· · ·	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue E	3 G 1
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Katie Rober	rson, Lyric Pinkerman, Caity Pierce, Kaiden West	Action on	the Bill
School: Ashland MS		House	Senate
Citv: Ashland		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Mandatory Drug Court for Juvenile Offenders
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 26A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
6	Any K-12 student caught with illegal substances at school will be required to complete the Drug Court Program.
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8	Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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10	Section 3: This law will go into effect on January 1, 2023.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to (
Sponsors: Molly Hicks	, Maxwell Williams, Ky Mahan, Leah Ream	Action on	the Bill
School: Ashland MS		House	Senate
City: Ashland		☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐	□ Passed□ Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Retired Kentucky Teachers
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: KRS CHAPTER 161.605 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
6	Retired Kentucky teachers will be eligible to work an entire school year. The current retirement structure and
7	pay for retirees returning to the classroom will not change. This will only lengthen the amount of time they are
8	eligible to work.
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10	Section 2: This bill will go into effect the 2023-2024 school year.

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Sponsors: Blake Thomason, Ethan Holder, Faith Higgins, Brenlee Yates	Action or	ı the Bill
School: Auburn ES	House	Senate
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An Act Relating To the Increase in Monitoring of the Sale of All Nicotine-Containing Products

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City: Auburn

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

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Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 217 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) The sale of all nicotine-containing products, including but not limited to, cigars, smokeless tobacco, cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, pipe tobacco, hookah, chewing tobacco, snuff, and tobacco pipe, should be closely monitored to ensure their legal usage.
 - (2) All nicotine product retailers must verify the age of nicotine consumers using a valid driver's license or other legal identification, and basic consumer information or identification number should be collected and documented on the transaction, and listed on the nicotine inventory for the retailer.
 - (3) All nicotine-containing products should have specific ingredients listed on each individual product.
 - (4) All nicotine-containing products should clearly and boldly state their intended use, affects, and potential harm to consumers.

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Section 2: Any nicotine product retailer who is found to be in noncompliance with this act will have a minimum fine as set forth in the Penal Code, KRS Chapters 500–534.

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

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

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Maliah Cou	ırtney, Sa'Nya Barber, Gracie Edelen	Action on	the Bill
School: Bardstown M	5	House	Senate
City: Bardstown		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated

An Act Relating To Identifying Dyslexia as a Disability in Kentucky Schools

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

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Section 1: Dyslexia is a learning disorder that impacts the ability to read due to problems identifying speech sounds and decoding. There are four different types of dyslexia which are the following: Left–Right Disorder, which makes it hard to tell left from right. Dysgraphia: the inability to write coherently. Dyscalculia: severe difficulty in making arithmetical calculations. Auditory Processing Disorder: a learning disorder in which the person can not interpret the sounds that he/she has heard. All of these different types of dyslexia are very severe and they are disorders that they do not just grow out of as they get older.

Section 2: Currently, in the state of Kentucky, Dyslexia is not recognized as a part of a Specific Learning Disability. Dyslexia is one of the most common learning disabilities, with about 20% of the population affected. Because schools do not screen or recognize Dyslexia, most students go undiagnosed. There are separate organizations outside of schools that do provide services. However, schools are not required to offer programs for Dyslexia. Programs that offer help with Dyslexia are the following: Orton-Gillingham, Barton, Wilson, Lindamood-Bell, Logic of English, Reading Horizons, and All About Reading.

Section 3: This bill will mandate that schools offer services for dyslexic students, just as they do for students with learning disabilities in math, reading, ADHD, emotional disorders, and other health impairments. IEPs (Individualized Educational Plans) or 504 plans will be mandated if this bill goes into effect; these are legal documents that require schools to provide services for students with disabilities.

Section 4: With the passage of this bill, students would learn more effectively through more individualized education plans, therefore they will be more likely to score higher on standardized tests, be more likely to attend post-secondary training, get higher-paying jobs, and be more successful as adults.

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

■	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue E	3 G 5
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Ridila Ala	m, Addi Wilford, Priya Chandrashekar	Action on	the Bill
School: Beaumont M	IS	House	Senate
City: Lexington		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐

1	An Act Relating To the Well Being of Kentucky Middle School Students
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: A New Section to KRS Chapter 158 is created to read as follows:
6	In order to improve mental health in Kentucky Schools, school boards may designate trained emotional support
7	animals as classified members of staff and provide a stipend of up to \$2,000 annually for veterinary care and
8	cost of feeding and sheltering of said animal.
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10	Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue E	3G 6
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Avery Bisho	op, Abby Lodmell Lodmell, Elli Mangan, Jay Neal	Action on	the Bill
School: Bondurant MS	;	House	Senate
		□ Passed	☐ Passed
City: Frankfort		☐ Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating to the Reduction of Food Waste by Kentucky Grocery Stores

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

Section 1: Kentucky is ranked 15th in the United States for food waste, and that is not acceptable. Subsequently, food waste is the number one material found in landfills, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. According to the United States Department of Agriculture, people in the United States discard 30 to 40 percent of the national food supply each year, which the United States Department of Agriculture seeks to reduce. Under current federal law, date labels remain mostly unregulated, except for infant formula. Additionally, grocery stores discard food if considered unappealing, such as browned fruit.

Section 2: Commercial grocery stores in Kentucky will be required to donate edible yet unappealing produce to state-funded food banks. Canned goods reaching their "sell by" or "best by" date should also be donated to food banks.

Section 3: This bill will significantly benefit the people of Kentucky. Many regions in Kentucky have been officially certified "Food Deserts." That means that the majority of people in these areas are incapable of accessing enough food to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Unappealing food and food that has not yet reached its "best by" or "sell by" date is still edible for several more days, possibly weeks. If grocery stores donate the food that would otherwise be thrown in the trash, many Kentucky families would be able to maintain a healthier lifestyle.

Section 4: Penalties for non-compliant food industries will include a first-offense warning, a second-offense fine of \$5,000, and further offenses that will lead to a six-month suspension of the grocer's license. The Department of Agriculture, Division of Food Distribution will regulate non-compliance.

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

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School: Boston ES - Nelson Co.

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

Sponsors: Kenzie Childress, Katie Vaught, Haylee Martin, Lily Cruse

Section 5: This bill will go into effect January 1st of 2023

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Referred to Committee: House 4

Action on the Bill

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Senate

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1	An Act Relating To Kentucky Respiratory Health		
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
4 5	Section 1: This bill will be amending section 194A.055 on Kentucky health care.		
6 7	The KRS section focuses on KRS 248.654, which concerns the Tobacco Settlement Fu	ınd.	
8 9	Section 2: This bill seeks to give 10% from the Rural Development Fund to the Early C provide more childhood education on tobacco use, and its effects.	hildhood Development	t Fund to
10 11	Section 3: This will set the tobacco settlement fund dispersion to; Rural development	fund 40%, Early Childh	nood
12	Development 35%, and Healthcare 25%.		
14 15 16	Section 4: The 10% that is going to the Early Childhood Development Fund will be disfunds will be given to schools to enact programs that will teach about the use of tobastarting in 3rd grade and lasting to 12th grade.		
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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Senat		
Sponsors: Haley Walt	ers, Sydney Tackett, Heidi Marcum, Gracie Justice	Action on	the Bill	
School: Boyd Co. MS		House	Senate	
City: Ashland		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated	

1	An Act Relating To Free Preschool Education to Everyone in the State of Kentucky.
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 157 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
6	(1) Each local school district will provide free preschool to all children four years of age.
7	(2) All local school districts will provide at minimum half-day care for children four years of age.
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9	Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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11	Section 3: Funds are appropriated through the Kentucky State Education and School Boards budget.
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Section 4: This bill takes effect in the 2023–2024 school year.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C		
Sponsors: Simon Davi	s, Amery Justice, Espn Felty	Action on	the Bill	
School: Boyd Co. MS		House	Senate	
City: Achland		☐ Passed	☐ Passed	

1	An Act Relating To prohibiting flavored vape products in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 217 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
6	(1) No person shall sell vape products classified as flavored in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
7	(2) Ban on the sell of both physical and online in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
8	(3) Ban will apply to flavored nicotine based and non-nicotine based products (tobacco e-juices).
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10	Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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12	Section 3: Any person who violates any of the provisions from KRS 217 shall be punished with a fine no less than \$100
13	and no more \$1000 or exceed a prison term no longer than a year. Each day a person violates the provisions
14	constitutes a separate violation.

Section 4: This Act takes effect on January 1, 2023.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Senat	
Sponsors: Gloria Lane-Roberts	-Klausing, Jayden Johnson, Lila Hagenbuch, Abigale	Action on	the Bill
School: Community Mo	ontessori School	House	Senate
City: Lexington		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated

An Act Relating To Relating to Expanding Character Education in Elementary Schools.

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

Section 1: Character education is the process of learning common attitudes and behaviors that are important for people to have as responsible Kentucky citizens. Good character education can provide ground rules and teach the importance of behavior, positive self-image, relationship skills, communication, etc. Currently, elementary counselors are responsible for character education at the elementary level, however they are only able to provide support to the students who are obviously struggling. All students would benefit from these skills.

Section 2: To solve this problem, elementary schools should be mandated to provide character education lessons to all students rather than just those identified by the counseling department. Topics to be covered include: communication skills, relationship building, positive self-image, behavioral norms, and any other skills the local community feels is important to good character and citizenship. These lessons would be delivered throughout the school year, on a weekly basis, via regular classroom instruction.

Section 3: If we fix this problem, students will have the skills to interact with others as they age resulting in better life outcomes such as lowering the divorce rate in Kentucky, better employment opportunities, and more likely to participate in community activities. Students will go on to live a happy and healthy life with closer friends and relatives.

Section 4: This bill will take effect in the next school semester of 2023 for both public and private schools.

o o	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue B	Blue BG 11	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Hous		
Sponsors: Katherine I	Doyle, Clara Dupont	Action on	the Bill	
School: Crosby MS		House	Senate	
City: Middletown		☐ Passed	☐ Passed	

1	An Act Relating To Fine Kentuckians Who Smoke in Public Places
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: If in violation of this bill, a person will owe a fine of \$750 dollars by smoking in a public place. A person will
6	have up to 30 days to pay the fine. If a fine is left unpaid, a warrant could be issued for arrest.
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8	Section 2: This will be enforced by the state and local police. Businesses and other citizens could also report a violation.
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10	Section 3: A portion of the fines will go towards lung cancer research in Kentucky.
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12	Section 4: This bill will take effect immediately.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Hous		
Sponsors: Cage Graha	m, Riley Hall, Allee Mcdowell, Braden Cates	Action on	the Bill	
School: Dixon ES		House	Senate	
Citv: Dixon		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated	

An Act Relating To address the teacher shortage in the state of Kentucky, to help public schools be able to fully staff their schools while also promoting education as a future career path for secondary students in the state of Kentucky.

