakers for safe window evacuation during emergencies, and (c) Rope ladders for classrooms located above the ground floor. (2) The Kentucky Department of Education shall allocate funding to ensure that schools meet these safety equipment standards.

SECTION 3. (1) Funding for this initiative shall come from grants provided by the Kentucky Department of Education and federal school safety programs. (2) School districts must submit a report detailing compliance with safety equipment installation and teacher training by December 31, 2025.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   31</b>						
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1                                    An Act Relating To the relief of student debt for Kentucky citizens  
2                                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4 SECTION 1. (1) The Kentucky Citizen Student Debt Relief Program (KCSDF) is hereby established to provide  
5 financial assistance to graduates with student loan debt who meet the following eligibility requirements: (a)  
6 Graduates must have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.5. (b) Graduates must have  
7 attended an accredited college or university in Kentucky, enrolled at least half-time during their program. (c)  
8 Graduates must be employed in Kentucky following graduation, with payments issued annually for up to 10  
9 years of in-state work. (2) Eligible graduates shall receive the following financial assistance: (a) A maximum  
10 of \$5,000 per year for a graduate of a 2-year joint program. (b) A maximum of \$10,000 per year for a  
11 graduate of a 4-year joint program.  
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13 SECTION 2. (1) The KCSDF shall be funded as follows: (a) An annual budget of \$50,000,000 allocated from  
14 the state general fund; (b) A one-time startup fund of \$25,000,000 to establish the program infrastructure.  
15 (2) The program shall operate in partnership with the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES)  
16 program to ensure seamless integration and support for eligible students.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   32</b>	
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<b>Sponsors:</b> jordyn dillard, Hudson Roney, Sloan Shelton, Ethan Sparks	<b>Action on the Bill</b>	
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1                   An Act Relating To Hemp-Derived Cannabinoid Products Packaging and Labeling Requirements  
2                   **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4 Section 1: Section 6 of KRS 217.037 Title 902, Chapter 045, Regulation 190 is amended to read as follows:  
5 Amend (4)(e) to include 'Delta 9 THC-infused beverages may not resemble energy drinks in packaging,  
6 branding, or marketing. This includes, but is not limited to, the use of: Symbols, colors, or designs commonly  
7 associated with energy drinks; Words such as 'energy,' 'boost,' or 'power' that imply stimulation or enhanced  
8 physical performance; Any branding that could mislead consumers into believing the product is an energy  
9 drink.'


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11 Section 2: The 2018 Farm Bill allows the production of hemp in the United States, as hemp with a  
12 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) level of 0.3% or less on a dry weight basis is not a controlled substance. As of  
13 2020, the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA) has licensed 960 hemp growers to grow up to 32,000  
14 acres and licensed 4.6 million square feet of greenhouse space for production. Processors and handlers  
15 reported \$193.9 million in gross product sales in 2019. The FDA continues to work on bringing safe, legal  
16 products to the market. This amendment focuses on that work, specifically: a. Clear difference between  
17 Delta-9 THC beverages and energy drinks to reduce the risk of accidental consumption by consumers who  
18 may misunderstand the product's effects. New packaging will help to eliminate this confusion. b. Young  
19 adults or teenagers, who are primary consumers of energy drinks, may be less likely to mistakenly purchase  
20 or consume Delta-9 THC products if the bright, flashy designs often associated with energy drinks is  
21 changed. c. The amendment demonstrates a proactive approach to safeguarding public health, which could  
22 bolster trust in the regulatory system and cannabis legalization efforts. The amendment signals that  
23 Kentucky is fostering a responsible and well-regulated cannabis market, which could encourage further  
24 policy development and investment.

