 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 1	
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Carmela Blue, Alexis Almond, Audrey Walters, Sophia Diebold	Action on the Bill	
School: Anchorage Public ES	House	Senate
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An Act Relating To Teen Pregnancy
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: There are many problems resulting in an increasing amount of teen pregnancies. Kentucky's teen birth rate was 22 births per 1,000, making it the fourth highest in the United States. This is higher than the national rate of 13.6 births per 1,000. Per year there is an average of nearly 750,000 teen pregnancies. About 50% of teenagers become sexually active before they get the chance to take sexual education. With the result of teen pregnancies there is a higher dropout rate from high school.

Section 2: We will create a new bill that states that there needs to be education classes on how to stop teen pregnancy at a young age. These classes will be put in place through grades 8-12th. The education classes will take place 2 times a month for 8 months, 30 minutes per class. Four classes out of the 16 total classes will be required for every 8-12th grade kentuckian.

Section 3: This bill will lower this increasing number by giving education classes about teen pregnancy and how to prevent it at a young age.

Section 4: This bill will be enacted August 7th 2025

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 2						
	Referred to Committee: House 2						
Sponsors: Ella Hetherington, Leah Ream, Scarlett Burke, molly hicks	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">House</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Senate</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>	House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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School: Ashland MS							
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An Act Relating To re-evaluation of senior driving abilities

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

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Section 1: Drivers aged 65 and older must retest for their driver’s license every 5 years. This would be a mandatory requirement for all drivers of this age to monitor certain diseases that could affect their driving abilities.


Section 2: Such symptoms include, but are not limited to, dementia, vision impairment, physical disability, and/or strokes. A few side effects of previously stated symptoms include, slowed reaction times, trouble multitasking, impaired spatial skills, worsened vision, and other cognitive defects.

Section 3: In addition to vision exams that are already required, the operating reassessment will include an intellectual exam to test drivers’ knowledge of road laws and safe driving practices, and a road skills test to assess driving ability and reaction times.


Section 4: The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) shall notify eligible drivers 120 days before their re-testing deadline. Failure to complete re-testing within 60 days after the expiration date will result in license suspension.

Section 5: Drivers aged 65 and older who provide documentation from a medical provider, indicating that re-testing would cause undue hardship due to a temporary medical condition, may request a deferral of up to one year.

Section 6: This act will become effective on January 1, 2025.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 3						
	Referred to Committee: House 1						
Sponsors: Gloria Greenwell, Laken Blanford, Chloe Wells, Jax Holt	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">House</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Senate</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>	House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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School: Bardstown MS							
City: Bardstown							

- 1 **An Act Relating To Mandating Four Day School Weeks for Public Schools**
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 4 Section 1: Currently, most schools in Kentucky operate on five-day school schedules. Research about 4-day
- 5 school weeks indicates to be more effective and beneficial than weeks that are five days long. Students
- 6 would be more attentive, increasing academic performance. Teachers and students would miss less school
- 7 and attendance rates would be higher.
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- 9 Section 2: – Four-day school weeks will save a substantial amount of money over time. Many administrators
- 10 have reported that a shorter week has reduced costs by 4%-12%.
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- 12 Section 3: – Parents and students will be offered the necessary amenities by the school in place of the
- 13 removed day. Lunches and childcare will be available at the school for the allotted time of a school day.
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- 15 Section 4: Teachers and students can use the extra day to plan lessons, grade papers, meet with PLCs,
- 16 organize activities for students, etc' Research has also shown that teachers are more likely to apply for a job
- 17 knowing that they will have extra time for themselves to grade papers and come up with lesson plans. Add
- 18 something about making the profession more appealing to remedy the teaching shortage.
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- 20 Section 5: Four-day school weeks have benefited rural areas. Four-day school weeks have shown positive
- 21 effects on productivity and work-life balance. A study from Oregon State University has shown that 90% of
- 22 schools have four-day school weeks in rural areas and 10% in suburban areas. In 2020, Texas had zero
- 23 schools on a four-day week schedule, now there are nearly 50.
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- 25 Section 6: This bill complies with Title XIII Education KRS chapter 158.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 4							
	Referred to Committee: Senate 1							
Sponsors: Solomon Case, Ortencia Roblero Perez, Aubrey Roark, Adrienne Parrish	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">House</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Senate</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>		House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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School: Bardstown MS								
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1 An Act Relating To Require All Schools to have Choking Devices
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, it is not required for schools to have a choking device, which means
5 there is no standard device, or simple tool, to prevent choking; only the Heimlich maneuver. Many students
6 and staff need to learn how to perform the Heimlich safely, and some times the Heimlich does not work
7 correctly. Only 70-86% of the time does the Heimlich work, that means the other 14-30% of people don't
8 survive.
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10 Section 2: Choking can occur anywhere, especially in the cafeteria and educational institutions where there is
11 no official planned-out ways to save students from choking. With having the device, it is a planned-out way
12 to save a student with a 99% success rate. Choking devices and proper training can save lives and provide a
13 safe way to remove food from the esophagus.
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15 Section 3: There will be a school pack of the choking device in each building of a school, but it will change
16 depending on how many people are in the building and how big the building is. This could also cost more if
17 you are needed to buy more. For example one in every big area like the cafeteria, gym, or some upstairs.
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19 Section 4: One school pack of the choking device costs about \$240. The funding would come from the school
20 board. Larger school districts that need more devices also have larger incomes, so more funding would be
21 needed. The average number of devices in each school would be around 11.
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23 Section 5: School staff (including teachers) would be required to take two, 30-minute, classes to learn how
24 to use the device properly. The classes would be taught every other school year to students and staff
25 members would take them every year twice. The school nurse would be the one teaching everyone
26

27 Section 6: This in accordance with KRS, would so under title XIII EDUCATION in chapter 156, Department of
28 Education. In section .502 it says, 'Health services shall be provided, within the health care professional's
29 current scope of practice, in a school setting' This explains that with a professional's care health services
30 such as medication, the operation, or administration of clinical procedures may be done in the school setting.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 5						
	Referred to Committee: House 2						
Sponsors: Carter Boatman, Nathan Cramer, Lincoln Quisenberry, Etor Akafuah	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">House</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Senate</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>	House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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School: Beaumont MS							
City: Lexington							

1 An Act Relating To Decreasing Truancy Rates Among Kentucky Students Above the Age of 14.
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: Amendment to KRS 159.990 This amendment establishes penalties for individuals aged 14 and
5 above, as follows: Part A: 1. A student shall be classified as truant after five (5) unexcused absences and
6 habitually truant after ten (10) unexcused absences. 2. Upon determining that a student is truant, the school
7 shall notify the student’s parent or legal guardian in writing of the student’s status. 3. If a student is
8 determined to be habitually truant, the school shall refer the case to the appropriate court authorities to
9 assess the cause of the truancy. Part B: 1. If the court finds that the parent or legal guardian is responsible
10 for the student’s truancies, the penalties outlined in KRS 159.999 shall apply. 2. If the court determines that
11 a student aged fourteen (14) or older is personally responsible for their truancies, the student shall be
12 referred to a diversion program.
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14 Section 2: Funding Allocation Funds for additional court diversion officers shall be allocated from the
15 Kentucky Department of Education’s SEEK (Support Education Excellence in Kentucky) Funds.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 6	
	Referred to Committee: House 1	
Sponsors: cole Crider, Gabriel Osborne, ,	Action on the Bill	
School: Bourbon Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Paris	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

An Act Relating To A New Tax To Support Public Transit

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


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Section 1: A new section of KRS chapter 139 is created to read as follows: The law is to provide a new tax to support public transit for people living in counties and surrounding counties of cities that have a population over 35,000. This new tax is in action to support public transit money to buy electric buses, trains, and electric trains, and train tracks. Furthermore, this bill will help fight climate change by reducing the number of people that are driving a gas powered car or truck.

Section 2: The money that is provided for this transportation is coming from a 1.5% increase on property tax from the people in these counties. Since the money is coming from people’s property tax, the transportation is free for everyone in the counties. Once the items are bought from property tax, the property tax will go down by .75%.