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

Section 1: Add a new section to KRS chapter 158 to read as follows:

All secondary students who are attending a public college or university and majoring in education will be allowed to teach during their educational training. These students will receive a regular teacher salary for their work.

Section 2: To encourage students to teach while they attend school, students will receive a tuition voucher for all public college/university tuition under their major of education. This tuition voucher only covers the cost of tuition and books for their required classes under their education degree.

Section 3: The tuition voucher is also contingent upon that once students finish their college degree/career path for education that they complete 5 years teaching in a public school in the state of Kentucky. This only applies to Kentucky residents.

Section 4: If a student does not complete the requirements for this voucher then their tuition and book fees will roll over into a student loan which requires them to repay the state of Kentucky for their said expenses.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Elin Mcclard	l, Clara Mefford, Elijah Truelove, Alden Mbanfu	Action on	the Bill
School: Drakes Creek N	ΛS	House	Senate
City: Bowling Green		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated

1 An Act to Prevent Harm from Irresponsible Gun Storage 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: Irresponsible firearm storage can lead to unintentional accidents or deaths involving minors or inattentive 6 adults. Kentucky has no law requiring specific gun storage for unattended firearms. In the case of Eli, brother of DCMS 7 Delegate Sidney Rhinehart, this proved to be a disastrous situation, as he gained access to an unattended firearm when 8 he was a small child. Eli is now fully blind in one eye, and he has suffered numerous setbacks as a result of this 9 preventable negligence. 10 11 Section 2: This bill would require that all gun owners be held accountable for their firearm storage and that all 12 unattended firearms be locked in a secure place or have a locking mechanism on the device. 13 14 Section 3: This bill would go into effect on July 1, 2022, and would require that all guns sold after that date will either 15 have locking mechanisms on them or gun buyers will provide proof of ownership of a secure gun storage container. 16 17 Section 4:This bill will be enforced by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms and firearm dealers.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Hous	
Sponsors: Eli Harper,	Carmelita Dallaire, Ally Bond, Kara Mabry	Action on	the Bill
School: East Carter Co	o. MS	House	Senate
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City: Grayson		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

An Act Relating To Early Financial Literacy for Kentucky Public School Students

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

Section 1: This bill will provide expanded financial literacy education of public school students. Currently, the state of Kentucky recognizes the need for financial education of high school students beginning in ninth grade as per KRS 158.1411. This bill would begin education in middle grades starting in fifth grade and continue until reaching high school age.

Section 2: Financial education is beneficial for middle grade students to develop vital skills they will use in the workforce in a few short years. Students must be taught concepts such as budgeting and saving money, as well as concepts like leaving tips and paying taxes. This curriculum will expand off of existing Kentucky State Math Standards for students. Some may argue the fact that it is not necessary for middle grade students to be educated in financial literacy; however, no current state standard focuses on concepts of fiscal responsibility in adolescents. Mastery of these skills will prepare students prior to obtaining their first job. Financial literacy is not only vital for covering standards, but also vital for the future of this country.

Section 3: Financial education is beneficial for middle grade students to develop vital skills they will use in the workforce in a few short years. Students must be taught concepts such as budgeting and saving money, as well as concepts like leaving tips and paying taxes. This curriculum will expand off of existing Kentucky State Math Standards for students. Some may argue the fact that it is not necessary for middle grade students to be educated in financial literacy; however, no current state standard focuses on concepts of fiscal responsibility in adolescents. Mastery of these skills will prepare students prior to obtaining their first job. Financial literacy is not only vital for covering standards, but also vital for the future of this country.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red B	G 15
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Hous	
Sponsors: Anderson La	ang, Cooper Myers, Hammy Percio, Grae Percio	Action on	the Bill
School: Edythe J. Hayes	s MS	House	Senate
City: Lexington		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Mandating Movement Breaks In All Kentucky Schools.
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: Students across Kentucky are engaged in learning for approximately 7 hours a day. This proposed bill would
6	require Kentucky schools to offer and implement a mandatory movement break, for a minimum of 20 minutes, on a daily
7	basis.
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9	Section 2: This bill is intended to provide students with movement breaks in order to keep them more engaged during
10	academic instruction. It is proven that students are much more focused and engaged in instruction, when they have had
11	the ability to move their bodies for a given amount of time. We hope to see improved academic abilities through annual
12	standardized testing.
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14	Section 3: The penalty for school districts not implementing this will be a monetary fine each time a school is found in
15	violation. The total of these fines will not exceed \$5,000 per calendar year and the funds will be remitted to or withheld
16	by the Kentucky Department of Education.
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18	Section 4: This bill will NOT pose any additional cost to the school districts, the Kentucky Department of Education, or
19	the Kentucky taxpayers. The Kentucky Department of Education and local school districts will ensure that schools are
20	complying through regular walk-throughs, yearly submission of embedded movement time in school schedules, and
21	district wide meetings.

Section 5: This bill will be implemented beginning in the 2023–2024 academic school year.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Hous	
Sponsors: Eli Lopez, D	iya Patel, Gavin Lawless, Camden Edwards	Action on	the Bill
School: Edythe J. Haye	s MS	House	Senate
City: Lexinaton		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated

An Act Relating To Mandating A Suicide Prevention Curriculum in Kentucky Schools

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

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to ensure that all middle school and high school students in Kentucky, receive training on identification of the signs of suicidal thoughts, how to respond to these scenarios, and resources to get help. By doing this we hope to reduce the number of teen suicides in Kentucky. Each year, students will participate in a suicide prevention curriculum that will last two hours at a minimum, but could span a period of 9 weeks. Schools may implement the curriculum in whichever manner they choose to fit their schedule and needs.

Section 2: Suicide is the second-leading cause of death for teens and young adults, ages 10–34. It is also reported that 18.8% of high school students have seriously considered suicide in the past year. This percentage is higher among females (24.1%), and lesbian, gay, or bisexual teens (46.8%) (CDC, 2020). These numbers are staggering, and something must be done to not only bring awareness but provide support. Currently, students are only required to hear a 30 minute presentation by a school guidance counselor on suicide awareness, by Sept. 15th of each school year, but that simply isn't enough. According to the United Health Foundation, Kentucky is currently above the national average for teen suicide, and has been above the national average since 2012. There is no excuse for this – our children deserve better.

Section 3: The Kentucky state health department, National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, along with local school districts will collaborate to develop a comprehensive curriculum that not only brings awareness to this topic, but offers students a multitude of resources if they, or their friends, are contemplating suicide. There are a significant number of curriculums that have been developed already that may be referenced.

Section 4: This bill would not cost taxpayers of the Commonwealth any tax dollars. There are so many curriculum toolkits, and suicide prevention resources that are offered by national agencies and the US government, that no funds are needed for the purchase of materials. The only thing schools will have to commit to is the time to deliver the curriculum.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect at the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

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School: Flaherty ES

Sponsors: Aleigh Leclair, Julian Mccormick, Gunner Amos

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Referred to Committee: Senate 4

Action on the Bill

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1	An Act to establish a recycling law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky for E	lectronic Waste (eWast	e)
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
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5	Section 1: An eWaste recycling program will be established in each county in Kentuck	y to include electronic p	products
6	which are manufactured from valuable resources that will include but are not limited t	o copper, gold and silve	er.
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8	Section 2: All Kentucky households, businesses, and schools will be encouraged to e-	cycle. No eWaste will be	e accepted
9	for disposal in a landfill or by burning or incineration. Devices covered include:		
10	-Cell Phones		
11	-Computers and monitors		
12	-Electronic keyboards and mice		
13	-Printers, FAX machines and scanners		
14	-TVs, DVD players, recorders and VCRs		
15	-Portable Digital Music Players and video game consoles which can play DVD	Is	
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17	Section 3: Locations for these eWaste centers may vary from county to county deper	_	unty nas an
18	existing recycle center. Counties with existing recycle centers may add a bin or bins for	or ewaste.	
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20	Section 4: Counties without existing recycle centers will have to create a safe and acc	essible system for resid	Jenis to
21 22	drop off eWaste for example: courthouse, police station or fire house.		
23	Section 5: A \$2.00 fee will be added at the time of purchase for any covered device b	ought in Kontucky Eur	de received
24	will go into a state e-cycle fund under the Kentucky Energy and Environmental Cabine	-	us receiveu
25	will go into a state e-cycle fund under the Kentucky Lifergy and Lifvironinental Cabine	i . .	
26	Section 6: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2024.		

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1	An Act to Prevent an employee from being fired for failure to report to work during d by hazardous weather	angerous travel condi	tions caused
3 4 5	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
6 7 8	Section 1: All employers shall have a severe weather plan to include employee reporting off during inclement weather conditions.	ng rights and paid or ι	unpaid time
9 0 1	Section 2: No employee shall lose their job for failure to report to their workplace during which will include all those who can work from home and those who cannot.	ing hazardous travel c	onditions
2 3 4 5	Section 3: Any employee who chooses to stay at home because of travel conditions means work to their supervisor in a timely manner. If communication is not possible, they employee for failure to contact work.	•	
6 7 8	Section 4: In the event that an employee is fired for not reporting to work due to haze employee may file a civil suit against their employer for wrongful termination.	ardous weather condit	tions, the
9 0 1	Section 5: There is no funding necessary to implement this bill. Any cost incurred will be compliance, or the employee in the event they lose the civil suit.	oe paid by the employ	er for non-
2	Section 6: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2024.		

o o	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red B	G 19
the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Referred to Committee: Senate 5	
Sponsors: Brayden W	ood, Easton Hodges, Austin Wilkins	Action on	the Bill
School: Franklin-Simp	son MS	House	Senate
City: Franklin		☐ Passed	☐ Passed