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26 Section 3: All regulations or parts of regulations in conflict with this amendment are hereby repealed.  
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28 Section 4: This bill shall go into effect on January 1, 2026.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   33</b>						
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1                                   An Act Relating To the Requirement of No-Kill Animal Shelters with a 90% Save Rate  
2                                   **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4 Section 1: This act is to improve the quality of life for animals in Kentucky by requiring that all animal  
5 shelters become no-kill shelters and have a 90% save rate for shelter animals.  
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7 Section 2: Definitions: No-Kill Shelter is defined as a shelter that saves at least 90% of the animals brought  
8 into the shelter through reconnecting animals to their owners, finding homes through fostering and  
9 adoption, and providing medical care. Save Rate: The percentage of all animals brought into a shelter saved  
10 from euthanasia. Euthanasia: the act of humanely ending the life of an animal.  
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12 Section 3: By January 1, 2028, all animal shelters in KY will have a save rate of 90% of all animals they take  
13 in. Euthanasia can only be allowed if the animal has a terminal illness, is suffering from unbearable pain, or is  
14 a threat to other animals and/or humans and cannot be rehabilitated.  
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16 Section 4: Implementation and Compliance Measures: All shelters must complete reports to their city-county  
17 board of health which reports to the KY Dept. of Agriculture. In addition to current reporting, they will begin  
18 reporting: \* Total number of animals taken in. \* Total number of animals returned to their owners, placed  
19 with a new owner, transferred to rescue organizations, and euthanasia cases. \* Reasons for each case of  
20 euthanasia should be documented. Annual inspections by the KY Dept. of Agriculture will occur to ensure  
21 compliance.  
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23 Section 5: Funding and Grants: \* The KY Dept. of Agriculture will provide funds to support shelters as they  
24 transition to no-kill shelters. Shelters may apply for grants from the 'Animal Control and Care Fund' which is  
25 a special fund in the State Treasury to be used for daily necessities, providing medical care, establishing or  
26 supporting existing spay/neuter programs, and providing behavior rehabilitation. Applications will be  
27 accepted annually by July 15th through the Dept. of Agriculture. \* Tax incentives will be given to KY  
28 veterinarians and licensed animal medical providers for providing medical care at a discounted rate. \*The KY  
29 Dept. of Agriculture will also keep an updated database of local non-profit organizations and rescue  
30 organizations for local shelters to partner with.  
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32 Section 6: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.



 <p><b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</b>  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<p><b>BG   34</b></p>						
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<p><b>Sponsors:</b> Annika Bishop, Blair Derenge, Gabby Hansen,</p> <p><b>School:</b> Our Lady of Lourdes ES</p> <p><b>City:</b> Louisville</p>							

An Act Relating To Offering Life Skills In High School


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

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Section 1: Public and private highschools will now offer life skills classes, mainly managing and budgeting money and how to use your finances, but there will still be various life skills like cooking and cleaning included. Such states like Virginia already offer a class similar to this called 'Adulting 101.' One high school in Kentucky already offers this class.

Section 2: This class will be an elective offered to juniors and seniors in high school. This class will offer such things as cooking, cleaning, personal finances, food preparation, and house maintenance.

Section 3: This bill will be funded by the Kentucky Department of education.

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<p data-bbox="94 378 860 415"><b>Sponsors:</b> Audrey Coning, Charlotte Box-Lacey, River Hutson,</p> <p data-bbox="94 451 560 489"><b>School:</b> Redwood Cooperative School</p> <p data-bbox="94 525 292 562"><b>City:</b> Lexington</p>	<p data-bbox="1138 237 1479 323">Referred to Committee: <b>House   1</b></p> <p data-bbox="1170 378 1442 415"><b>Action on the Bill</b></p> <table border="0" data-bbox="1086 443 1521 562"><thead><tr><th data-bbox="1154 443 1235 474"><b>House</b></th><th data-bbox="1385 443 1466 474"><b>Senate</b></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td data-bbox="1086 495 1252 527">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td><td data-bbox="1333 495 1498 527">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td></tr><tr><td data-bbox="1086 533 1276 564">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td><td data-bbox="1333 533 1521 564">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td></tr></tbody></table>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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1                                 An Act Relating To Taxation Of Menstrual Care Products  
2                     **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4     Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 139 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: menstrual care  
5     products including tampons, menstrual cups, and menstrual pads will be tax exempt.  
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7     Section 2. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   36</b>						
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An Act Relating To Decriminalizing Homelessness in Kentucky  
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Section 1. This bill will repeal the 'Safer Kentucky Act,' KRS 532, which includes clauses that make homelessness a crime.

Section 2. The 'Safer Kentucky Act,' which was passed on July 15, 2024, makes it a crime to occupy public spaces by sleeping in cars and on public benches. Most unhoused people can not afford or find other shelters; therefore, this act makes it unlawful to be homeless.