Section 3: This bill will also help solve the problem of climate change by lowering the amount of people driving gas and diesel vehicles. Also this bill helps with lowering traffic.

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

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 7	
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Kordelia Delfino, Lyla Porter, ,	Action on the Bill	
School: Boyle Co. MS		
City: Danville		
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1 An Act Relating To Suicide Prevention in the Foster Care System
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: Suicide rates in Kentucky have increased by 38.5% in the last 2 decades. According to the
5 Kentucky Department of Education, 1 in 7 high school students seriously consider committing suicide.
6 Studies show that youth in the foster care system are 4-6% times more likely to commit suicide.
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8 Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 645 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All foster care
9 parents in the commonwealth of Kentucky must undergo a training process educating them on the signs of
10 suicide in foster children, how to prevent it, and how to help foster children who are suffering from
11 depression and thoughts of suicide.
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13 Section 3: The required training must include (but not limited to) recognizing symptoms and signs of a child
14 at risk of committing suicide including but not limited to unusual mood swings, giving away prized
15 possessions, eating too much or too little, sleeping too much or too little, loss in interest of activities they
16 previously enjoyed, and writing goodbye letters to friends and family members. The lessons also must include
17 ways for foster parents to seek help for foster children who may be considering suicide including the process
18 for admitting their foster child to a mental hospital or facility.
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20 Section 4: The following bill will require no additional funding. A preexisting online curriculum is available at
21 no cost.



KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY
Commonwealth Bill

CW | 8

Referred to Committee:
Senate | 2

Sponsors: Alayna Howard, Audrey Thompson, Cassie Darland, Kenzie Conover

Action on the Bill

School: Burgin Independent MS

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City: Burgin

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An Act Relating To classroom door security in Public Schools
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Requiring that all public school classroom doors be equipped with a secondary locking device to maximize classroom safety from potential threats to students.

Section 2: KRS 158.162 is amended to read as follows: Amend (3)(d)7 to read as follows, 'Requiring the use of secondary locking mechanisms on classroom doors, notwithstanding any provisions of the Kentucky Building Code promulgated pursuant to KRS Chapter 198B to the contrary;'

Section 3: As reported by U.S News in 2023 alone there were 346 school shooting incidents across the country. In Kentucky from 2018-2023, 25 people were wounded or killed across 18 school shooting incidents, a rate of 7.7 per million people, the highest rate in the United States, more than double the national average of 3.2 per million. All reasonable efforts must be made to secure our state's students when in our schools.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 9	
	Referred to Committee: Senate 1	
Sponsors: Alyssa cox, Maya Mattingly-Civils, Kynnedi Coleman, Larken Roach	Action on the Bill	
School: College View MS	House	Senate
City: Owensboro	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Baby Changing Stations in Public Restrooms
 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 56 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: To make steps toward
 5 gender equality and demolishing misogynistic normalities by putting changing tables in an equal number of
 6 womens and mens public restrooms.
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8 Section 2: All public restroom plans shall include an equal number of changing tables in their mens, womens,
 9 and gender neutral restrooms.
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11 Section 3: All companies that plan to input a public restroom in their building are required to fund these
 12 changing tables themselves.
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14 Section 4: Any and all currently existing public restrooms will not be required to pay for these changing
 15 tables, instead they will be funded by Vanguard Gender Equality Funds
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17 Section 5: There is appropriated to the Vanguard Investment Management Company Fund \$6,000,000 in
 18 fiscal year 2023-2024 for the purposes of the Gender Equality Program.
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20 Section 6: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 10							
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School: Community Montessori School								
City: Lexington								

1 An act to improve education for students with dyslexia in grades K- 12 through the UFLI teacher training
2 program.

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

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5 Section 1: Our bill, if passed, would make it mandatory for teachers to learn how to teach students with
6 dyslexia in grades K-12. KRS 158.307 helps students with dyslexia from kindergarten through third grade,
7 and this bill aims to expand these interventions through high school graduation.

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9 Section 2: The required training is from the University of Florida Literacy Institute. This training is free to
10 access and requires no funding. UFLI also provides a toolkit for educators to continue to use after the
11 professional development programs are completed.

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13 Section 3: 2 out of 3 teachers do not receive proper training in teaching students with dyslexia; however, 1
14 in 10 students have dyslexia and would therefore benefit from intervention.

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16 Section 4: This bill will be enacted during the Summer of 2025 before the start of the 2025-2026 school
17 year.



KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION
KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY
Commonwealth Bill

CW | 11

Referred to Committee:
Senate | 1

Sponsors: Katherine Doyle, Sophia Hayes, ,

School: Crosby MS

City: Middletown

Action on the Bill

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An Act Relating To Unemployment Solution through Ecotourism


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

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Section 1: This Bill calls for a tax break for businesses opened in the Appalachian region. Using Eco-tourism (tourism directed toward exotic, often threatened, natural environments, intended to support conservation efforts and observe wildlife.) will breathe new life into these regions.

Section 2: The money for this would come out of the Committee of Tourism and Hospitality’s budget. The budget of this committee is currently \$279,000,000,000 (279 billion dollars) annually. This tax break would be 20% of the businesses net worth income.

Section 3: This bill would go into effect January 1st, 2026. This bill aims to not only give economic revision but also jobs.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 12							
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School: Daviess Co. MS								
City: Owensboro								

1 **An Act Relating To Allowing Students To Attend Any School In Their District**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: This bill will allow parents to send their children to any public school in the city or county they live
5 in. This is for public schools only, not private educational institutions.
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7 Section 2: All schools must give out of district students the same opportunities as those who are in the
8 District. This does not mean from another city/county, but within each individual school's district. These
9 include but are not limited to; The right to be Advanced Placement Programs, all physical activities, and all
10 after school programs.
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12 Section 3: With this law, families would not have to send in an application to possibly be denied a place in a
13 public school. Placement will be on a first come, first serve basis. County/city school districts may institute a
14 lottery system where students who have applied are selected at random until the school population is full.
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16 Section 4: Any student who goes to an elementary school will be accepted into the secondary schools that
17 correspond with those elementary schools. Bus transportation would not be provided to those who meet
18 these requirements.
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20 Section 5: Students will be able to join quarterly, not only during early enrollment or enrollment periods
21 during the school year, as long as their are openings. They will be denied access to the school while a quarter
22 is in session, but are welcome to the school the following quarter.
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24 Section 6: For districts with more than one high school, schools will specialize in certain areas. These include
25 but are not limited to; Technology and STEM based learning programs, Liberal Arts, and Agriculture.
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27 Section 7: This will be placed into effect two years after the bill is passed in order to give schools time to
28 plan ahead and implement this bill properly. This would be the 2026-2027 school year.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 13	
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Maddie Jean, Avery Sorce, ,	Action on the Bill	
School: Daviess Co. MS		
City: Owensboro		
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1 An Act Relating To The Abolishment Of Annual Standardized Testing (KSA) in Kentucky
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: The state assessment students take at the end of the year is a one size fits all and is not inclusive
5 to all students. Some kids are more educationally gifted while others face more challenged. The National
6 Education Association says, 'Most of us know that standardized tests are inaccurate, inequitable, and often
7 ineffective at gauging what students actually know.' This just proves that the test does not efficiently exhibit
8 all the skills students possess.
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10 Section 2: This stressful exam presents extreme challenges to both students and teachers. It causes
11 students and teachers to display mass amounts of stress and anxiety. This test is presented as the most
12 important thing that students will do throughout the year and this causes worry for more than 55%. This
13 stress begins in the elementary grades. Hilary Phan from UCLA claims, 'Estimates are that between 40 and
14 60% of students have significant test anxiety that interferes with their performing up to their capability.' It's
15 commonly known that students are constantly growing, developing their brains, and regulate their hormones.
16 An article from Grace Tatter of Harvard University described how hormones can affect the performance of a
17 student taking a major exam.
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19 Section 3: Financially, the test costs taxpayers over \$19,000,000 per year. When the Kentucky General
20 Assembly states that there is not enough money to adequately fund education in this state, this money
21 would go a long way.
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23 Section 4: Lastly, an alternative to state testing would be performance based assessments (PBA). This
24 alternative would avoid many of the obstacles caused by the standardized test and would also assess
25 knowledge that would improve life skills along the way. National Education Association Today states, 'PBA
26 can mean asking students to compose a few sentences in an open-ended short response; develop a
27 thorough analysis in an essay; conduct a laboratory investigation; curate a portfolio of student work; or
28 complete an original research paper.' These methods can be a more approachable study that students would
29 feel more comfortable completing. This could be exciting and intriguing while also being educational.
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31 Section 5: This bill will only affect students in public schools.
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33 Section 6: After the passage of this bill, the Kentucky Department of Education will have two years to
34 develop a KSA replacement that is more equitable, cost effective, and accurate.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 15							
	Referred to Committee: House 1							
Sponsors: Chelsea Forrest, myra Meng, Will Scott, Mackenzie Simmons	Action on the Bill <table border="0"><thead><tr><th>House</th><th>Senate</th></tr></thead><tbody><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></tbody></table>		House	Senate	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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School: Drakes Creek MS								
City: Bowling Green								