1	An Act Relating To Requiring Alice Active Shooter Training for All Public School Teachers in Kentucky.
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: Alice Active Shooter training will be required for every public school teacher. Alice Active Shooter training
6	gives teachers hands-on experience and knowledge with what to do when a shooter enters the school building.
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8	Section 2: The teachers must complete the Alice Active shooting training once every two years. This will keep teachers
9	up-to-date on the information available. Active Shooter training is already required for public school teachers in
10	Kentucky but a lot of those trainings are just watching a video where the Alice Active Shooter Training provides
11	teachers with a simulation on what to do if an active shooter enters the building.
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13	Section 3: The purpose of the bill is to prevent large scale school shootings from happening. At the creation of this bill
14	there have been 140 school shooting incidents that have occurred in 2022 throughout the United States.
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16	Section 4: This bill will not cost the state of Kentucky any money and will be funded at the local school district level.
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18	Section 5: This bill will be enforced by The Kentucky Department of Education In conjunction with the Kentucky Center
19	for School Safety.
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21	Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed.
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Section 7: This law will go into effect on July 1, 2023.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red BG 20	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Cooper Hale	, Tee Savage	Action on	the Bill
School: Franklin-Simpso	on MS	House	Senate
Citv: Franklin		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Establishing the Start of School to No Earlier than 8:30 AM.
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: It is proposed that Kentucky public schools can start no earlier than 8:30 AM.
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7	Section 2: School districts can start later than 8:30 AM, but this decision is determined by the local school district. This
8	bill will allow students to receive more sleep which is vital to the health of a growing student. Schools will still be
9	responsible for fulfilling all of the required teaching time determined by the state of Kentucky.
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11	Section 3: This bill is being created on behalf of teenagers getting the proper amount of rest needed to work at their
12	fullest capability. The adequate amount of sleep needed for a teenager is around 8–10 hours. The amount of sleep a
13	teen actually gets is around 7 and 7 1/2 hours a night. If they are not getting enough sleep this could lead to chronic
14	sleep deprivation which means that you are not getting enough sleep and not able to work at your fullest.
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16	Section 4: This bill will not cost the state of Kentucky any additional money.
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18	Section 5: This bill will be enforced by The Kentucky Department of Education.
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20	Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed.
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Section 7: This law will go into effect on July 1, 2023.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Presleigh S	elk, Ellyson Wilhite	Action on	the Bill
School: Franklin-Simp	son MS	House	Senate
		☐ Passed	\square Passed
City: Franklin		☐ Defeated	\square Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Providing Sack Dinners to Students in Need within Title 1 Public Schools.
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: This act would require families to apply for free sack dinners within Title 1 Public schools across Kentucky.
6	Students will receive their sack dinner at the end of the school day.
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8	Section 2: This will be similar to the backpack program, where students and families will apply for meals and at the same
9	time demonstrate a need for this program.
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11	Section 3: The program will only apply to children and families on school days. Families that have applied will get free
12	sack dinners from the school on the 170 days in the school year.
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14	Section 4: According to Feeding America there are 153,000 students enrolled in public schools in Kentucky that go to
15	bed hungry every day. This bill is important to Kentucky because it will provide a way to solve student hunger around
16	Kentucky.
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18	Section 5: This will essentially not cost the state of Kentucky any extra money. This bill will be funded using the funds
19	from and/or any leftover meals from the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program. (For example: if your school has
20	750 students who receive a free lunch and only 600 kids eat the free lunch, then this program will use the leftover 150
21	lunches to donate to children for dinners. If they apply for this sack dinner program.)
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23	Section 6: This bill will be enforced by the Division of School and Community Nutrition within the Kentucky Department
24	of Education.
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26	Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed.

Section 8: This law will go into effect on July 1st of 2023.

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School: Glasgow MS

City: Glasgow

Sponsors: Meghan Griffin, Avrie Thomas, Jacob Judd

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

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Referred to Committee: Senate 4

Action on the Bill

House

☐ Passed

☐ Defeated

Senate

□ Passed□ Defeated

1	An Act Relating To the Requirement of a Career Planning and Financial Literacy class in high schools in the state of
2	Kentucky
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4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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6	Section 1: This bill would require Career Planning and Financial Literacy as a mandatory class in Kentucky high schools.
7	The skills taught in this class will include as follows:
8	Career Planning:
9	organization skills
10	communication skills
11	job application skills
12	interview skills
13	Financial Literacy:
14	how to pay a bill
15	how to complete financial forms
16	budget skills
17	managing a savings and a checking account
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19	Section 2: This class will be taken in the 11th or 12th year of high school. This class will be a required course in the first
20	or second semester. The class will be a hands-on learning experience.
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22	Section 3: This class will be paid through standard tax payer funds from state taxes.
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24	Section 4: This bill will go into effect in the 2023–2024 school year.
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	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red B	Red BG 23	
the		Referred to C		
Sponsors: Maddox B	utler, Melissa Hedges, Zoie Pierre, Kyler Schwartz	Action on	the Bill	
School: Henderson Co	o. North MS	House	Senate	
City: Henderson		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐	

An Act Relating To Remote Working Policies

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

Section 1: Since 2020, remote working opportunities have been the source of major lifestyle shifts among Kentucky families. Working from home saves time and stress from the daily 9–5 commute, reduces transportation and childcare costs, and generally contributes to increased job performance and productivity according to a Stanford study of 16,000 workers over 9 months. Now, many employers have made workers return to the office, which has driven back up their cost of living. The purpose of this bill is to allow Kentucky families to resume the more flexible schedule and cheaper cost of living they've grown accustomed to if a great majority of their job is done digitally.

Section 2: Employers will be required to assess whether an employee is eligible for remote work depending on whether 90 percent or more of their job is performed digitally. If 50 percent or more of an employee's job is done digitally, they may be eligible for a hybrid work schedule that is agreed on by the employee and their supervisor.

Section 3: Employers may still require remote workers to attend in-person meetings, though they must provide transportation. If a remote worker does not perform to the same standard as they did when working in person, the employer may require the employee to return to work in person.

Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Labor.

Section 5: Refusal to allow eligible employees to work remotely or on a hybrid schedule will result in a \$500 fine for the first offense and a \$1,000 fine for the second offense.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect 90 days after passage.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue BG 24	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Senat	
Sponsors: Anna Forbes	s, Catherine Lovell, Winnie Jordan, Lily Stinson-Perez	Action on	the Bill
School: Holy Name ES		House	Senate
City: Henderson		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Protecting Athletic Contest Officials Under the Age of 18 2

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

5 Section 1: Define: athletic contest official means any referee, umpire, coach, instructor, administrator, staff person, or 6 recreational employee of any public, private, or school-based (of any age or grade public or private) athletic program. 7 Define: harassment shall include verbal or nonverbal behavior by the offender that would cause a reasonable person to

be placed in fear of receiving bodily harm. 9 Define: assault shall include any physical harm

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26 27 Section 2: No person shall harass or assault any under age athletic contest official who is actively engaged in conducting, supervising, refereeing, or officiating a sanctioned interscholastic or recreational athletic contest. Additionally, this includes before or after an athletic event in the vicinity of the athletic event. This also includes reentering the game location after being asked to leave, any harassment or assault at the athletic contest official's place of employment, home, or vehicle.

Section 3: The offense shall be considered assault in the fourth degree and is a Class A misdemeanor. Any offender found to have committed the crime shall be fined a maximum of \$500.00 and/or imprisoned/put on probation for 180 days (dependent upon severity of injuries, a maximum of 12 months may be served). In addition to any other penalty, the offender will participate in forty hours of court approved community service work. The court can also impose anger management or abusive behavior intervention groups. Any costs shall be paid by the offender. In addition, the offender shall be ineligible to attend any KHSAA sanctioned event for 12 months. Failure to complete any assigned punishments will result in an end to probation, and the full 180 days will be served in entirety.

Section 4: There is no cost to this bill.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect immediately upon its passing.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue BG 25	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Senat	
Sponsors: Olivia Carr,	Ellyson Sagez, Hallie Fruit, Ava Tucker	Action on	the Bill
School: Holy Name ES		House	Senate
City: Henderson		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated

An Act Relating To School Safety Protocols and Enforcement

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

Section 1: Every school in Kentucky (public and private) must have an assigned local (city, county, or state) law enforcement liaison officer. This officer, different from an on staff School Resource Officer (SRO), will be mandated to notify their assigned school of any potentially impactful crime within a five mile radius of campus. This shall include, but not be limited to, robberies, home invasions, violent crimes, protests, active vandalism, and any situation that would cause officers to believe it reasonable and beneficial for the schools to enact their lockdown protocols to ensure student safety.

Section 2: Schools shall also be responsible to submit to local authorities their Emergency Management Plans (EMP) for fire, severe weather/tornado, earthquake, and lockdown. Administrators must review the full EMP with faculty and staff annually and prior to the first instructional day each year. The date and time of the EMP training shall be documented and logged with both local law enforcement and the superintendent of each school. The EMP shall be reviewed following the end of each school year by the school council, the principal, and first responders.

Section 3: If a lockdown situation occurs (during school hours or after when students are in the building), parents, faculty, staff, and local law enforcement must be notified by email, One Call, or the school wide information distribution system within one hour of the event (or as soon as safety dictates).

Section 4: Failure to comply will result in the Kentucky Department of Education writing and supervising the EMP and its process for one year. After that year, KDE will oversee the progress and management of the EMP.

Section 5: There is no cost to this bill.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect on June 1, 2023.

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

Referred to Committee: Senate 5

Bluegrass bill	Senat	e 5
Sponsors: Bob English, Lillian Schappe	Action on the Bill	
School: Holy Trinity Parish School	House	Senate
City: Louisville	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐
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An Act Relating To Establishing the Students for Nursing Stability Act in the Commonwealth of Kentucky to address the current shortage of nurses in state hospitals and medical offices.

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

Section 1: The Kentucky Hospital Association reported in July 2022 that state hospitals have a shortage of 5,391 registered nurses and practical nurses. The Kentucky Nurses Association estimates that 16,000 nurses will be needed in the state of Kentucky by the end of 2024. A new section of KRS 157 will be created to read as follows:

- 1. Nursing students enrolled in a state-funded university's nursing program will receive a grant in the value of in-state tuition, room and board, and all educational book fees incurred within the guidelines of the nursing program at the student's selected state university.
- 2. Nursing program students in programs for a Diploma of Nursing, Associate Degree in Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice qualify.
- 3. All students enrolled in this program will be required to maintain a 3.0 GPA in all courses.
- 4. Students will be required to complete the required coursework to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing within 5 years of beginning courses, as well as become a licensed RN within 8 years of beginning course work.
- 5. This grant will only be given to students residing in the Commonwealth in January of the year prior to enrollment.
- 6. This bill will be enacted for all students enrolled in the 2020–2021 school year through the 2030–2031 school year with committee assessment being developed by a peer review panel to be chosen by the Commissioner of Public Health of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 2: Funding for this program will be allocated from the federal COVID Emergency Supplement Grants set aside by the Commonwealth, as well as funds collected for state education from the Kentucky Lottery Program. Kentucky has an estimated 20 million dollars remaining to address issues in the Commonwealth presented by the pandemic. Determination of costs will be established by a committee developed by the Commissioner of Health, and include the Kentucky Hospital Association, Kentucky Nurses Association, and the Kentucky Board of Nursing, as well as the Commissioner. These costs will not vary by university, allowing equal opportunity at all state institutions.