Section 3. The following KRS section is repealed: KRS 532. This will repeal the 'Safer Kentucky Act' to make it legal again to sleep in your car and in certain public spots. This act further proposes to make designated spots in parking lots where unhoused persons can stay for one night.

Section 4. There is no cost associated with this bill.

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

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   37</b>						
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1                                    **An Act Relating To Universal Preschool for Children under the Age of Five**  
2                                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4    Section 1: The purpose of this Act is to provide free access to preschool for all children, regardless of how  
5    much money their families have.  
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7    Section 2: The U.S. government recognizes that the early years of a child's life are critical for all kinds of  
8    development. Universal access to preschool education will improve outcomes and learning for children.  
9    Preschool also promotes social and emotional development, making it easier for them when they start  
10   elementary school. Kids that attend preschool have higher literacy, numeracy, and language fluency skills  
11   than their peers who did not attend preschool. By starting early, children can develop the fundamental skills  
12   they need to succeed in school later on.  
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14   Section 3: Kentucky shall provide financial assistance and resources to states to create or expand high-  
15   quality preschool programs that serve all children, including those from underserved communities. Private  
16   preschools cost \$400-\$1,300 per month, while the minimum wage in Kentucky is \$7.25-\$16.25 an hour.  
17   This bill will help children that come from lower income households get the education they need and deserve.  
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19   Section 4: This bill will be enacted in January of 2025

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   38</b>						
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1 An Act relating to alleviating the critical secondary math and science teacher shortage and making an  
2 appropriation therefor

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 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) To incentivize  
6 qualified secondary math and science instructors to join the profession and reduce teacher shortages, a  
7 bonus of \$4,000.00 shall be endowed to any new math or science teacher after the completion of one full  
8 school year, for the first four years of their service as a fulltime math or science teacher.

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10 SECTION 2: Kentucky currently ranks #41 in the nation for teacher pay. According to the United States  
11 Department of Education, Kentucky has critical teacher shortages spanning nearly every county of our  
12 Commonwealth. However, the most serious teacher shortages are found in secondary STEM subjects.

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14 SECTION 3: Funding of these bonuses to the Department of Education through the General Fund will be  
15 generated by revenue produced through an increase in the tax on chewing tobacco and snuff. Currently,  
16 cigarettes and vapes are taxed at \$1.10 per pack/cartridge, the equivalent of \$44 per pound. Chewing  
17 tobacco and snuff are currently taxed at \$.19 per 1 ½ ounce on snuff and \$.80/pound for chewing tobacco.  
18 The tax on chewing tobacco and snuff shall be raised to \$.40/pack, which will raise approximately  
19 \$689,000/year. An annual operational fee will be levied in the amount of \$1.2 million/year on the US  
20 Smokeless Tobacco Company which operates in Kentucky. Total revenue generated will yield 516 new  
21 Secondary STEM teacher bonuses each year for the next four years.

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23 SECTION 4: There is appropriated to the Department of Education from the General Fund \$1.89 million  
24 dollars in Fiscal Year 2025 - 2028 for the purpose of new secondary STEM teacher bonuses.

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

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   39</b>						
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1                                   An Act relating to support for Kentucky’s bus drivers through student leadership  
2                                   **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4   SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158.110 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) A one  
5   course credit for Leadership Dynamics (KY Course Code 331010 ) shall be granted to eligible high school  
6   Seniors who serve one school year as a Student Bus Monitor on routes composed of elementary and middle  
7   school students. (2) Interested Seniors shall complete a job application as determined by each District and be  
8   selected by District Transportation Departments as official Student Bus Monitors. It is recommended that  
9   Districts place Student Bus Monitors in pairs. (3) Bus Monitors will complete the Kentucky Academic Credit  
10   Agreement Form currently in use for Co-Op and Internship students. (4) Each District’s driver training  
11   instructor shall qualify the Student Bus Monitors with training in proper student bus entry, exit, rules, and  
12   student management. (5) The choice to utilize the Student Bus Monitor system shall rest with each bus  
13   driver. (6) The ability to create an official discipline referral for bus riders shall remain with the bus driver.  
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15   SECTION 2. Kentucky schools are facing a bus driver crisis. Districts do not have enough drivers because of  
16   the difficulty of the job and discipline issues with students that make it even more challenging. At the same  
17   time, many high school Seniors have flexible class schedules and are seeking practical skills and job  
18   experience through programs like co-oping. This bill provides support for bus drivers and real-life skills for  
19   Seniors. Mentors will decrease discipline issues on buses, supporting Kentucky’s hard working drivers and  
20   helping reduce critical bus driver shortages.  
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22   SECTION 3. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.  
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24   SECTION 4. This bill shall go into effect at the beginning of each district’s 2025-2026 school year.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   40</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: House   2</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Crawford Brown, Gabriel Ratterman, Owen Higdon, Hayden Hughes	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
<b>School:</b> St. Margaret Mary Catholic School							
<b>City:</b> Louisville							
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1 An Act Relating To The Creation Of A New Section Of Kentucky Revised Statute Chapter 158 To Be Titled  
2 Life Skills Course