1 An Act Relating To School Safety
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: School shootings are a common concern for students across the Commonwealth. This proposed
5 bill will implement smart locks at all main entrances, requiring visitors to verify their identity prior to being
6 admitted into the building.
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8 Section 2: Visitors would follow existing procedures before gaining additional access to the building or
9 students; this is an extra precaution to increase safety for students and staff.
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11 Section 3: This bill will go into effect on August 1, 2025.
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13 Section 4: This bill will be funded by the Department of Homeland Security's Targeted Violence and Terrorism
14 Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 16	
	Referred to Committee: House 2	
Sponsors: Landry Crowder, Leah Helvey, Gabby Stevenson,	Action on the Bill	
School: Grayson Co. MS		
City: Leitchfield		
	House	Senate
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1 **An Act Relating To Abolishing Parental of Convicted Sexual Assaulters**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: Currently Kentucky law states that a person convicted of a felony sexual assault offense that
5 resulted in a child cannot have custody or visitation rights in Kentucky unless the victim specifically requests
6 visitation. The victim must be at least 18 years old to make this request. The mother of the child can choose
7 to give access and allow them to have visitation with the child. The court can also decide if the assaulter will
8 pay child support or not depending on the severity of the case. This bill will abolish all parental rights and not
9 allow the assaulter to have any access to children.
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11 Section 2: Children will be defined as under the age of 18 and may include biological, adopted, or step
12 children. The purpose of this bill is to abolish the parental rights of those convicted of sexual assault.
13 Parental rights may include, both legal and physical custody. Legal custody is having the right to make
14 important decisions about the child. Physical custody is where the child lives as well as the day to day care.
15 The offender will not be able to live in the same residence with any child.
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17 Section 3: Penalties for offenders that are found in parental care after being convicted of sexual assault are;
18 if the felon has been found in parental care of a child for up to one month, penalty will be considered a class
19 B felony which includes 10 to 19 years of imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000 to \$10,000. If the time
20 exceeds one month the penalty will be considered a class A felony which includes 20 to 50 years or life
21 imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000 to \$10,000. If the child is found abused in any form, the penalty will be
22 considered a capital offense which includes death penalty, life imprisonment, imprisonment for at least 25
23 years without parole, or imprisonment for 20 to 50 years.
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25 Section 4: In addition to the listed penalties, the sexual assaulter will be required to receive therapeutic
26 rehabilitation twice weekly for the entirety of the sentence. The offender will have to pay child support if
27 they are biologically or legally the parent of any child.
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29 Section 5: This bill will go into effect immediately after being signed into law.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 17						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 1						
Sponsors: Zoie Pierre, Melissa Hedges, Serenity Rivera, Brenda Santos Santiago	Action on the Bill <table border="0"> <tr> <td>House</td> <td>Senate</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>	House	Senate	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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An Act Relating To Kentucky's Tax on Feminine Hygiene Products
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill seeks to remove all tax on feminine hygiene products, colloquially known as the "pink tax", by making these items no longer classified as luxury products. These goods are a necessity for women across the state, and they require these products to live a comfortable life.

Section 2: In the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the tax put on feminine hygiene products is 6%. On average, women spend over the amount of \$455 annually on necessary hygiene products. We are taking a journey to cut this preposterous amount down to zero.

Section 3: This bill will be enforced by The Department of Revenue.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect March 16, 2025.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 18	
	Referred to Committee: House 1	
Sponsors: Aidan Messer, Beckett Lear, Will Herron, Gareth Wilson	Action on the Bill	
School: Henderson Co. South MS	House	Senate
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An Act Relating To Human Trafficking

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

Section 1: KRS 529.1 is amended to read as follows: 'Any case of human trafficking, of any age, shall be a Class A felony'


Section 2: Any case of human trafficking, of any age, shall be a Class A felony.

Section 3: The punishment for this right now is a minimum of 15 years in prison. The punishment shall be changed to a minimum of 30 years in prison and a minimum fine of \$12,000.


Section 4: Any judge that hands out a sentence of less than 30 years and a \$12,000 fine shall have their license suspended for a minimum of 3 years.

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

Section 6: This declares an emergency and shall go into effect immediately upon the signing of this bill.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 20	
	Referred to Committee: House 1	
Sponsors: Aiden Chastain, Lily Kolter, Tyson Derricks,	Action on the Bill	
School: Highlands Community Y Chapter	House	Senate
City:	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed
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1 An Act Relating To the Marketing of Addictive Substances and Paraphernalia
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 222 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Business
5 establishments in the Commonwealth of Kentucky that sell addictive substances and/or their accompanying
6 paraphernalia -- including but not limited to vaping -- must adhere to marketing and product mix guidelines
7 in their marketing of the products. 2) These restrictions apply to both physical storefronts and websites.
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9 Section 2. THE NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 222 WILL OUTLINE THE FOLLOWING MARKETING
10 RESTRICTIONS AS FOLLOWS: 1) All marketing must contain a health warning that is no smaller in size than
11 the largest non-title font. 2) Non-logo colors on all marketing shall be limited to black, white, and grayscale.
12 3) Non-logo marketing font shall be limited to Arial. 4) Images used in marketing shall be limited to a non-
13 embellished product image. 5) Copy used in marketing shall be limited to the unembellished product name
14 and product price.
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16 Section 3. THE PENALTY FOR NON-COMPLIANCE BY A BUSINESS SHALL BE: 1) After 24 hours following a
17 written notice of non-compliance, the offending business will start accruing a fine until the non-compliant
18 marketing has been removed. 2) The fine shall be set at \$1,000 per day, for each non-compliant storefront
19 and/or webpage owned by the business.
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21 Section 4. Whereas businesses and the state will require time to prepare, this Act will take effect 180 days
22 after its passage and approval by the Governor.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 21	
	Referred to Committee: House 2	
Sponsors: Camryn Smith, Shylajah Latham, ,	Action on the Bill	
School: James Madison MS		
City: Madisonville		
	House	Senate
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1 An Act Relating To Aggravated Trafficking of a Controlled Substance and Declaring Emergency Upon The
2 Governor's Signature

3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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5 Section 1: Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Amending statute KRS
6 218A.142

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8 Section 2: KRS 218A.142 is amended to read as follows; Person is guilty of aggravated trafficking of a
9 controlled substance when he or she knowingly and unlawfully traffics in: five (5) grams of fentanyl or more,
10 A class B felony and Five (5) grams or less a class C felony: The defendant shall not be eligible for pretrial
11 diversion, and shall not be released on probation, shock probation, conditional discharge, or parole until he
12 or she has served at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the 10-20 year sentence or 5-10 year sentence
13 imposed where the trafficked substance was fentanyl or fentanyl derivatives.