Section 3: In the first 6 months of 2022, the state of Kentucky spent 489 million dollars on contracted nursing services, an increase of 455% from 2019. While the cost of this program will require funds to be allocated to state universities, the Kentucky Nurses Association has stated that programs to encourage young men and women to pursue degrees in nursing through dedicated degree-based incentive programs and contracted labor will decrease by 300% within 5 years. We believe our bill is the answer to help decrease spending on contract labor, increase career development in the nursing field, and address the ongoing shortage of nurses.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C		
Sponsors: Aleigha Hu	ghes, Avery O'Brien, Parker Keith	Action on	the Bill	
School: James Madiso	on MS	House	Senate	
		☐ Passed	☐ Passed	
City: Madisonville		☐ Defeated	Defeated	

An Act Relating To changing the 90-day waiting period for retired school employees to return to work.

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

Section 1: KRS 161.65 is amended to read as follows:

Amend 7(a). To read as follows, A retired member returning to work under subsection (1) or (2) of this section on a full-time basis does not have to be separated from service for any period of time before returning to work for any employer. A retired member returning to work under subsection (1) or (2) of this section on a part-time basis do not have to be separated from service for any period of time before returning to work for any employer.

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

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C		
Sponsors: Alice Sulli	van, Estelle Hyland	Action on	the Bill	
School: Louisville Co	llegiate MS	House	Senate	
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City: Louisville		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated	

1	An Act to Re-establish the Equal Rights Amendment
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: The Equal Rights Amendment was started in 1923 by two female leaders of the Suffrage movement, Alice
6	Paul and Crystal Eastman. The ERA is a very simple amendment, it gives women equal rights to all males.
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8	Section 2: Equalrightsamendment.org states that the bill was ratified in 1978, and hasn't been reinstated. This is a
9	problem because, after so many years of women fighting for their basic human rights, they still don't have equal rights.
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11	Section 3: By ratifying this amendment in Kentucky, it will make sure employers are prohibited from changing pay rates
12	depending on gender. This affects women's equal rights because if a woman is doing the same job as a man they are no
13	longer getting paid less just for being a women.
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15	Section 4: Some federal laws that include humans rights are, the equal pay act, the fair labor standards act, the civil
16	rights act, the pregnancy discrimination act, the family and medical leave act, the uniformed services employment and
17	reemployment rights act, the Patient protection and affordable care act, Tax Cut and jobs act. All of these will be put in
18	place (or stay in place) if the Equal Rights Amendment is supported and passed in Kentucky.
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Section 5: The following states have reinstated this bill; Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii,

Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New

Section 6: The solution to our problem is very simple and costs no money at all, all we want is for the bill to be

Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

reinstated in Kentucky. We propose the bill be reinstated by the 2023 calendar year.

Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Texas,

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Senat	
Sponsors: David Berza	nsky, Rebecca Reale, Elina Sulkowski	Action on	the Bill
School: Louisville Colle	giate MS	House	Senate
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City: Louisville		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

1	An Act Allow Divorces for Pregnant Women
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: In the state of Kentucky, women cannot get divorced while pregnant, even when in abusive relationships.
6	According to Kentucky Justice, the law states that women cannot get divorced while pregnant in Kentucky even when
7	experiencing domestic violence.
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9	Section 2: Kentucky has one of the highest domestic violence statistics in the US with 45.3% of women and 35.5% of
10	men have experienced domestic violence.
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12	Section 3: Kentucky has the 11th highest femicide rate in the United States, according to NCADV. This means that
13	Kentucky has one of the highest rates in the United States of women killed by men.
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15	Section 4: According to Legal Voice, many other states do not have that law. You can finalize your divorce at any time,
16	which puts women in a much safer situation.
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18	Section 5: We propose that the state of Kentucky allow women to get a divorce while they are pregnant, to protect
19	them and their children from domestic violence. This bill will not cost any money. We propose the law be abolished by

the 2023 calendar year.

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School: Lyon Co. MS

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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION

KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

Sponsors: Chandler Whalin, Jake Burchett, Becca Neighbors, Allie Fields

Section 4: The bill will take effect January 1, 2024.

Referred to Committee: House 3

Action on the Bill

Senate

House

Cit	t y: Eddyville	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated
1	An Act Relating To Changing the Minimum Age Requirement to Obtai	in a Driver's Permit	
2 3 4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
5 6 7	Section 1: This bill would change the minimum age requirement to enter Step 1: Permi License Program from 16 years old to 15 years old.	it Phase of Kentucky's	Graduated
8 9 10	Section 2: In KRS 186.440 "Persons Ineligible for Operator's License" Item 2 will be change of fifteen (15)."	nanged to read։ "Any բ	erson under
11 12 13 14	Section 3: In KRS 186.410 "Operator's licenses- Requirements and issuance- Personal Driver's training programs- Application for travel ID or standard document" Item 4 wis under the age of eighteen (18) years who applies for an instruction permit shall at an (15) and before the person's eighteenth birthday, enroll in one (1) of the following drives.	ll be changed to read: y time between the ag	"A person je of fifteen
15 16	A) A driver's education course administered by a school district.B) A driver training school licensed pursuant to KRS Chapter 332 which offer	2. 2	
17 18 19	the minimum standard established by by the Transportation Cabinet; or C) State traffic school. The person may seek to enroll in state traffic school b birthday. Persons enrolling in state traffic school pursuant to this paragraph		

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG 31	
the		Referred to C	
Sponsors: Ethan Rakes	s, Leah Kerr, Kelsey Bunch, Lee Walls	Action on	the Bill
School: Metcalfe Co. M	S	House	Senate
City: Edmonton		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated

An Act Relating To The Requirement for Public School Systems to provide a designated "Safe Space" for students in Mental Health situations.

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

Section 1: Mental Health Issues are becoming common among students, with suicide ranking as the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10–34 in the U.S. 1 in 10 youth have mental health challenges that directly affect how they function at school. With only 20% of youth struggling having adequate access to mental healthcare. Many students suffer or follow through with self harm, anxiety, stress reactions, etc while at school. Many schools are understaffed, and not adequately trained or prepared to offer students suffering a mental health crisis a "safe space" in order to properly assess, calm, treat or prevent the issue.

Section 2: This bill would require all public schools in Kentucky to provide a secure and mentally calming/supportive space for students in a mental health crisis occurring during school hours. The space would provide calming resources and privacy for students struggling with anxiety, depression, self harm, substance abuse, etc.

Section 3: The cost of enacting this bill would be approximately \$1,000-\$10,000 dollars per school (depending on available space, resources already available, etc) of which costs could be covered through multiple state level grants or COVID relief school funds. Schools would have 1 year from the enactment of this bill to complete their safe space. This bill would become effective January 1, 2023.

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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION

KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

Sponsors: Esme Ertz, Lucy Russell, Amelia Albers, Katrina Logsdon

Section 3: This act takes effect January 1, 2023

Referred to Committee: Senate 5

Action on the Bill

Senate

House

School: Noe MS City: Louisville		House	Senate
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1	An Act Relating To Providing Education in Public Schools on Sexual Assa	ult and Harassment	
2 3 4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth o	f Kentucky	
5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS	j	
6	All public schools will educate students on sexual assault and harassment. The	information that ne	eds to be
7	taught will be provided in two videos one for each age group. The first video v	vill be for kids in grac	des first
8	grade through 6th grade. Parents with kids in first and second grade have the	option of opting the	eir children
9	out but once they are in third grade the option to opt out is removed. The sec	ond video will be for	grades 7th
10	through 12th.		
11	The first video will have information on what is sexual assault and harassmen	t is, what counts as s	sexual
12	assault and harassment, what to do and who to tell if you are sexually assault	ed or harassed. The	second video
13	will have mostly the same information with more in depth context into what the	ne effects of sexual a	issault can
14	be, and that there is no good reason to sexually assault or harass someone, a	nd how to protect yo	ourself from
15	being sexually assaulted.		
16	Counselors across Kentucky will receive some training in sexual assault and ha	arassment education	and then
17	relay/teach this information to the teachers at their schools. Then the teacher	s will show their stud	dents the
18	provided video for their age group.		
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20	Section 2: ANY STATUE CONTRARY TO THIS ACT SHALL BE AMENDED OR REPEALED		

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

Sponsors: Helen Bai, Phoebe Millard, Clara Pardon, Isabel Castillo Rojas

Section 5: This act takes effect January 1, 2023

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Referred to Committee: House 4

Action on the Bill

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Cit	:y: Louisville	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passe ☐ Defea
1 2	An Act Relating To all public schools to give students monthly men	tal health classes	
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
5 6 7 8	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All public schools should require monthly mental health conferences. (2) Each conference should be no less than 30 minutes. (3) These conferences should occur every 30 days.		
9 10	(4) These conferences should have a maximum of 100 students or one grade tea	am.	
11 12	Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.		
13 14 15	Section 3: The first conference should be in September, no later than the 15th. The comonthly and end when school ends in May.	onference should then	take place
16	Section 4:		
17	(1) Students 4th grade and up are permitted to attend.		
18	(2) Students Kindergarten to 3rd grade attend less intense meetings		
19 20	(3) Students will learn coping strategies, be able to speak with counselors, and w struggling with mental health.	ays to identify others	who may be
21 22	(4) Students may be split into small groups to talk to counselors.		

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue B	Blue BG 34	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C		
Sponsors: Anya Shetl	h, Olivia Powers, Colton Grace, Emma Presley	Action on	the Bill	
School: North Oldhan	1 MS	House	Senate	
City: Goshen		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated	

An Act Relating To Creating Overdose Prevention Centers

3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: To establish and endorse an Overdose Prevention Center in Kentucky, and give them funding of \$200,000
6	each month for two years, then \$100,000 in the following 5 years.
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8	Section 2: This money will be partially funded by a grant for \$2 million from the National Institute of Drug Abuse (the
9	NIDA). The grant providing us this money from the NIDA will have the activity code H13. This money will fund it for 2
10	years.
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12	Section 3: It will be utilized to create short informational classes for the public to inform them on the effects of
13	Schedule I and II drugs such as fentanyl, marijuana, and methamphetamine. The center will hire people that are educated
14	on the topic to inform others during these sessions.
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16	Section 4: Overdose prevention centers are places where people can consume preobtained drugs in a monitored setting
17	where staff can intervene in the event of an overdose. This can help addicts to gradually reduce their drug use without

withdrawal. The small center will also provide residency for up to 25 drug addicts.