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 158 CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: [1] All public, private or home  
6 schooled students classified as juniors or seniors shall enroll in and complete a life skills course prior to  
7 graduation.

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9 Section 2: The life skills course to be implemented shall be a single required course in high schools for juniors  
10 or seniors. It shall instruct as to practical skills for the students' future; such as financial management and  
11 responsibility (avoiding or eliminating credit card debt, opening and maintaining bank accounts, creating and  
12 abiding by a budget, mortgage payment, how escrow works for a home, how to invest in stocks and/or  
13 bonds), how to make good nutrition choices for a healthy lifestyle, stress management techniques, drug and  
14 alcohol avoidance, problem-solving and critical thinking, public speaking, parenting classes, changing a tire,  
15 changing oil in a vehicle, how to tie a tie, how to sew a button on one's clothing, creating a resumé and cover  
16 letter for employers, job interview techniques and practice, effective time management, CPR and safety  
17 education and any other essential abilities needed for everyday adult life.

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19 Section 3: Regardless of whether a young adult enters college or joins the work force upon high school  
20 graduation, many young adults lack the practical knowledge and understanding to manage their personal  
21 financial responsibilities. In addition to a focus on finances though, this new section shall enrich young adults  
22 with other valuable and essential skills to be successful in everyday life.

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24 Section 4: This course shall be required for high school graduation. Credits for this course shall be applied to  
25 the students graduation requirement just as any other core course, such as Math, English or Science. Each  
26 school shall hire a new staff member or train a current educator to teach the course. The Kentucky  
27 Department of Education shall create the curriculum and educator training standards for the course and the  
28 state graduation requirements.

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30 Section 5: This bill shall be implemented for fall of 2026-2027. Any statute contrary to this act shall be  
31 amended or repealed.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	BG   41	
	Referred to Committee: <b>Senate   2</b>	
	<b>Action on the Bill</b>	
<b>Sponsors:</b> Gabrielle Sorg, Addy Ogburn, Riley Smith, Elizabeth Gohmann	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>
<b>School:</b> St. Margaret Mary Catholic School	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed
<b>City:</b> Louisville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating to the Implementation of a Wellness Allowance Program for K-12 Teachers in the  
2 Commonwealth of Kentucky

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

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5 SECTION 1: Wellness Allowance Program shall be provided to all K-12 Public School Teachers in the  
6 Commonwealth of Kentucky. Allowance shall be reimbursed monthly upon submission of valid expenses.

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8 SECTION 2: Qualifying expenses for the Wellness Allowance Program include but are not limited to; Gym  
9 Memberships, Group Fitness Classes, Massage and Wellness Therapies and Fitness Equipment.


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11 SECTION 3: Teachers have the biggest impact on student achievement in grades K- 12, but in the  
12 Commonwealth of Kentucky, teachers are turning over at a rate of 10.9% annually. According to the career  
13 resources site Zippia, 80% of employees engaged in a Wellness program say they enjoy their work. Wellness  
14 programs will attract new teachers to enter the profession, and will keep them in the classrooms. Zippia  
15 reports that 87% of employees consider wellness options when choosing an employer, and that Wellness  
16 programs reduce absenteeism by 14-19%. According to the Kentucky Commissioner of Education, on a daily  
17 basis, we have 1,500 to 2,000 less teachers than are needed to adequately run our schools. A Wellness  
18 program will reduce health-care costs for the state funded plan that supports teachers and their families.  
19 Zippia reports that 72% of companies saw a reduction in healthcare costs after the implementation of a  
20 Wellness program. Teachers report high job stress as a contributing factor to the teacher shortage. Exercise  
21 and massage have been proven therapies to reduce stress, increase overall well-being and improve mood.  
22 According to the American Psychology Association, 32% of adults report feeling less stressed after  
23 exercising.