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15 Section 3: Any act contrary to this Act shall be amended and declaring emergency upon the governor's
16 signature.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 22						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2						
Sponsors: Abby Bearden, Maleah Pearson, ,	Action on the Bill						
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City: Madisonville							
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An Act Relating To Enforcing Paid Maternity Leave
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky


Section 1: A new section of KRS chapter 341A is created to read as follows: (1) All women in the workforce who give natural birth will get a 10 week maternity leave at 75% of their original pay. (2) All women in the workforce who give birth via c-section will get a 12 week maternity leave at 75% of their original pay. (3) Adoptive mothers will get 10 weeks of maternity leave at 75% of their original pay.

Section 2: This bill will affect all women in the workforce no matter their occupation or the amount of time spent in said occupation. Natural birth is classified as 2 weeks before the birth, 10 weeks after the birth, or an induced birth.

Section 3: This bill ensures women will not have to use up all of their sick days or PTO in order to have time to recover and bond with their child.

Section 4: All businesses and employers with 15 or more employees will be required to enforce this policy.

Section 5: If employers fail to provide these accommodations they will be faced with a \$10,000 fine on their first offense, a \$15,000 fine on their second offense, a \$20,000 fine on their third offense, and all further offenses will result in employers facing criminal and/or civil prosecution. This will be enforced by The Department of Labor’s Wage and Hour division.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	<p>CW 23</p> <p>Referred to Committee: House 2</p>
<p>Sponsors: Abby Veliquette, Nylah Fowler, ,</p>	<p>Action on the Bill</p>
<p>School: Louisville Collegiate MS</p>	<p>House Senate</p>
<p>City: Louisville</p>	<p>____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated</p>

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An Act Relating To the Pink Tax
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky


Section 1: The pink tax is a tax where women have to pay more for the same or similar products as men. This price difference is 13%. Women are paying this massive difference on top of extra taxes that are put on all period products. Some of these products include pads, tampons, cups, and period underwear.

Section 2: The Murray State News reports on the taxing of women's products. In Kentucky, feminine products are listed as luxury goods when they are necessities. This has led to period poverty, where one in four women can't afford period products in Kentucky.

Section 3: There are no current laws involving this issue in Kentucky, however, 21 other states have created laws that give tax relief on menstrual products. Hawaii, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, and Wisconsin are all states looking into banning the sales tax on feminine projects.

Section 4: Our solution to this problem is to eliminate state taxes placed on period products. This will make many more women in need of these products have access to them.

Section 5: This law will go into effect in January 2025.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 25	
	Referred to Committee: House 1	
	Action on the Bill	
Sponsors: Calissa Yao, Cara Yao, Evie Ewen, Lucas Yan	House	Senate
School: Louisville Collegiate MS	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed
City: Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act to reduce PFAS production in Kentucky

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

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4 Section 1: PFAS, or poly-fluoroalkyl substances, resist grease, water, heat, and oil. They are common in
5 clothing, microwavables, cosmetics, non-stick cookware, and even in plants grown in contaminated soil.
6 Discovered in the 1940s, their use has skyrocketed and is now found in hundreds of everyday products.
7 These harmful chemicals are known to cause cancer, birth defects, lower vaccine response, damage the liver,
8 and more, but companies continue to use them. PFAS are found in our drinking water and are difficult to
9 filter out.

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11 Section 2: The counties of Lewisport and Marshall have 3x of the proposed standards of PFAS. In 2019,
12 researchers found PFAS in half of water systems in Kentucky. South Shore changed its water source to
13 create a short-term fix while planning a long-term solution. PFAS causes. PFAS causes fertility issues,
14 weakened immune system, liver damage, and increased risk of thyroid and asthma, along with other effects.

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16 Section 3: In recent times, regulations on 6 different types of PFAS went into effect as of June 2024. In the
17 future, PFAS will be more closely monitored to ensure that levels stay at a safe level. This will be
18 accomplished via a report to be submitted by April 26, 2027.

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20 Section 4: On a federal level, the EPA has already banned PFOAs and PFOAs. Companies have to report
21 which PFAS are used in any product, but few rules control how many PFAS can or cannot be put into food.
22 Several other types of PFAS, such as N-methyl perfluorooctane sulfonamide acetic acid (MeFOSAA), which is
23 commonly found, have not been banned.

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25 Section 5: Currently, 12 states have restricted or banned products containing high levels of PFAS [8], but
26 Kentucky is not among those 12. Maine bans fabric treatment containing intentionally added PFAS [9]. On
27 January 1st, 2025, California will also ban all cosmetic products containing intentionally added PFAS.

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29 Section 6: PFAS is an ever-increasing problem, and its prevalence in Kentucky's water, environment, and
30 products continues to be an issue. This is why we propose the mandatory replacement of all PFAS with non-
31 toxic alternatives. We would offer a five-year phase period for companies still using PFAS, and educate them
32 on the just-as-effective alternatives. Our solution will protect the health of this generation and generations
33 to come while keeping Kentucky manufacturing companies in business. Say yes to a cost-effective solution
34 that saves Kentuckians!

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 26	
	Referred to Committee: House 2	
Sponsors: Emmie Patton, Lauren Pagan, ,	Action on the Bill	
School: Lyon Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Eddyville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Requiring a Minimum Lunch Time in Kentucky Public Schools**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: This bill will create a new KRS Section that reads: "All Kentucky public school students shall be
5 given at least 20 minutes of "in their seat" eating time to complete their lunchtime meal." "In their seat"
6 eating time is defined as the time period when a student sits down to eat their meal. "In their seat" eating
7 time DOES NOT include the time it takes to walk to the cafeteria, wait in line, pay for food, find a seat, etc.
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9 Section 2: This bill would set a minimum time requirement of 20 minutes once students have been seated.
10 Schools will need to considering the time it takes to walk to the cafeteria, wait in line, pay for food, find a
11 seat AND the additional 20 minutes of "in their seat" time to eat while planning their scheduling.
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14 Section 3: Each public school in the Commonwealth of Kentucky will be responsible for ensuring that their
15 school has a schedule that will reflect the 20 minutes of an "in their seat" lunch period. Failure to comply
16 with this bill may result in loss of state funding.
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18 Section 4: This bill will go into effect July 1, 2025.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 27	
	Referred to Committee: Senate 1	
Sponsors: Hendrix Graham, jeremiah Pugh, Kelly Brown, Lee Walls	Action on the Bill	
School: Metcalfe Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Edmonton	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To lowering patient cost of life-saving medications such as Insulin and Epinephrine
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 make life-saving medications such as EpiPens and Insulin more
5 affordable for those who need them. EpiPens, provide life saving medication to those who have severe
6 allergic reactions to food, insects and other environmental factors. Insulin is a life-saving medication that
7 helps regulate insulin for those with diabetes.

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9 Section 2: This bill affects Kentucky because thousands of citizens throughout the state of Kentucky
10 struggle to afford medications that help them sustain life. Since 2021 there has been a 27.8% increase in
11 the population who depend on insulin support and 50.8% increase in the population who need EpiPens.


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13 Section 3: Funding for this bill will not impact state taxes. Pharmaceutical companies would be required to
14 supply the medications at a lower cost to patients. In return, the companies would get a tax incentive with
15 their federal taxes.

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17 Section 4: Implementation of this bill will take place beginning January 1, 2025.