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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION

KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

Referred to Committee: Senate 3

Sponsors: Arnav Philips, Shreethan Palla, Savannah Mckenna, John Meadows		Action on the Bill	
Sc	hool: North Oldham MS	House	Senate
City: Goshen		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeat
1 2	An Act Relating to the Usage of Solar Panels for All Public High Schools in	the State of Kentucl	с у
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
5 6 7 8	Section 1: We will have all 443 of the Kentucky public high schools being partially pow 2035 lowering the usage of fossil fuel and creating a renewable energy source for all much electricity and have too high of electricity bills. (We can raise the percentage of s	the high schools that	t use too
9 10 11 12	Section 2: When this bill is put into action the money will not overpower this project be action, you will automatically get a utility company covering 100% full credit towards federal discount, and an extra \$500 tax credit for purchasing a PV system in the stat	ALL surplus protection	
13 14 15 16	Section 3: This bill would be funded by multiple grants and Kentucky solar companies bill. We can get up to 100s of thousands of dollars towards this whole project and we us an even greater discount across this project.	-	
17 18 19	Section 4: Solar powered energy already exists in Kentucky which has been proven to reduce it even more.	reduce pollution. This	s bill could
20 21 22 23	Section 5: Some grants that we have to lower the cost will be listed here. In this section without application grants towards this project. From the US Department of Agricultu both high energy cost and reap grants.		•
24 25 26 27	Section 6: Now we will list applicable grants for this bill. We have the US Department thousands of dollars because they support renewable solar energy for schools. The Anon-profit organization that		_
28 29 30	Section 7: Performance services, a design build construction company for energy consimportantly, solar energy. (they have a website) They support solar panel installation so assessment and they will give you a reasonable		ee solar

Section 8: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2023 and we will try to finish this project no later than 2035.

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

Deferred to Committee

Bluegrass Bill	House	
Sponsors: Nate Dunlap, Evan Wheeler, Catherine Brooks, Harper Ford	Action on	the Bill
School: North Oldham MS	House	Senate
City: Goshen	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐

An Act Relating to the Protection of Victims of Discrimination

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

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Section 1: This bill will raise awareness about discrimination, create a toll free hotline for victims of discrimination, extend the The Kentucky Civil Rights Act to everyone, and punish discrimination more harshly. At most this will cost \$5,000-\$10,000.

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Section 2: The current Kentucky Civil Rights Act (KRS Chapter 344) makes it illegal for an employer to discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age forty (40) and over, because the person is a qualified individual with a disability, or because the individual is a smoker or nonsmoker, as long as the person complies with any workplace policy concerning smoking. The expanded law would add:

Protections based on gender identity

Protections based on sexual orientation and expand so no one can discriminate, not just employers.

To get our funding for this, we will apply for several grants such as:

- -Ford Foundation Center for Social Justice
- -Wallace Global Fund
- -Open Society Foundation

After getting our starting money, we will expand the budget of the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights by \$10,000 per year.

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Section 3: The punishment for discrimination will differ based on the level of discrimination, but the most common punishment would be community service so it does not overcrowd the prison system. The minimum sentence would be 5 hours, with the maximum sentence being 100 hours.

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Section 4: The Kentucky Civil Rights Act also created the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights, and as part of our expansion we will be adding a toll free hotline to their reporting system. If someone calls this hotline, it would direct them to an employee of the Commission, who will contact the correct court to make a discussion on the punishment of the individual who discriminated.

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Section 5: We will enforce this law with the hotline. If someone is discriminating you or you witness discrimination, you will call the hotline, give us the information on that person and what they have done, and we will take it from there.

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Section 6: If it is determined that the report is valid, the perpetrator will be asked to turn themself in. If they refuse, law enforcement will apprehend them.

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Section 7: We will be able to fund our bill in the long run because \$5,000-\$10,000 is more than what we will need, but we would rather have more than we will need to start, so that we won't have to worry about further payments as much because of leftover money we will have, and we can just raise money when we are close to being out of money for funding this.

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Section 8: This law will go into effect immediately.

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

Sponsors: Kate Basham, Jeff Burke, Chase Dunn, Kayleigh Stark

Referred to Committee: House 1

Action on the Bill

Sc	hool: Notre Dame Academy ES	поиѕе	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated
1	An Act Relating To Proposing an Amendment to Motorcycle Helmet Requ	uirements in Kentuck ₎	1
2 3 4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
5 6	Section 1: In 189.285 Regulations for operating and riding on motorcycles Headge motorcycle and moped is amended to read as follows:	ar requirements D	efinitions of
7 8 9	(3) All persons shall be required to wear protective headgear, in the manner protective they are riding are in mo	<u> </u>	•
10 11	Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.		
12 13 14 15	Section 3: Traumatic brain injury (TBI), a form of acquired brain injury, occurs when a sthe brain. TBI can result when the head suddenly and violently hits an object, or when enters brain tissue. 21% of unhelmeted motorcycle accident victims treated in a hosp	an object pierces the	_
16 17 18 19 20	Section 4: Motorcycle deaths accounted for 14% of all motor vehicle crash deaths in 2 the number of motorcyclist deaths in 1997. Approximately 41% of motorcycle drivers wearing a helmet. Even among survivors, severe head injuries can lead to lifelong com otherwise been prevented	who die in accidents	are not
21 22 23 24 25 26	Section 5: There are three basic layers to a motorcycle helmet: the outer shell, the inn comfort padding. The outer shell of a helmet is designed to spread out the force from minimizing the blow. Then the crush foam, which is designed to compress and absorb distributed. The comfort lining is the padding you feel around your head and face, whin not chafe. Wearing a helmet reduces the risk of death by 37% and the risk of suffering the suffering suffering the suffering suffering the suffering suffering suffering the suffering sufferi	an impact across the all thet shock that th ch helps the helmet fi	e entire shell, e outer shell it snugly and
27	Section 6: Violations of this statute will be enforced by local law enforcement and sha	ıll include:	

Section 7: This statute requires no funding.

First Offense: \$125 fine

Second Offense: \$250 fine

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35 Section 8: This statute will begin ninety days after passage.

Third Offense: No more than 90 days of imprisonment

Any Subsequent Offense: Loss of license for a year

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Jasmine Ma	rvin, Autumn Riordan, Harmony Corbin, Regan Steele	Action on the Bill	
School: Oldham Co. MS	5	House	Senate
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1	An Act Relating To Cameras in Public School Classrooms
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: This bill would make all public school classrooms in the state of Kentucky have surveillance cameras put in
6	them.
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8	Section 2: The goal of this bill is to add at least two cameras in every classroom. The purpose is to get the whole room,
9	with different angles/perspectives.
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11	Section 3: The estimated amount of money is around \$57,000 per school, or \$25.2 million for the state. This was based
12	on the average number of classrooms in a public school with 2 cameras in each classroom.
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14	Section 4: There were \$852 million in gun sales in Kentucky in 2021. Moving forward we will charge a 3 percent tax on
15	gun sales so that it can help pay off the price of all the things needed to get the cameras in the public school
16	classrooms. Based on 2021 gun sales, this tax would have generated over \$25 million in revenue.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C		
Sponsors: Ellen Traut	wein, Sophia Griffin, Charles Hackman	Action on	the Bill	
School: Our Lady of Lo	ourdes ES	House	Senate	
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City: Louisville		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated	

An Act Relating To Carbon Monoxide Detectors in Kentucky Schools

2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 5 Section 1: All schools both public and private, will have to install carbon monoxide detectors. The detectors will be installed in areas where natural gas lines hook up to appliances, like furnaces and stoves. 6 7 8 Section 2: Detectors will be installed by thirty days before school starts. School systems that have schools not in 9 compliance will be given written notice that lists each school in violation. The school system will be given 14 days from 10 receipt of the notice to get in compliance. A fine of \$250 per week per school will be given. Proof of compliance will be 11 provided with a copy of receipts of purchase and finished work orders. The schools that were fined will be inspected 12 after this. 13

- Section 3: Enforcement of the law will be from the Education Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. 14
- This law will go into effect 30 days after the governor's signature. 15

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

Referred to Committee: House 3

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Sponsors: Brynn Samples, Carter Yates, Mason Foley, Liam Walsen		Action on the Bill	
Sc	hool: Sayre School MS	House	Senate
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Ci	ty: Lexington	☐ Defeated	☐ Defeate
1 2	An Act Relating To Improving the Response to School Shooting	s in Kentucky	
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 156 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOW	/S:	
6	If an intruder enters a school, people in the building must abandon the curre	nt standard practice o	of the "duck
7	and cover" method and instead use the "run, hide, fight" method of response	•	
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9	Section 2: Currently widely taught and practiced in Kentucky schools, the "duck and c	over" method of intru	der response
10	requires students and teachers to lock classroom doors and hide in a place where the	y are not visible from	windows and
11	doors. This passive "sit and wait" method of response resulted in 70 injuries and deat	ths from 35 school sh	ootings in
12	the United States in 2021. As of November 1, 2022, there have been 40 school shoo	otings and 122 injurie	s and deaths
13	nationwide, with schools using the "duck and cover" method of response. Taking a mo	ore active approach, th	he "run. hide.

- 1) Running away from the intruder;
- 2) If they cannot run, hiding from the intruder; and, finally
- 3) If discovered by an intruder, attacking them.

fight" method trains schools to respond to intruders by:

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Section 3: Police officers, including school resource officers, will receive training in how to respond to school intruder situations under the new "run, hide, fight" method, rather than the "duck and cover" method. Funds previously allocated to training officers in those ineffective tactics will transfer to training officers in the "run, hide, fight" method of active shooter training.

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Section 4: School resource officers will train administration, teachers, and students how to respond to an active shooting situation using the "run, hide, fight" method of response.

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

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Section 6: This Act takes effect August 1, 2023

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

Referred to Committee:Senate 5

Sponsors: Jasper Lee, Kole Knott	Action on	the Bill
School: South Hopkins MS	House	Senate
City: Nortonville	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐

An Act Relating To Commemorating Lives Lost As a Result of the 2021 Western Kentucky Tornado

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

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Section 1: There is established a 2021 Western Kentucky Tornado Memorial Committee for the purpose of creating a 2021 Western Kentucky Tornado Memorial in the city of Frankfort, Kentucky, or another location within the Commonwealth deemed more appropriate by the committee. Members of the committee shall include:

- (a) The Governor or his or her designee;
- (b) The secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet or his or her designee;

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Section 2: The 2021 Western Kentucky Tornado Memorial Committee shall be charged with the following duties:

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- (a) Choosing a design for the memorial;
- (b) Determining a location for the memorial;
- (c) Collecting the names of fallen men and women to be included on the memorial;
- (d) Requesting proposals for the construction of the memorial;
- (e) Making recommendations on an entity to oversee the installation of the memorial;
- (f) Making recommendations on an entity that will be responsible for maintenance and day-to-day upkeep of the memorial; and
- (g) Seeking appropriations, gifts, grants, federal funds, and any other funds, both public and private, to assist with the costs associated with the establishment of the memorial.

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Section 3: The 2021 Western Kentucky Tornado Memorial Committee shall complete the requirements of subsection (2)(a) to (f) of this section no later than October 1, 2023. The committee shall produce a written report to be provided to the Governor, the secretary of the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The report shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- (a) The results of the 2021 Western Kentucky Tornado Memorial Committee's work with regard to the requirements of subsection (2)(a) to (f) of this section;
- (b) An update on the costs required to complete the 2021 Western Kentucky Tornado Memorial; and
- (c) The amount of money raised for the 2021 Western Kentucky Tornado Memorial at the date the report is due.