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25 SECTION 4: This bill shall take effect on May 6th, 2025, National Teacher Appreciation Day.




 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   42</b>	
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate   1</b>	
<b>Sponsors:</b> Makenna Allen, Hannah McGhee, Jonas McFadden, Carter Turner-Mohon	<b>Action on the Bill</b>	
<b>School:</b> Sts. Peter and Paul ES - Hopkinsville	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>
<b>City:</b> Hopkinsville	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1                                    An Act Establishing Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) in Kentucky  
2                                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4    Section 1: KRS 116.045, Section 2 is amended to read that upon reaching age 18, all voters are to be  
5    immediately registered to vote as an Independent if they have resided in the state of Kentucky for over one  
6    (1) year.  
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8    Section 2: This act will take effect on January 1, 2026.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   43</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate   1</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Marianne Jawahir, Lora Pesis, Stella Dowden,	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
<b>School:</b> Stuart Pepper MS							
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1                                    An Act Relating To Reducing the Use of Vapes Among Grades 6-12  
2                                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4    Section 1: Vaping is a significant issue among students in grades 6-12 in Kentucky. Vaping negatively  
5    affects students, including causing a lack of focus and mood swings - the effects are not limited to just this.  
6    More than 25% of high schoolers and 14% of eighth graders say they have used a vape before. This bill will  
7    decrease the amount of students who vape by implementing real consequences.  
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9    Section 2: Certain measures such as six hours of community service and underage users having their records  
10   marked will be taken to lessen the amount of vape usage among grades 6-12. Having to perform community  
11   service will teach students to be active in their community and to be active volunteers, and because many  
12   schools do not mark records for vaping, having their records marked will teach them to be responsible for  
13   their actions.  
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15   Section 3: With the consequences that will be enforced, support will be too. Therapy will provide students  
16   with the skills needed to progress in life without using vapes as a coping mechanism. Without the counseling  
17   this bill will help provide, the chance of returning to unhealthy ways to manage stressful emotions is much  
18   stronger. With that being said, Students must complete a therapy course and six hours of community  
19   service.  
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21   Section 4: The money to fund this bill will come from the Kentucky Lottery.  
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23   Section 5: This bill will be implemented in the 2025-2026 school year.

 <b>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION</b> <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b> <b>Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>BG   44</b>	
	<b>Referred to Committee: House   1</b>	
<b>Sponsors:</b> Carlos Bravo, Alyssa Fleming, Mason Raikes, Evie Humphrey	<b>Action on the Bill</b>	
<b>School:</b> Stuart Pepper MS	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>
<b>City:</b> Brandenburg	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1    **An Act Relating To suicide screenings in Kentucky schools**  
2    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4    Section 1: 15 percent of Kentucky high school students have reported having seriously considered suicide  
5    within the last twelve months. 17.4 percent of middle schoolers in Kentucky have considered committing  
6    suicide. This bill will help support suicide prevention by finding students in 6th-12th grade who may be  
7    having thoughts of self-harm and potentially suicide. This bill will mandate the requirement of a screening for  
8    all students in 6th-12th grade for suicide.  
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10   Section 2: This bill will ensure that students in grades 6-12 will get the psychological attention that they  
11   need by requiring a suicide screening. The screening will ask questions about their mental health and if they  
12   have thoughts about self-harm. If the students score low on this screening they will have to have a one-on-  
13   one with their school counselor. If the counselor believes they need further help with their mental health they  
14   will speak with their legal guardians about treatment options. The students will be mandated to take this  
15   test each school year  
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17   Section 3: Our bill will not need any funding unless we need extra psychological care, paid for by tax dollars.  
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19   Section 4: This Act will go into effect January 1, 2025.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   45</b>							
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate   1</b>							
<b>Sponsors:</b> Avery McIntosh, maggie skipworth, River Penick,	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>House</b></td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>Senate</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>		<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>School:</b> Todd Co. MS								
<b>City:</b> Elkton								