 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 28	
	Referred to Committee: House 1	
Sponsors: Edwin Espinoza Castaneda, Aubrey Armstrong, ,	Action on the Bill	
School: Muhlenberg Co. MS	House	Senate
City: Greenville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Intrepreters for English Language Students
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 4 Section 1- A New Specified part added to title III that's in the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to
5 state the following: All English Learner (EL) students to be provided with an interpreter and to work towards
6 grade level standards.
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- 8 Section 2- In Kentucky there are a total 44,308 students receiving English language services. That classifies
9 them as an English Learner student, but not every EL student has gone to school prior to receiving English
10 services.
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- 12 Section 3- According to the 2021 American Community Survey, between 2017 and 2021 there were
13 101,826 individuals in Kentucky ages 5 and over who spoke English 'less than very well.'
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- 15 Section 4- One interpreter would be provided for every five EL students. EL students will work with the
16 interpreters by having a designated classroom to go to, in order to work on classroom assignments and to
17 be taught the English language. Students will be tested every end of the nine weeks to see how they're
18 progressing.
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- 20 Section 5- Money for the interpreters will be provided by the state. The state would be able to afford these
21 interpreters because of the \$1.4 billion dollars in the General Fund revenues. Funding for the interpreters
22 would only require a fraction of the General Fund.
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- 24 Section 6- This bill will go into effect for the 2025-2026 academic year.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 29	
	Referred to Committee: Senate 1	
Sponsors: Asher Kieffer, Kearia Mccutcheon, Anna Kough, Henry Cunningham	Action on the Bill	
School: Murray MS	House	Senate
City: Murray	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

- 1 **An Act Relating To Audible Pedestrian Signal Installation At New Intersections**
- 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 225 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All new Kentucky
- 5 traffic intersections will be required to use an audible pedestrian signal (APS).
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- 7 Section 2: An audible pedestrian signal shall be defined as follows: an integrated device that communicates
- 8 information about the walk and don't walk intervals at signalized intersections in non-visual formats.
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- 10 Section 3: Funding shall be utilized from the Surface Transportation Program (STP)

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 30	
	Referred to Committee: House 1	
Sponsors: Caroline Case, Amelia Cooper, Isabella Tran,	Action on the Bill	
School: Noe MS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Accessible Therapy in Kentucky Schools
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: Our bill mandates that Kentucky public middle and high schools are required to have a licensed
5 therapist in addition to a school counselor. This therapist would be used specifically for students with
6 established mental health issues.
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8 Section 2: Research shows that schools are the leading cause of depression and mental illness in minors. For
9 this reason, schools themselves should provide a solution cost free. This bill would make therapy more
10 accessible for students and teenagers who might not otherwise be able to afford it.
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12 Section 3: The average cost for therapy in Kentucky is \$73-\$109 dollars per session. This is an
13 unreasonable cost for many people in Kentucky.
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15 Section 4: The school employed therapists would be paid a yearly salary of \$40,000-\$50,000. This salary is
16 slightly lower than the average therapist, since most therapists work forty hour weeks. School therapists
17 would only be required to work six hours a day for five days, which is thirty hours a week.
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19 Section 5: This bill will require additional funding. This will be provided by putting a slightly higher tax on
20 cigarettes and vapes in Kentucky. This funding solution would decrease the frequency of unhealthy coping
21 mechanisms, while funding more healthy ones.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 31						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2						
Sponsors: Peyton Fulkerson, Irene Cho, Olivia Pritts, Ally Coty	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">House</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Senate</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>	House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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An Act Relating To decreasing the price of hearing aids in Kentucky
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky


SECTION 1. (1) To improve accessibility to hearing aids, the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall establish the Affordable Hearing Aid Program. This program shall: (a) Require hearing aid manufacturers and retailers to reduce excessive markups on hearing aids; (b) Cap the retail price of hearing aids at no more than 300% of production costs, including a reasonable profit margin; and (c) Ensure that hearing aids are made available at reduced costs through state-certified retailers and healthcare providers. (2) The Kentucky Department for Public Health shall oversee the program and ensure compliance with the capped pricing.

SECTION 2. (1) A Hearing Aid Subsidy Fund shall be established to provide financial assistance for individuals who are unable to afford hearing aids. (2) Funding for this program shall be generated through: (a) State grants allocated to the Department for Public Health, (b) Partnerships with nonprofit organizations, and (c) A one percent (1%) surcharge on luxury hearing aid models priced above the capped limit.

SECTION 3. Any statute in conflict with this Act shall be amended or repealed to conform with the provisions of this Act.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 32	
	Referred to Committee: House 1	
Sponsors: Austin Ramirez, Henry Myers, Eli Hamilton,	Action on the Bill	
School: Noe MS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To financial literacy education in public middle and high schools in Kentucky
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 SECTION 1. (1) Public middle and high schools in Kentucky shall offer an optional financial literacy course for
5 students to develop essential skills in managing personal finances. (2) The course shall include instruction on
6 the following topics: (a) Budgeting and saving strategies; (b) Credit and debt management; (c) Basics of
7 investing and retirement planning; (d) Consumer rights and financial decision-making. (3) The Kentucky
8 Department of Education shall develop or approve a standardized curriculum for this course to ensure
9 consistent quality and alignment with state educational standards.
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11 SECTION 2. Any statute in conflict with this Act shall be amended or repealed to conform with the provisions
12 of this Act.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 33	
	Referred to Committee: Senate 1	
	Action on the Bill	
Sponsors: , Stuthi Dev, Kim Le, Ryleigh Sitgraves	House	Senate
School: Noe MS	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed
City: Louisville	<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	<input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act Relating To increasing teacher pay

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 157 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) The salary paid
5 to any rank of Kentucky teachers shall be at least equivalent to the amount set forth in the biennial budget
6 schedule for each rank and experience for a term of one hundred eighty-five (185) days for full-time service
7 during the regular school year. (2) All salaries shall be increased by at least seven percent (7%) compared to
8 the biennial budget of the Kentucky Board of Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

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10 SECTION 2. (1) Funding for teacher salary increases shall be secured through: (a) Federal grants from the
11 United States Department of Education; and (b) An increase in the percentage of Kentucky state taxes
12 allocated to education from 37% to 41%. (2) The additional funds allocated to the Kentucky Department of
13 Education will be directed toward increasing teacher salaries and supporting underfunded school districts.

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15 SECTION 3. KRS 157.420 is amended to read as follows: (1) "The salary paid for a term of one hundred
16 eighty-five (185) days for full-time service during the regular school year shall be at least seven percent (7%)
17 more than the biennial budget of the Kentucky Board of Education."

	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 34	
		Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Sami Dridi, Davis McGarity, Elliott Homm, Brooks Crosby		Action on the Bill	
School: Noe MS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	____ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ____ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 align="center">An Act Relating To senior driving
2 align="center">**Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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4 SECTION 1. (1) Renewal applicants for a driver’s license who meet one or more of the following criteria shall
5 be required to retake a modified driving test and a vision test: (a) Any applicant aged seventy (70) years or
6 older; (b) Any applicant who has been involved in two (2) or more motor vehicle accidents within a two-year
7 period. (2) Applicants applying for license renewal must: (a) Pass the modified driving test, which shall
8 include: 1. Demonstration of the ability to parallel park; 2. Knowledge of general traffic procedures and road
9 signs; and 3. Competence in operating newer vehicle technologies. (b) Achieve a minimum visual acuity of
10 20/40 in both eyes, with or without corrective lenses, on the visual acuity test. (3) The visual acuity test: (a)
11 May be administered by the applicant’s healthcare provider or at the local Department of Motor Vehicles
12 (DMV); (b) Shall be overseen by the DMV to ensure proper training and standardization of testing
13 procedures. (4) Applicants who fail either the vision test or the modified driving test shall have restrictions
14 placed on their driver’s license based on the severity of their failure. (a) Applicants who fail the vision test
15 may retake the test with corrective lenses to meet the required standards. (b) Specific license restrictions,
16 such as limited driving hours or prohibitions on highway driving, shall be determined by the DMV based on
17 the applicant’s performance.

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19 SECTION 2. Any statute in conflict with this Act shall be amended or repealed to conform to the provisions
20 of this Act.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 35	
	Referred to Committee: House 1	
Sponsors: Callie Adams, Morgan Bryant, Aidan Leon, Alivia Smith	Action on the Bill	
School: Notre Dame Academy ES	House	Senate
City: Louisville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act To Amend KRS 304.53-010 Relating To 12 Weeks of Paid Parental Leave
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: This bill will provide full pay for parents who have a newborn or a newly adopted child (up to age
5 16) for up to 12 weeks.
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7 Section 2: KRS 304.53-010 (1) is amended to read as follows: Amend 'Paid family leave insurance: (1) Must
8 be: (a) Included in a group disability income insurance policy or contract purchased by an employer;' In (1)
9 delete 'may' and insert 'must' in its place.
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11 Section 3: Insert (3)(a) to read: 'Each parent will receive 90% of their average salary for the first 6 weeks.
12 Followed by 60% of their pay for the next 6 weeks. The funding for the paid parental leave will be provided
13 from two sources: revenue from the general tax fund, and the parents' employer(s) as stated. First 6 weeks :
14 90% of their pay (60% from general tax fund and 30% from employer) Second 6 weeks: 60% of their pay
15 (40% from general tax fund and 20% from employer)
16
17 Section 4: Insert (4)(a) to read: In order to qualify for paid parental leave, each parent must have completed
18 at least twelve months of employment with the current employer and have worked or been on paid leave for
19 at least 1,250 hours in the twelve months immediately preceding the first day of parental leave. They also
20 must complete an application form and submit it to their employer at least 30 days in advance of leave
21 (unless there is a medical emergency that necessitates an immediate leave).'