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Section 4: The Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet shall have the following responsibilities related to the 2021 Western Kentucky Tornado Memorial and the committee established to create the memorial:

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- (a) Provision of staff and administrative resources, not including reimbursement for any expense related to the committee's work, for the committee; and
- (b) Administration of the 2021 Western Kentucky Tornado Memorial fund

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

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Emery Cox, I	Phillip Kapoor, Agnes Loeser, Julia Keeney	Action on	the Bill
School: St. Francis of A	ssisi ES – Louisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Prioritizing the Plugging of Orphaned Gas and Oil Wells
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 353.564 (5)(c) IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
6	[1] Orphaned gas and oil wells within a half mile of schools and daycare facilities will be prioritized on the 805
7	KAR 1:060 Section 8 Kentucky Division of Oil & Gas Prioritization Schedule For Orphan Wells and Abandoned
8	Storage Tank Facilities.
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10	Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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12	Section 3: There is appropriated to Kentucky \$25 million for the plugging of oil and gas wells provided through the
13	Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.
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15	Section 4: Whereas Kentucky has already begun plugging abandoned oil and gas wells, this Act takes effect upon its
16	passage and approval by the Governor and upon otherwise becoming law.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue BG 43	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Senat	
Sponsors: Asher Steph	nenson, Tyler Helmerich, Andrew Craft, Daniel Nemes	Action on	the Bill
School: St. Margaret M	Nary Catholic School	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated

An Act Relating To All Kentucky High School Students Completing an Internship

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

Section 1: This bill ensures all Kentucky high school students have the opportunity to work within a field of their choice before graduating high school. Students in Kentucky high schools will be required to complete a semester-long internship course. Students will spend 6 or more weeks working with a company or individual in the community. The remainder of the semester will be spent in the classroom learning how to apply to jobs, be an effective employee, and other essential life skills.

Section 2: The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) and individual school counselors will work to enforce this bill while ensuring all high school students complete the required internship course before graduation.

Section 3: Schools that fail to abide have six months to get an internship program in place. During this time, a KDE representative will guide them through the creation of the program. After 6 months, if a school still does not have a program in place, the district will be fined \$1,000. After a year, the fine will increase to \$2,500. If they still fail to implement the internship course, a year later they will be fined \$5,000. They will be fined \$5,000 each year until they have the internship course in place.

Section 4: For the 2024–2025 school year, there will be a maximum of \$500,000 awarded from the government to support the creation of the course. Schools and districts will submit applications to be considered for funding. Awards will range from \$500 to a maximum of \$2,500 per school based on applications.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect on August 1, 2024.

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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION

KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

Referred to Committee: Senate 4

Sponsors: Eliana Rittmuller, Henle Newton, Vienna Ulanowski, Eden George	Action on the Bill	
School: St. Margaret Mary Catholic School	House	Senate
City: Louisville	☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated

1 An Act Relating to the mental health assessment of students in schools 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 5 (1) Schools shall administer the ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) questionnaire to students in sixth 6 7 through twelfth grades annually. (2) It shall be the goal of private and parochial schools to administer the questionnaire to all students in sixth 8 9 through twelfth grades annually. 10 (3) The parents or guardians of students in sixth through twelfth grades who attend private or parochial schools shall have the questionnaire administered by a trained professional, which may include a physician, 11 12 licensed therapist, or appropriate administrator at the private or parochial school. 13 (4) The results of the questionnaire shall be made available to the appropriate administrator at the student's 14 school. 15 (5) The administrator shall take action to address any mental health concerns raised by the questionnaire, 16 which may include a discussion with the parents or guardians of the student or referral to a licensed therapist. 17 (6) Students may opt out of participating in the questionnaire.

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

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Hous	
Sponsors: Graycen Til	ton, Mary Hart, Josie Boggs, Grace Dicken	Action on	the Bill
School: St. Margaret N	Mary Catholic School	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated
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1 An Act Relating to mental health awareness for all Kentucky students in grades 5th through 12th.

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

Section 1: This bill would require all Kentucky schools to provide at least 3 hours of mental health instruction on an annual basis. These sessions would be grade appropriate and empower students to discuss mental health from an earlier age and reinforce the need to reach out for help. This instruction would be led by school counselors, health teachers or other mental health professionals. This bill would also require all Kentucky schools to post the suicide hotline in every 5th through 12th grade classroom. It would be required that the number be on a poster no smaller than 16x20.

Section 2: Currently in the state of Kentucky, there is not a mandated, minimum amount of mental health education presented in the classroom. Other states are taking notice of the growing number of students experiencing mental health issues and it is time we do the same for Kentucky students. The CDC reports emergency room visits for mental health related issues have increased significantly since the start of the pandemic in March of 2020.

Section 3: No additional funding will be needed as every school will identify which current staff member (members) are most qualified to address the topics involved.

Section 4: The Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services (KCHFS) will enforce this bill as well as the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) after passage.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect the next school year.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Senat	
Sponsors: Mason Kitc	hen, Shane Kitchen, Bryce Mayhugh	Action on	the Bill
School: St. Margaret M	Mary Catholic School	House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated

An Act Relating To children's mental health in school based mindfulness instruction with a focus to educate school communities about mental health issues.

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

Section 1: Due to covid and post covid stress, mental health levels have been affected. This is most notably seen in our school systems. A study by the Journal of the American Medical Association NETWORK OPEN shows that stress increased by 12.7 percent, anxiety by 10.7 percent, depression by 10.6, and a sense of loneliness by 28.3 percent.

Section 2: The overall goal is that mindfulness instruction is implemented through all grades throughout Kentucky. Understanding this new model may cause resistance among older grades. We suggest customizing an intellectual discussion for the older grades rather than meditation or another form of mindfulness that could feel embarrassing. However, mindfulness instruction should be permitted in all grades.

Section 3: Recommendations for time length are age dependent, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics. Their recommendations are; preschool children only need a few minutes per day, elementary students need 3–10 twice a day, and teens need around 5–45 minutes per day according to benefits.

Section 4: School based mindfulness can take many forms. Here are a few widely recommended forms of mindfulness instruction. Spiritual meditation that is good for the inner self. (Can be religious, but does not have to be) Loving-kindness meditation helps students not only love others, but love themselves. Focused meditation helps children with ADHD and other disorders.

Section 5: One of the best parts of school based mindfulness instruction is that it takes little to no funds to accomplish. There are many free resources available like mentalhealth.gov, not to mention the numerous apps and educational/emotional websites available.

Section 6: This act will go into effect starting next school year.

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

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Referred to Committee: Senate 1

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Sc	hool: St. Margaret Mary Catholic School	House	Senate
City: Louisville Passed			☐ Passe ☐ Defea
1 2	An Act Relating To Universal Helmet Laws in Kentucky for Mo	otorcycles	
3 4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
5	Section 1: The current Kentucky Helmet law amended in 1998 requires helmet use on		
6	passengers under the age of 21; Motorcycle operators who possess a motorcycle instruction operators who have had an operator's license for less than one year. According to the	•	•
7 8	Administration (NHTSA), when legislators repealed the helmet-use law in 1998, motor	. .	•
9	50%. NHTSA estimates wearing helmets are 37% effective in preventing deaths. In ad	•	•
10	of brain injuries by 69%. In the state of Kentucky, in 2021, there were 88 fatal motor	•	
11	wearing helmets. The economic cost savings nationwide would be \$1.50 billion if all m	•	
12	riding a motorcycle.		
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14	Section 2: This bill would require motorcycle operators and passengers to always wea	r a helmet while on K	entucky
15	roads, thus creating a Universal Helmet Law for the State of Kentucky, amending KRS	189.285. Implement	ation of this
16	law would decrease the number of motorcycle rider fatalities and brain injuries.		
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18	Section 3: The cost of this bill would be to the consumer; they would need to purchase	e the helmets. In 202	2 Motorcycle
19	helmets cost range from \$36-\$250.		
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21	Section 4: Kentucky law enforcement will enforce the law. People who fail to follow the	e law will be penalized	d by the
22	following:		
23	First offense \$75 fine,		
24	Second offense \$125 fine,		
25	Third offense \$200 fine.		
26	Additional violations past the third offense would result in a 30-day suspens	ion of license.	

Section 5: This bill would go into effect 30 days after passage.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue BG 48	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Hous	
Sponsors: Anna Folz,	Ruthie Chaudoin, Sarah Gilliam, Veera Namasivayam	Action on	the Bill
School: Sts. Peter and	Paul ES - Hopkinsville	House	Senate
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City: Hopkinsville		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

1	An Act Relating To changing areas for disabled individuals
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 58.200 any business that employs 20 or more people must provide a
6	diaper changing area for all disabled individuals. The changing area must be large enough to accommodate adults,
7	toddlers, and infants.
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9	Section 2: Businesses not in compliance with this bill shall incur the following penalties:
10	\$500 fine for every 90 days the business is not in compliance.
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12	Section 3: This bill will be enforced by the following agencies: Cabinet for Health and Family Services will enforce for
13	restaurants and Kentucky Labor Cabinet division of OSH Compliance for all other businesses.
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15	Section 4: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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17	Section 5: This bill will take effect 90 days after the close of session; however, businesses will have until January 1,
18	2024 to become compliant.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Adian Cons	tantino, Aubrey Barnett, Nathan Bartley, Ash Porter	Action on	the Bill
School: The New Have	n ES	House	Senate
		☐ Passed	\square Passed
City: New Haven		☐ Defeated	□ Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Misuse of Foster Care Funding 2 3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4 Section 1: (1) A person is guilty of misuse of foster care funding when a person fosters a child for financial gain or 5 misuses funding they receive for fostering a child or children when they: 6 7 (a) Financially abuse the foster agencies by spending money on unnecessary things unrelated to the child's well-8 being, including but not limited to, a guardian using fostering resources to buy alcohol and other addictive 9 items for themselves; or 10 (b) They have more than one child and won't spend the money evenly between all of their children, including but not limited to, using more of the money on one child than the other child. 11 12 (2)All funding must be spent through a preloaded debit card given to all foster care parents.

(3) Abuse of foster care funding, if the misuse is below the amount of \$100, is a class A misdemeanor. If the amount is

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\$100 or more, it is a class D felony offense.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red B	Red BG 50	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C		
Sponsors: Lilli Richard	dson, Lydia Redd, Emma Rogers	Action on	the Bill	
School: Trigg Co. MS		House	Senate	
City: Eddyville		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated	

An Act Relating To the Requirement of Metal Detectors at Every Main Entrance of Every School across Kentucky.