- 1                   An Act Relating To Secondary Students Taking a Required CPR/AED and Epipen class.
- 2                   **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 4   Section 1: (1) All students must take a CPR class and an AED Epipen med kit class in either a gym class or a
- 5   practical living class.(2) The school must send home a permission slip for both parents and students to sign.
- 6   (3)The health department or a local branch of the Red Cross and the American Heart Association will teach
- 7   these classes. (4) We will have the Red Cross and the American Heart Association sponsor this class.
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- 9   Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   46</b>						
	Referred to Committee: <b>Senate   1</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Abigail Condley, Ben Crisp, Elliana Kennedy,	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>House</b></td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><b>Senate</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td style="text-align: center;">___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>School:</b> Walden School MS							
<b>City:</b> Louisville							


1                   An Act Relating to the Prohibition of Solitary Confinement in Juvenile Detention Centers  
2                   **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 196 IS CREATED TO READ: Prohibition of solitary confinement  
5 (1) Solitary confinement will be abolished in all juvenile detention centers in the state of Kentucky (2) Any  
6 facility found to be in violation of this prohibition shall be subject to penalties, including but not limited to  
7 fines and the potential loss of state funding.  
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9 Section 2: Definitions (1) "Solitary confinement" means the placement of a juvenile in a designated cell or  
10 room, isolated from other individuals for 22 hours or more per day. (2) "Juvenile detention facility" refers to  
11 any facility operated by the Commonwealth or any local government for the detention of juveniles.  
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13 Section 3: Implementation of Alternatives (1) Each juvenile detention facility shall implement evidence-based  
14 alternative behavior management strategies to ensure safety without resorting to solitary confinement  
15 including but not limited to mental health care for detainees. (2) Facilities shall receive training on these  
16 strategies and shall report on their implementation annually to the Department of Juvenile Justice.  
17  
18 Section 4: Exceptions. (1) Solitary confinement may only be used in cases of immediate danger to the juvenile  
19 or others, and only for the shortest time necessary and as a last resort. (2) Any use of solitary confinement  
20 under this exception must be documented and reported to the Department of Juvenile Justice within 24  
21 hours as well as the detainee's guardian(s).  
22  
23 Section 5: Effective Date. This act shall take effect immediately, following its passage and signature.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   47</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee: Senate   2</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Clara Schlafer, Bergen Selznick, Vicky Nori, Kate Macobin	<b>Action on the Bill</b>						
<b>School:</b> Western MS							
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1                                    An Act Relating to Mandating 30-minute Breaks in 6-12 Public Schools.  
2                                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
3  
4 Section 1: Studies have shown that breaks in the school day improve students’ ability to focus, improve their  
5 social skills and emotional well-being, and enhance cognitive development. Time to socialize, stretch, and use  
6 the bathroom is incredibly beneficial to learning. A study from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State  
7 University suggests students ages 12-14 can only focus for 20 to 40 minutes, students 15-18 can only  
8 focus for roughly 48 minutes. This bill proposed thirty minutes of break time for students per day.  
9  
10 Section 2: This bill mandates thirty minutes of break time for students in public schools daily. These 30  
11 minutes can be broken up and spaced as the individual school sees fit. These breaks can not be revoked as  
12 punishment and must include elements of movement, bathroom usage, and availability for communication  
13 between students and their peers (talk time). Time will not be taken from related arts or elective classes to  
14 accommodate this break.  
15  
16 Section 3: To enforce this bill, district board members will conduct surprise visits to schools annually. Schools  
17 in violation will follow a progressive disciplinary system. A school’s first offense will be met with a stern  
18 reminder and an immediate correction. A school’s second offense will end the same as the first, however, the  
19 board will now visit two weeks after to make sure expectations are being met. A school’s third offense will  
20 result in a meeting with members of the board and the school’s admin to see where the disconnect is. This  
21 meeting may result in rearrangement of the school’s schedule, bi-monthly checks, or another routine set up  
22 to ensure success on this measure.  
23  
24 Section 4: This bill does not require any additional funding.  
25  
26 Section 5: This bill will be put into action on the first day of the 2025 - 2026 school year. Clear deadlines  
27 will be presented and used to make sure schools and districts are ready to put this bill in place. Our first  
28 proposed deadline; Deadline for districts to submit established guidelines to the state is June 5, 2025.  
29 Deadline for schools to submit revised guidelines (if necessary) to districts is July 30, 2025.