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 36	
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Zoe Bowling, Gabby Diaz, Laila Newton, Madyson Oliver	Action on the Bill	
School: Notre Dame Academy ES	House	Senate
City: Louisville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 An Act To Amend KRS. 337.725 Section 2 for Minimum Wage of Tipped Employees
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: Every employee should be able to earn a livable wage. Currently tipped employees such as
5 Bartenders, Waiters, Delivery drivers, Hairstylists, and most service industry employees are only paid \$2.13
6 an hour. These workers depend almost entirely on their tips to make up the difference in their salaries
7 compared to other workers that work in fast food restaurants for \$7.25 an hour or more. This will not effect
8 how tipped employees are tipped by customers.
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10 Section 2: According to the US Department of Labor’s definition, ‘a tipped employee engages in an
11 occupation in which he or she customarily and regularly receives more than \$30 per month in tips.’
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13 Section 3: KRS. 337.725 Section 2 shall be amended to read as follows: Notwithstanding the provisions of
14 subsection (1) of this section, for any employee engaged in an occupation in which he customarily and
15 regularly receives tips from patrons or others, the employer must pay as follows: Small employer (annual
16 gross revenue of less than \$500,000)- state minimum; Large employer (annual gross revenue of at least
17 \$500,000)- state minimum +\$2. No employer shall use all or part of any tips or gratuities received by
18 employees toward the payment of the statutory minimum hourly wage as required.Nothing, however, shall
19 prevent employees from entering into an agreement to divide tips or gratuities among themselves.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 37	
	Referred to Committee: House 1	
Sponsors: Jackson price, Addi Gandolfo, Charley Ditsler,	Action on the Bill	
School: Our Lady of Lourdes ES		
City: Louisville		
	House	Senate
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1 An Act Relating tovPowered Watercraft Operator’s License
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: Any adult who is 18 or older that operates a powered watercraft with more than 10 horsepower
5 will be required to get an operator’s license. The operator must be in possession of the operator’s license
6 while driving the powered watercraft. Definitions: An operator is someone who is steering the powered
7 watercraft. A powered watercraft is any watercraft with an engine above 10 horsepower.
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9 Section 2: Completion and certification from a Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife–approved powered
10 watercraft safety and operation course, an online or written exam, and a powered watercraft operating test
11 on the water is required. The operator test will be on the water and conducted by the Kentucky Department
12 of Fish and Wildlife. This State of Kentucky license will last for five years and will cost fifty dollars. It can be
13 renewed every five years upon passing an online refresher course from a state–approved organization and
14 paying a fifty dollar fee.
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16 Section 3: Fines for violations: The operator holding the license for the powered watercraft is responsible for
17 the boat and the people on it. Therefore, all fines and consequences will be the responsibility of the operator.
18 All fines given in a calendar year are cumulative and reset every January first. First offense: An unlicensed
19 powered watercraft operator will be fined one hundred dollars. Second offense: The unlicensed operator will
20 be fined two hundred dollars. Third offense: The unlicensed operator will be fined three hundred dollars and
21 if a license has been issued, the license will be revoked and reissuance will occur when the operator has
22 completed all the necessary steps to secure a new license. Fourth offense: The unlicensed operator will pay a
23 five hundred dollar fee and there will be a permanent ban of the operator’s powered watercraft license.
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25 Section 4: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 38						
	Referred to Committee: House 2						
Sponsors: coco parrish, Tessa Howard, ,	Action on the Bill <table><thead><tr><th>House</th><th>Senate</th></tr></thead><tbody><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></tbody></table>	House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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An Act Relating To Abortion Access

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 311 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Abortion is available and legal for the maternal figure, until the fetus is under or equal to 28 weeks gestation. In the cases of miscarage or the fetus’ death due to natural causes, abortion will be available at any gestation.

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

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 39	
	Referred to Committee: House 2	
Sponsors: Julia Maftoum, Heather Chisholm, Laura Newton, Lyla Richardson	Action on the Bill	
School: Sayre School MS	House	Senate
City: Lexington	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed
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1 An Act Relating To Limiting Homeowners Association (HOA) Regulations Regarding Lawns
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

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4 Section 1: This bill states that individuals living in neighborhoods controlled by Homeowners Associations
5 (HOAs) will have more freedom regarding their own lawn maintenance.

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7 Section 2: Currently some HOAs can force homeowners to cut their grass, or fine them if it gets too
8 long.They can also control the type of plants that homeowners grow in their yards, severely limiting native
9 plants and pollinators that improve Kentucky’s ecology. This act would allow homeowners to keep their grass
10 longer, and have more freedom over their plants, if they can prove that it is healthy for the environment.

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12 Section 3: Right now some HOAs can force homeowners to have weed control, so they would either have to
13 pull weeds by hand or use weed killers. This bill would also allow weed control to be optional instead of
14 required. The HOA will only be able to fine homeowners if they have consistently refused to remove harmful
15 weeds from their property.

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17 Section 4: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2025.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 40	
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Ashley Wagner, Caroline Whitman, Charlotte Wright,	Action on the Bill	
School: Sayre School MS		
City: Lexington		
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An Act Relating To Mandatory Heart Disease Screenings

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

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Section 1: This act will require physicians to perform mandatory heart disease screenings every four years on their patients starting at the age of thirty-five.

Section 2: Heart disease was the leading cause of death in 2022 in Kentucky, and it is still the leading cause of death today. It has been in the top three causes of early death since 1999. One in four Kentuckians have heart disease. Moreover, Kentucky is number one in the country for high cholesterol, and high cholesterol is the leading factor for heart disease.


Section 3: A heart disease screening consists of blood tests and then a questionnaire. The blood test determines the levels of cholesterol and triglycerides, while the questionnaire will help the doctors further assess if their patient is experiencing any symptoms of heart disease or has risk factors related to heart disease.

Section 4: The doctor will take patients' blood pressure with a blood pressure arm cuff. Doctors will draw blood through a finger prick or needle to test cholesterol and blood sugar. Following these tests, the patient will be interviewed by a staff member to talk about their health questionnaire and test results.


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

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 41	
	Referred to Committee: House 1	
Sponsors: Carter Yates, Mason Foley, Luca Slone Grundy, Sam Lorton	Action on the Bill	
School: Sayre School MS	House	Senate
City: Lexington	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


- 1 An Act Relating To Requiring Licenses to Breed and Sell Mammals in Kentucky
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 4 Section 1: Anyone who breeds mammals for profit must have a breeding license approved by the state of
- 5 Kentucky.
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- 7 Section 2: KRS 258.095 is amended to create a new act to read as the following, 'An act relating to requiring
- 8 a mandatory license to breed and sell mammals in Kentucky.' This changes the KRS 258.095 so that it's
- 9 directed toward all mammals, not only dogs. The licenses would be renewed every five years at a cost of
- 10 \$100 for the initial licensure, and \$50 for each renewal.
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- 12 Section 3: Puppy mills are a serious issue in Kentucky. Defined as 'establishments that breed puppies for
- 13 sale, often on an intensive scale and in inhumane conditions,' these facilities are notorious for abusive
- 14 treatment of animals. Kentucky ranks among the worst states in addressing this problem, placing 46th out
- 15 of 50 in regulating animal breeding standards. It is also one of only six states with no legislation requiring
- 16 breeding licenses, leaving animals vulnerable to mistreatment and overbreeding. Strengthening these
- 17 regulations is essential to protect animal welfare in Kentucky.
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- 19 Section 4: The first time offense for violating this act will be a class A misdemeanor, which is a fine up to
- 20 \$500 depending on the offense intensity. For a repeated offense, it will turn into a class D felony, which
- 21 includes a punishment of up to a year or more in jail or fine ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. This is needed
- 22 because not having a license and overbreeding is considered abuse of the animals.
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- 24 Section 5: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2025