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

Section 1: Some school systems across Kentucky have decided to install metal detectors to increase school safety and decrease injuries and deaths. Adding metal detectors would not only increase safety for students but would also increase safety for staff members and visitors as well.

Section 2: Deaths and injuries have been recorded across Kentucky due to weapons that could have been discovered if metal detectors had been in these situations and could have been possibly and easily prevented.

Section 3: This bill will be in effect in the 2023–2024 school year.

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Sponsors: Eleanor Ke	ith, Caroline Keith	Action on	the Bill	
School: Walden School	ol MS	House	Senate	
City: Louisville		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated	

An Act proposing an amendment to Section Section 233A of the Constitution of Kentucky relating to Valid or recognized marriage.

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

Section 1: It is proposed that Section 233A of the Constitution of Kentucky be repealed and the new amendment to read as follows:

The State of Kentucky shall recognize marriages and issue marriage licenses to couples regardless of gender. All legally valid marriages must be treated equally under the law.

Section 2: This amendment shall be submitted to the voters of the Commonwealth for their ratification or rejection at the time and in the manner provided for under Sections 256 and 257 of the Constitution and under KRS 118.415.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to 0	
Sponsors: Story Burr,	Kyson Wilson, Benjamin Chaffin	Action on	the Bill
School: Warren East M	15	House	Senate
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City: Bowling Green		☐ Defeated	\Box Defeated

1	An Act Relating To relating to increasing the penalties for DUIs
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: This bill will amend KRS189a.090. The specific purpose of the bill is to increase the punishment of drunk
6	driving and lower the mortality rate.
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8	Section 2: Section 2:KRS 189A.090 is amended to read as follows:
9	Amend (2)(b) For a second offense within a ten (10) year period, be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor and have
10	his or her license suspended by the Transportation Cabinet for one (1) year, unless at the time of the offense
11	the person was also operating or in physical control of a motor vehicle in violation of KRS 189A.010(1)(a), (b),
12	(c), (d), or (e), in which event the person shall be guilty of a Class D felony and have his or her license suspended
13	by the Transportation Cabinet for a period of two (2) years and have an ignition interlock device installed at
14	their own cost.
15	Amend 2(c) For a third or subsequent offense within a ten (10) year period, be guilty of a Class D felony and
16	have his or her license suspended by the Transportation Cabinet for two (2) years, unless at the time of the
17	offense the person was also operating or in physical control of a motor vehicle in violation of KRS
18	189A.010(1)(a), (b), (c), (d), or (e), in which event the person shall be guilty of a Class D felony and have his or
19	her license suspended by the Transportation Cabinet for a period of five (5) years and have mandatory
20	enrollment in an alcohol recovery program.

Section 3: We propose that by increasing these punishments for DUI's the amount of people drunk driving will decrease 10%. These new punishments set the boundary for drinking and driving, and people will rethink drunk driving.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to C Hous	
Sponsors: Delaney Ste	evens, Cam Varney, Rylan Raybourn	Action on	the Bill
School: West Carter Co	o. MS	House	Senate
City: Olive Hill		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated

An Act Relating To Mandated Mental Health Screening for KY Public School Students

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

Section 1: As reported by the 2021 Kentucky Middle School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, the rate of middle school students contemplating suicide is increasing each year and is currently at an all-time high. With the passage of our bill, we hope to increase awareness of this crisis while also combating the effects of poor mental health among students in Kentucky.

Section 2: The Youth Risk Behavior Survey is conducted as part of a national effort by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to monitor students' health-risk behaviors in six priority areas: injury and violence, alcohol and drug use, tobacco use, nutrition, physical activity, and sexual risk behaviors. This voluntary survey is administered by the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) to a random selection of middle and high school students. Although the objective of this survey is well-intended, the KDE is not currently able to gain complete insight into the mental health status of students across our commonwealth, leaving many students to slip through the cracks. When enacted, our bill will mandate a mental health screening to be conducted annually for public school students in grades 6-12. The Center for School Safety, whose present roles and responsibilities are outlined in KRS 158.442, will generate, implement, and evaluate the submitted screenings.

Section 3: The mental health screening will be administered in three phases: sample selection, students in grades 6–8, and students in grades 6–12. By the final phase of implementation, the screening will be administered to public school students across Kentucky in May of each school year. This timing will ensure that students who are in need of support receive adequate monitoring throughout the summer months when they would otherwise not have these resources. The mental health screening will consist of 10 questions evaluating the student's emotional, psychological, and social well-being. Once students submit their screening, the results will indicate the appropriate next steps for each student. Students who show an increased risk of harmful or violent behaviors will be referred to a local counseling agency for consultation to receive proper care and will also be scheduled for routine well-checks with school counselors.

Section 4: The funding for the resources associated with this screening will be budgeted from the appropriation allotted for school safety initiatives. In 2020, under House Bill 352, the KY General Assembly passed an appropriation of \$13,000,000 for fiscal year 2020–2021. Funding is used by Kentucky school districts for safe school programs and services. Approximately 10% of the appropriation is retained for the Kentucky Center for School Safety operations. Each school district receives a base allotment of \$20,000 in addition to a per pupil amount based on the district's Average Daily Attendance. This source of funding will suffice in implementing the mental health screening and providing the subsequent support for Kentucky students.

Section 5: The first phase of this bill will go into effect in May 2023, with the second phase following in May 2024 and third phase following in May 2025.

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Referred to Committee:

Bluegrass Bill	Senat	e 4
Sponsors: Aaron George, Eshaan Joshi, Aryan Rana	Action on	the Bill
School: Winburn MS	House	Senate
City: Lexington	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐

An Act Relating to Tax Credit on Renewable Energy

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

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Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to find the companies that are wasting non-renewable resources when they could be using more efficient renewable energy resources. The tax credits are for making sure that the corporations don't misuse the non-renewable resources, since they will run out someday. This bill will be useful for also making sure that our local areas will not be affected by any non-renewable energy use such as coal burning, which emits carbon dioxide gases, which then are transmitted into the atmosphere, thus increasing the amount of carbon in the air, and impacting the environment. These are just two of the impacts that our bill will have on our local areas.

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Section 2: An estimate of about 83% of the Kentucky's energy is non-renewable. It is also known that 47% of Kentucky's coal is Kentucky's total energy consumption. Kentucky is the 5th largest-producing coal state in the U.S with 20% of all coal in the country. All the coal mined in Kentucky so far can produce 59 powerplants in 13 states. Even though coal is a reliable source of constant energy that meets energy consumption needs and worldwide energy poverty, it is bad for the environment.

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Section 3: In order to stop non-renewable energy sources or coal from being used by companies in Kentucky, the first act is to encourage Kentucky to have laws against non-renewable energy sources and lower the use Kentucky has from using coal as an energy type. It is known that Kentucky has limited growing renewable energy sources and opportunities. A way to stop Kentucky from letting companies using non-renewable energy sources or coal is by making laws about how mining coal or other non-renewable energy sources is bad. Another law to make is by making it illegal for the prevention of growing renewable energy sources in Kentucky. This will be funded and approved by Kentucky's DLG (Department of Local Government) The cost of these laws would be around \$4800.

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Section 4: Automobile companies like Toyota or Subaru can make more cars that are electric or hybrid, and make less cars that run on gas (petroleum). The EECBG can improve the supply of renewable energy sources, while the funding for helping the creation of electric hybrid cars will, again, be funded and approved by Kentucky's DLG. This would cost around \$8000 per car.

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Section 5: Kentucky's Energy and Environment Cabinet will be responsible for the making and enforcement of this bill.

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Section 6: This bill will take effect April 31st, 2023.

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the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Referred to Committee: House 2		
Sponsors: Henry Chev	ves, Fern Donnelly	Action on	the Bill	
School: Winburn MS		House	Senate	
City: Lexington		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated	

An Act Relating To Amending the Kentucky Abortion Ban

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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: The purpose of this proposal is to increase protections for female reproductive health and privacy by
6	introducing a two month time limit on legal abortions and providing continued exceptions in cases of unwanted
7	pregnancy rape and incest. Furthermore, it would expand the definitions of what would be considered a "medically
8	necessary abortion" under current guidelines.
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10	Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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12	Section 3: A panel of medical professionals will be consulted to review current guidelines for a "medically necessary
13	abortion" and establish guidelines that align with current medical understanding and best practices. These medical
14	professionals must be licensed in the state of Kentucky and be in good standing with the Kentucky Board of Medical
15	Licensure.
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17	Section 4: This bill will go into effect immediately upon the signature of the executive or two thirds override

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the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to (
Sponsors: Andrew Joo, Jack Fetko, Carter Roy, Michael Lee	Action or	the Bill
School: Seton Catholic School	House	Senate Passed

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City: Lexington

1	An Act Relating To Curbing Abuse in Foster Care
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: All foster children sent to foster homes will be provided articles of clothing, hygiene supplies and personal
6	care items.
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8	Section 2: Funds will be created through a special tax that would provide for the hiring of more social workers to be
9	advocates for the foster children and further funding for government websites and buildings.
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11	Section 3: All foster children would have a minimum of 25 visits from school counselors throughout the year. If a child is
12	homeschooled, they will be taken to secure locations for discussing their foster care.
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14	Section 4: The basic costs of the program would be approximately \$1,000,000 for more social workers and
15	\$1,000.000 for buildings and websites. The finding will come from a tax on state citizens with an income of
16	\$250.000or more.
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18	Section 5: If cases of abuse are found with child or funding, the approval for adopting children will be revoked. There will
19	also be a \$100,000 fine
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21	Section 6: This Bill will go into effect on August 1, 2023

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

Referred to Committee: House 3

Sponsors: Alejandro Perez Ocampo, Annamae Spencer, Maylin Kidwell, Sylvia Mason		Action on the Bill	
School: Noe MS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeate
1 2	AN ACT relating to the censoring of books in Kentucky publi	c schools	
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 162 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS.

- [1] No books will be banned in Kentucky public school libraries.
 - [2] There will be age restrictions set on books that are more "explicit".
 - [3] Any school board that allows books to be banned will be given a fine of one hundred dollars.

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

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Section 3: This is a bill concerning the censorship of books in Kentucky public schools. Many books in Kentucky are completely banned from public school libraries, often for mentioning things such as race, sexuality, gender identity, religion, and other topics considered to be "explicit".

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Section 4: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2023.

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School: Ashland MS

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Referred to Committee: House 3

Action on the Bill

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City: Ashland		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated
1	An Act Relating To Physical Education Standards		
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOW	S:	
6	The State of Kentucky shall incorporate self-defense education into the Kentucky Academic Standards for		
7	Physical Education for high school students. The new self defense education standards should amount to 5-		
8	10% of all existing physical education standards.		
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Section 2: The standards revision process shall begin in July 2023.