 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   48</b>	
	<b>Referred to Committee: House   2</b>	
<b>Sponsors:</b> Aria Spalione, Ellis Cole, Liyr Bender-Cortie, Evelyn Hamilton	<b>Action on the Bill</b>	
<b>School:</b> Western MS	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>
<b>City:</b> Louisville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1                                    **An Act Relating To Providing More Accessible and Affordable Mental Health Care**  
2                                    **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4    Section 1: Have you ever wanted to tell someone something, but you were too afraid to? Lots of people  
5    struggle with that same issue, and so they went to a therapist. Although not everyone can talk to a therapist  
6    because it was too expensive or not close enough. 42% of adults who wanted therapy said they couldn't  
7    afford it. Untreated mental illness is a major cause of crime and homelessness. Providing affordable and  
8    accessible mental health care will support people's ability to participate fully in our society and eliminate  
9    many problems faced in our communities. This bill proposes to provide more accessible and affordable  
10    Mental health care to the citizens of Kentucky.  
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12    Section 2: Our bill would make mental health more available and affordable. We would lower the price of  
13    therapy to \$35 per session and make therapy more accessible. This bill seeks to offer an affordable, public  
14    option for therapy while maintaining the choice for people to maintain a private practitioner if they would  
15    prefer. These public therapists will practice offices that already exist within counties throughout Kentucky.  
16    Each county will be provided 1-2 therapists depending on the population of that county.  
17  
18    Section 3: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. If someone is not  
19    receiving the care they need, the Cabinet will intervene with the center that is denying care by enforcing that  
20    care be provided.  
21  
22    Section 4: This bill would utilize only 4% of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services budget,  
23    about \$19,000,000. Section 5: Our bill will be enacted on July 1st, 2026.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION  <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b>  <b>Bluegrass Bill</b></p>	<b>BG   49</b>	
	<b>Referred to Committee: House   1</b>	
<b>Sponsors:</b> Ria Medina, , ,	<b>Action on the Bill</b>	
<b>School:</b> Winburn MS	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>
<b>City:</b> Lexington	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1                   An Act Relating To a Checkoff on Kentucky Thoroughbred to Fund Research and Advertisement  
2                   **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**  
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4   Section 1: This bill states that when selling a racehorse in Kentucky at public auction there will be a 0.25%  
5   checkoff charged. This checkoff is going to be run through the Kentucky Horseman’s Society and will collect  
6   an average of 2 million dollars each year. 25% of this money will fund research and 75% will go towards  
7   advertisements that support growing the sport of racing.  
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9   Section 2: (1) This bill will, if passed, go into effect on January 1, 2025. To apply for the research grant there  
10   will be a 500,000 dollar cap on funding, and the study will only be funded if it is determined that it will  
11   benefit horses’ safety or promote races. To apply for an advertisement there will be a 1.5 million dollar cap,  
12   and it will be determined by the Kentucky Horseman’s Society if the advertisement is going to support  
13   industry growth in Kentucky. Applications will be open each year from January 1-January 31 and if approved  
14   the study or campaign will receive money at the end of February. (2) Any statute contrary to this act will be  
15   amended or repealed.



 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION <b>KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY</b> <b>Bluegrass Bill</b>	<b>BG   50</b>						
	<b>Referred to Committee:</b> <b>Senate   2</b>						
<b>Sponsors:</b> Claira Dominick, Dharshini Muthukumar, Emma Xiao,	<b>Action on the Bill</b>  <table border="0"> <tr> <td align="center"><b>House</b></td> <td align="center"><b>Senate</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> <td>_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> <td>_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</td> </tr> </table>	<b>House</b>	<b>Senate</b>	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<b>School:</b> Winburn MS							
<b>City:</b> Lexington							

An Act Relating To limiting synthetic pesticide usage

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

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Section (1): Effective January 1, 2026, the use of synthetic pesticides in Kentucky will be limited to 6 gallons of synthetic pesticide per acre every calendar year.

Section (2): To incentivize farmers that use organic pesticides or less synthetic pesticides they will receive tax credits and subsidies. To fund this bill, we will reallocate the existing farming subsidies and grants.

Section (3): Failure to follow these regulations will result in up to a \$250 fine depending on the severity of usage.