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 42							
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2							
Sponsors: Kensington Fugate, Claire Lyvers, Grace Dominy,	Action on the Bill <table> <tr> <td>House</td> <td>Senate</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>		House	Senate	___ <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 Eliminating Harmful Pesticides from Kentucky Farms
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 4 Section #1: This bill prohibits farmers from using Glyphosate and Atrazine pesticides on crops.
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- 6 Section #2: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture (KDA). The KDA will conduct
- 7 random farm visits, test local water sources, and test crops from Kentucky farms.
- 8
- 9 Section #3: In Kentucky, farmers will receive education from the KDA to provide them with alternatives to the
- 10 harmful pesticides. Farmers may opt to use natural pesticides such as ladybugs, or non-harmful pesticides
- 11 identified by the KDA.
- 12
- 13 Section #4: If farmers are found to be using Glyphosate and/or Atrazine, the first offense will result in a fine
- 14 of \$500. A second offense will result in a fine of \$1,000. A third offense will result in a \$5,000 fine and
- 15 suspension of their business license.
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- 17 Section #5: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2026.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 43						
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Sponsors: Ivy George, Emme Brooks, Joely McFarland,	Action on the Bill <table> <tr> <td>House</td> <td>Senate</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>	House	Senate	___ <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 Health Insurance Coverage and Reimbursement for Mental Health Treatment
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 304.17A is created to read as follows: This bill ensures that all
5 those insured by a Kentucky health benefit plan have access to coverage and reimbursement for mental
6 health services, even when the provider of such services is not in network with the insured’s health plan or
7 otherwise eligible for reimbursement.
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9 Section 2: This applies to those who have mental health benefits under a commercial or open market benefit
10 plan. This excludes Medicare, Medicaid and Tricare and other federal benefits. The statute is not applicable
11 to those under a group health benefit plan covering fewer than fifty-one (51) employees that is not
12 otherwise required to provide parity in mental health condition benefits under federal law. They shall be
13 exempt from the provisions of KRS 304.17A-660 to 304.17A 669.
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15 Section 3: This law is applicable when the insured’s chosen behavioral health provider is not in network or is
16 otherwise ineligible for direct reimbursement by the payor, the insurer will reimburse mental health care
17 treatment directly to the insured at a rate up to the average listed price from services for mental health as
18 published on the Kentucky Cabinet for Health Behavior Health Fee Schedule per visit. This reimbursement to
19 the insured can not exceed the cost of visit, for a maximum of 5 visits annually. Visits above the maximum of
20 5 will default to the insured’s Kentucky health benefit plan coverage from eligible rendering providers.
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22 Section 4: The reimbursement average amount will be adjusted annually pursuant to the Commonwealth of
23 Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services `Behavioral Health Fee Schedule as an average of mental
24 health costs. Section 5: Benefit plan and insurer must reimburse insured within 90 days of request.
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26 Section 6: `Mental health condition´ is any condition that is a behavioral health issue, mental illness or
27 substance use disorder as defined in KRS 222.005 and that falls under any category from the most recent
28 version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders or that is in the mental disorders
29 section of the International Classification of Disease; as described in KRS 304.17A-660
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31 Section 7: `Treatment of a mental health´ includes but is not limited to outpatient, inpatient, residential,
32 partial hospitalization, day treatment, emergency detoxification, or crisis stabilization services as described
33 in KRS 304.17A-660
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35 Section 8: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2026.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 44	
	Referred to Committee: House 2	
Sponsors: Chris Balderson, Andrew Craft, Sam Cummins, Daniel Nemes	Action on the Bill	
School: St. Margaret Mary Catholic School	House	Senate
City: Louisville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

1 **An Act Relating To Implementing Panic Alert Devices in Kentucky Public Schools**
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: This bill requires a panic alert device for all staff members at every public school across Kentucky
5 that notifies the school office or emergency services if pressed. This panic alert device will enable authorities
6 to respond to emergencies quicker.
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8 Section 2: The panic alert device shall be worn on a staff member's lanyard. It shall have different sequences
9 depending on the emergency. The panic alert device will immediately contact the school office and/or
10 emergency services.
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12 Section 3: Funding for this bill will come from the School Security Fund in the Kentucky Department of
13 Education. Requests for additional payments will need to be filled out on a grant application provided by the
14 KDE.
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16 Section 4: This bill will go into effect in August before the 2025-2026 school year. The KDE will provide
17 training requirements to school districts so that the staff members understand what to do in case of an
18 emergency.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 45							
	Referred to Committee: Senate 1							
Sponsors: Brody Siegel, Andrew Gohmann, Nolan Harris, Isaac Sorg	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">House</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Senate</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>		House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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School: St. Margaret Mary Catholic School								
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- 1 An Act Relating To the Increase of Minimum Wage in Kentucky
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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- 4 Section #1: Currently, the state of Kentucky has a minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour. This bill will increase the
- 5 minimum wage to \$7.75 per hour.
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- 7 Section #2: This bill does not include those that are paid with a non-standard wage (employees who earn
- 8 tips).
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- 10 Section #3: This bill includes an annual increase of .50 cents per hour for the next 5 years. At the end of the
- 11 5 years, minimum wage would reach \$10.25 to promote increased employment throughout the state,
- 12 improved health and education, and improved living conditions.
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- 14 Section #4: This bill would go into effect on July 1, 2025.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 48						
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2						
Sponsors: Anna Folz, Anthu Nguyen, Elizabeth Essler-Mollohan, Miyla Bohannon	Action on the Bill <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">House</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Senate</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>	House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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School: Sts. Peter and Paul ES - Hopkinsville							
City: Hopkinsville							

An Act Establishing Kentucky as a Hands-Free State


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

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Section 1: KRS CHAPTER 189.294 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) As used in this section, "personal communication device" shall have the same meaning as defined in KRS 189.292. (2) Any person who has been issued an instruction permit, intermediate license, or operator's license shall not operate a motor vehicle, motorcycle, or moped that is in motion on the traveled portion of a roadway while holding a personal communication device, except to summon medical help or a law enforcement or public safety agency in an emergency situation. (3) Use of a personal communication device does not include a stand-alone global positioning system, a global positioning or navigation system that is physically or electronically integrated into the motor vehicle, or an in-vehicle security, diagnostics, and communications system, but does include manually entering information into the global positioning system feature of a personal communication device. (4) This section shall not apply to the use of a citizens band radio or an amateur radio by a motor vehicle operator. (5) The secretary of the Transportation Cabinet may promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A to implement the provisions of this section, including but not limited to updates or advances in the automotive and information technology industries.

Section 2: Penalties and Fines: 1st Offense: Traffic ticket in the amount of \$150. Any offense after 1st offense: Traffic ticket in the amount of \$300.


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

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 49	
	Referred to Committee: Senate 1	
Sponsors: Penelope Metts, Jeremy Reno, Andrew Milles, Gavin Miles	Action on the Bill	
School: Tates Creek MS	House	Senate
City: Lexington	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated


1 An Act Relating To Public Transportation for the People of Kentucky
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1: Kentuckians travel quite a bit around our state, whether that be for work, health, vacation, family,
5 etc. We plan to make a bus route using a fleet of Compressed Natural Gas buses (or CNG for short) to travel
6 between East Kentucky to Central Kentucky. These buses have a lot more benefits compared to their diesel
7 combustion counterparts. These buses release less Carbon Dioxide (CO2). The CNG buses also save money
8 because they only cost \$2.90 per gallon of CNG, while diesel costs \$3.50 per gallon of fuel.
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10 Section 2: People can go between the two sections of the state for many reasons, the main one being
11 medical help. Some of the smaller reasons may include work, family, or vacation. This would be a life-saving
12 system for some people.
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14 Section 3: Not every person in Eastern Kentucky, whose population is around 240,000, has access to a good
15 hospital, and this bill allows people from Eastern Kentucky to receive the quality healthcare they deserve.
16 People in Eastern Kentucky love their families and communities, and this bill would allow those people to get
17 the medical help they need so they don't have to move. These buses can also provide access to life-saving
18 medical treatment to people in Eastern Kentucky, such as treatment for cancer and diabetes that they
19 otherwise would have been unable to receive.
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21 Section 4: Each bus costs 750,000 dollars. We request 8 million dollars from the Kentucky Government
22 Budgets, including the General Fund and the Transportation budget, to purchase 10 buses and have money
23 left over to purchase fuel and work out the kinks. This will also create 20 to 50 jobs because of the need for
24 bus drivers. Their salaries will come from the 8 million dollars for the start, and later get funding from the
25 tickets. Each ticket would cost \$5.
26
27 Section 5: With this bill, an agency will be created to design the bus routes. Implementation of the
28 transportation system will fall under the agency created in this section. The funding for this agency will come
29 from the Annual Budget of Kentucky.
30
31 Section 6: This Act will take effect on June 1st, 2025.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 51	
	Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Anisa Gupta, Emily Jane Weiss, Oliva Gross,	Action on the Bill	
School: Walden School MS		
City: Louisville		
	House	Senate
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1 An Act Relating To Establishing a Program to Provide Free Disposable Menstrual Products in Public Schools
2 and Public Bathrooms
3 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
4
5 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Provision of
6 Menstrual Products. (1) Each public school shall provide free menstrual products in restrooms and other
7 designated areas. (2) Local governments shall ensure the availability of menstrual products in public
8 bathrooms within their jurisdiction.
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10 Section 2: Definitions. (1) "Disposable menstrual products" includes pads, and tampons. (2) "Public schools"
11 refers to any K-12 educational institution operated by the Commonwealth or local governments.
12
13 Section 3: Funding and Revenue Allocation. (1) Revenue generated from the sales tax on feminine hygiene
14 products shall be allocated to the Department of Education for the purpose of providing free disposable
15 menstrual products. (2) The Department shall maintain records of the sales tax revenue and report annually
16 to the General Assembly on the funds allocated.
17
18 Section 4: Implementation and Oversight. (1) The Department of Education shall establish guidelines for the
19 distribution and maintenance of menstrual products. (2) Schools shall report inventory levels quarterly to
20 ensure adequate supply.
21
22 Section 5: Education and Awareness. (1) Schools shall incorporate menstrual health education into their
23 health curriculum to promote awareness and reduce stigma. (2) Community outreach programs shall be
24 encouraged to inform students and families about the availability of free menstrual products. (3) Schools will
25 put up educational posters in the bathrooms to further inform users.
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27 Section 6: Effective Date. This act shall take effect on January 1st, 2026, following its passage and approval.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	<p>CW 52</p> <p>Referred to Committee: Senate 1</p>						
<p>Sponsors: Ashley Price, Kylin Abshear, ,</p>	<p>Action on the Bill</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">House</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Senate</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>	House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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<p>School: Walton-Verona MS</p>							
<p>City: Walton</p>							

1 An Act relating to the Safety of School Blueprints
2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
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4 Section 1. Recognizing that school shootings have occurred because of the accessibility of school blueprints
5 across the country.
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7 Section 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 162.060 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All schools
8 are prohibited from publishing school blueprints or floor plans on public websites.
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10 Section 3. For the purposes of this Act `public websites' shall be defined as social media sites, newspapers,
11 and websites easily reached by the public for nonschool-related business. This does not apply to KRS
12 Chapter 159.3344 and for any construction or renovation purposes.
13
14 Section 4. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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16 Section 5. In accordance with the Kentucky Constitution, this act takes effect 90 days after the close of the
17 session.

 <p>KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill</p>	CW 53	
	Referred to Committee: House 1	
Sponsors: Dagny Adams, Hazel Simkoff, Oliver Vasquez, Callie Coop	Action on the Bill	
School: Western MS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed ___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated

- 1 An Act Relating To Relating to Adding Medians to Improve Bike Path Safety Throughout Kentucky.
- 2 **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**
- 3
- 4 Section 1: 96% of fatal bike accidents are related to cars. Many people feel endangered when they use multi-
- 5 purpose paths because of the way they are structured and unprotected from cars swerving on these paths.
- 6 These unsafe conditions discourage people from biking which raises greenhouse gas emissions due to more
- 7 people driving.
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- 9 Section 2: This bill proposes adding concrete medians between bike lanes and roads to make biking safer for
- 10 everyone. This bill would not mandate the construction of new bike paths, only add medians to existing bike
- 11 paths.
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- 13 Section 3: The Department of Transportation would enforce this bill. They would also be responsible for
- 14 delegating construction for the medians.
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- 16 Section 4: The bill would cost \$15,000–30,000 per 100 feet of medians. This money would come from taxes
- 17 paid to the Kentucky Department of Transportation and be part of their existing budget for each year of
- 18 construction.
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- 20 Section 5: This bill would start construction in December in 2025. The construction would last 2 years and
- 21 be completed by January 2028.


 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 54						
	Referred to Committee: House 2						
Sponsors: Maris Godbey, Maren Hoffman, Coco Leventhal,	Action on the Bill <table> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">House</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Senate</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <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> </tbody> </table>	House	Senate	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Passed	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated	___ <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated
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School: Winburn MS							
City: Lexington							

1 An Act Relating To the Opioid Crisis

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

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4 Section 1: Opioids are a type of medicine, legal and illegal, used for treating pain. This includes morphine,
5 fentanyl, and oxycodone, prescription medicines, and heroin, an illegal drug. Opioids have the highest death
6 rate of any drugs and any amount of opioids could cause depression, anxiety, symptoms leading to hypoxia,
7 nausea, loss of consciousness, slow or no pulse, and even death. Kentucky has had the seventh-highest
8 percentage of opioid deaths in America, and since 2019, the amount of overdose-related deaths has spiked
9 by over 60%, this concerning amount means almost six Kentuckians a day die from opioids. We plan on
10 funding Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services in the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and
11 Intellectual Disabilities. This has a program, called Bridge Clinic, that has locations in Hazard, Lexington,
12 Louisville, Kenton County, Grant County, and more. We will fund our mission by raising the corporate tax
13 minimum in Kentucky from \$175 to \$325 for companies with a net worth over one million, and from \$175 to
14 \$625 for companies with a net worth over one billion. We hope to raise \$425,000 a year to create more
15 clinics. This will help more people through opioid addiction treatment and make it more accessible.

 KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	CW 55	
	Referred to Committee: Senate 1	
Sponsors: Zoe Kasacavage, Eleanor Shaub, Julia Baker, Mati Creane Herrera	Action on the Bill	
School: Winburn MS	House	Senate
City: Lexington	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed	<input type="checkbox"/> Passed
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1 An Act Relating To the Safety of Kentuckians

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

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4 Section 1 This law will make it mandatory that everyone who buys, sells, or manufactures guns must undergo
5 a screening and background check. If they have a noted significant mental health issue, a history of drug or
6 alcohol abuse, have a restraining order, or have been convicted of a felony, they may not own, manufacture,
7 or sell guns. Buyers of weapons and sellers must register their weapon as well.

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9 Section 2 This law will be implemented six months after it is passed. Owners of guns will be able to get the
10 necessary requirements to continue owning a gun for one year after the bill is in place. If they do not, they
11 will have their guns taken away. Owners, buyers, and sellers of guns must meet the necessary requirements
12 before the bill has been in place for a year. If they do not, their firearms or ability to manufacture/sell guns
13 will be taken away. All firearms will be taken by local officers, who may get a permit in order to seize the
14 guns.

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16 Section 3 In order to earn the permit to own a gun, the buyers, the sellers, owners, and manufacturer must
17 pass a course on child safety and keeping firearms away from children. People under the age of twenty-one
18 will not be allowed to own guns.