Sponsors: Avery Caudill, Caroline Lowman, Zac Ramsey, Landon Lewis

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

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Sponsors: Jonah Francis, Leah Payne, Hayden Caudill, Bentley Harrison

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

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Referred to Committee: Senate 4

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City: Ashland		☐ Defeated ☐ Defeat	
1	An Act Relating To Safe Haven Baby Boxes		
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 240 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOW	IS:	
5	Every county in Kentucky is required to install and monitor at least one safe	haven baby box at an e	emergency
7	services building.		
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9	Section 2: All safe haven boxes should be installed and operational by July 1, 2023.		

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Sponsors: Bella Cavanah, Abigail Cassetty, Kennedy Ross, Adelaide Wetton

Section 4: This bill will go into effect on July 1, 2023.

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Referred to Committee: House 1

Action on the Bill

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Sc	hool: Auburn ES	House	Senate
City: Auburn		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated
1	An Act Relating To the Increase of Annual Teacher Sala	ries	
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth o	of Kentucky	
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 157 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS	5:	
6	(1) All certified teachers should receive a minimum three percent (3%) raise for ea	ach consecutive scho	ol year
7	employed.		
8	(2) Certified teachers include those with a bachelor's degree or higher in the field	of education, and wh	no are
9	employed full-time in a participating school district.		
10	(3) The raise shall be applied starting July 1 and ending June 30 of each school ye	ear.	
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12	Section 2: Funding for these raises will be provided by the state from the Support Edu	cation Excellence in I	Kentucky
13	(SEEK) funding program.		
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15	Section 3: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.		
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Referred to Committees
House 2

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Sponsors: Aidyn Pinkerman-Edman, Aspen Delaney, Karson Haggard, Bralee Noe	Action on the Bill	
School: Bardstown MS	House	Senate
City: Bardstown	☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated

An Act Relating To all Kentucky students grades K-12 to have brain breaks.

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

 Section 1: All schools should have at least one mandatory 15 minute break during the school day. Our bill would allow Kentucky children, grades K-12 to have a designated time during the day used for physical education, stress management, decompression, and possible time to catch up on work if necessary.

Section 2: This mandatory break for students would differentiate between schools. The school would decide when the break would occur, and how the grades are separated. Schools that have six or fewer hours of education time during the day would have one mandatory break. If the school has more than six hours of education time, they would need to provide at least one, break for students.

Section 3: Schools grades 6–12 have different disciplinary measures than elementary schools. This means that children in middle and high schools who may be under extreme disciplinary consequences would be given a more structured break. The activities allowed during this brain break would be at the discretion of each school.

Section 4: Students are constantly working and never have a chance to slow down. These breaks would allow students to pause for a moment and redirect their focus. A study done at Cornell University shows that taking breaks from studying/learning increases energy, productivity, and the ability to focus. This break would be beneficial to the mental health of students, as well as their grades and learning capability.

Section 5: A survey conducted among students in Bardstown Middle School showed that less than 40% of students have an opportunity for physical activity during the day. Many students believed that this break would improve their mental health and focus. The CDC conducted a study that stated, "Across all 50 studies (reported in 43 articles), there were a total of 251 associations between physical activity and academic performance, representing measures of academic achievement, academic behavior, and cognitive skills and attitudes" This means that students have made many improvements after school physical activity was added.

Section 6: Breaks would not add any extra time to the school day. Instead, students would engage in some form of movement/brain break during homeroom and/or during classes. Schools may opt to provide these breaks during a specified content class or adjust

Section 7: This bill would go into effect on August 1st, 2023.

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

Sponsors: Ashleah Smith, Layne Blincoe, Brystol Crume, Charley Hill

Referred to Committee: House 1

Action on the Bill

Sc	hool: Bardstown MS	House	Senate
City: Bardstown		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeate
1	An Act Relating To Harsher Animal Cruelty Laws		
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
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5	Section 1: The state of Kentucky is ranked number forty-five out of fifty states for an	<u> </u>	_
6 7	United States of Animal Protection Laws. The state was ranked fifty for ten years in a the charts. This ranking is due to the lack of felony penalties for animal cruelty.	row but has recently	movea up
8	the charts. This ranking is due to the lack of relong penalties for animal chaerty.		
9	Section 2: As of today, citizens convicted of animal abuse in Kentucky do not face fel	ony charges for abuse	or
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11	ramifications for abusers; no fines, the right to own other animals, and even the right	to still own abused a	nimals.
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13	Section 3: Enacting this bill would mandate clear definitions of abuse, abandonment, a	_	•
14	fines of up to \$500 for abused animals. Other fines would be applied for neglect and		rs could also
15	face felony charges and jail time of up to three years for the mistreatment of animals	•	
16 17	Section 4: An additional component to this bill would eliminate state universities from	Lab tosting animals. T	The University
18	of Kentucky does tests on their animals in their biology lab. They use them to test dif	_	•
19	different experiments on them for research.	referre medicines and	perioriii
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21	Section 5: Local Sheriff's departments will enforce these laws. The assignment of role	s will depend on the p	opulation of
22	the county.		•
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24	Section 6: There is no specific funding for this bill. Fines accumulated by abusers will be		Sheriff's
25	departments for training an assigned officer(s) for the task of investing these crimes.		
26	Section 7. This bill will go into effect on August 1, 2022		
27	Section 7: This bill will go into effect on August 1, 2023.		

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Sponsors: Cohen Mcelroy, Luis Ojeda, Rylan Zeppenfeldt

Section 4: This bill will be put into effect at the start of the year 2023.

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Referred to Committee: House 4

Action on the Bill

School: Bourbon Co. MS		House	Senate
City: Paris		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passe □ Defea
1	An Act Relating to the Policies of the Student Driver Pe	rmit	
2 3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth o	of Kentucky	
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 186 CREATED AS FOLLOWS:		
6	The permit should be shortened from the original length of 180 days to 90 d	ays. Student drivers v	vill still be
7	required to have 30 hours of driving experience.		
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9	Section 2: The driving permit requirements length will be changed from 180 days to u	p to 90 days. The nur	nbers of
10	required driving hours will be changed to 20 day hours and 6 night hours. The require	d hours which they dr	ive will be
11	7.5 hours of city roads, 7.5 hours backroads, 7.5 hours of interstate, the last 7.5 hou	rs are up to the drive	r. The night
12	hours are distributed however the driver decides. All of these hours will be logged, sig	ned, and sent to the k	(entucky
13	State Police License Examiner for further review.		
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15	Section 3: The bill will have no cost.		

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

Sponsors: Michael Brickey, Carter Gray, Conner Davis, Grant Slater

Referred to Committee: House 2

Action on the Bill

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Cit	y: Ashland	□ Passed□ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated
1	An Act Relating To Mandatory CPR Training In Kentucky S	Schools	
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
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5	Section 1: In Kentucky School Districts, on average, 16% of staff per building are train	ned in CPR and AED us	sage. The
6	class to become certified in practice and usage for CPR/AED is optional. This bill seek	s to make it legally red	juired to be
7	trained.		
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9	Section 2: Kentucky Health Department (KHD) members who are certified to train civi		
10	practice of CPR can hold online or in-person classes to train the majority of staff in a		ng would
11	cost approximately 600,000 state-wide, excluding extra hiring costs, totaling about	700,000 dollars.	
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13	Section 3: For not attending classes, or, on the side of the Health Department, not te	•	
14	the training status, Civilians could be charged with a Class B misdemeanor, being 90 c		
15	and Kentucky Health personnel can be charged with a Class A misdemeanor, which co		
16	and a fine of \$500. Schools that do not have the required amount of staff certified (1	for every 20 students	s) will be
17 18	fined an appropriate amount, to match the amount of staff uncertified.		
19	Section 4: This bill will go into effect 2 months before the school year begins, based o	n the district schedule	se Thie will
20	not only stagger the training times so the Health Department is not overwhelmed by		
21	and to reduce the cost of classes because the Kentucky Health Department wouldn't	•	-
22	continue holding refresher courses every 2 years after this year, for license renewal.	je saleteneu as tilli. I	וווט כווו Will
23	contained from the first courses every 2 years after this year, for illerise reflewal.		
24	Section 5: All legislative actions blocking the action of this bill will be revoked.		

Section 6: Training will be required before the start of the 2023–2024 school year.

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

Sponsors: Ameera Hobbs, Eva Shooter, Eliza Ashby, Riley Brewer

Section 4: This bill will go into effect on February 2nd 2024.

Referred to Committee: House 3

Action on the Bill

Sc	hool: Community Montessori School	House	Senate
Cit	t y: Lexington	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeat
1	An Act Relating To Increasing the Number of Psychiatrists in the Federa	l Prisons of Kentucky	
2 3 4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
5 6 7	Section 1: Federal prisons in Kentucky will be required to have a minimum of 5 psychic have free access to these services when they are needed.	atrists in their prisons	s. Inmates will
8 9 10 11 12	Section 2: The psychiatrists in these prisons will have an \$81,000 salary; this money now counties spend 3,353,060 million dollars on the state prisons that's only 15 per We will bump this up to 3.5 million dollars which either means cutting down the cost citizens a bit more.	cent of the counties t	otal income.
13 14 15	Section 3: This will address mental health problems amongst the incarcerated in Kentikeep more people off of the streets, able to get jobs, and make a living when they get	• •	nicides in jail,

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City: Middletown

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Referred to Committee: House 2

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Sponsors: Ella Mcintosh, Sofi Mammen, Sophie Gasaway	Action or	n the Bill
School: Crosby MS	House	Senate
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An Act Relating To the Government Funding Toward Fentanyl Awareness

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

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Section 1: 73% of the overdoses in Kentucky in 2021 were fentanyl related, which calls for immediate action.

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Section 2: Collected tax money should go to a campaign for fentanyl prevention and awareness. With this money, we can afford billboards, TV commercials, mail flyers, etc. that talk about the causes fentanyl has on people, how many people are dying from overdosing on this drug, and why it is essential to take further action on the situation. 5% of taxes will be going towards a Fentanyl campaign and awareness.

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Section 3: This bill will be enforced by the government and will take effect January 1, 2023.

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School: Drakes Creek MS

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Sponsors: Anna Emedi, Brooklyn Emedi, Logan Coffey, True Smith

Section 2: This bill will go into effect July 1, 2023

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

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Referred to Committee: Senate 3

Action on the Bill

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Cit	ty: Bowling Green	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeat
1	An Act Relating to Mental Health in the Criminal Justice S	ystem.	
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth o	of Kentucky	
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 441 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS	ā:	
6	(1) Every correctional facility is required to have a minimum of one certified corre	ectional psychologist a	available for
7	every 100 inmates.		
8	(2) If the correctional facility has less than 100 inmates, then they will be require	ed to have only one ce	rtified
9	psychologist.		
10	(3) The correctional psychologist will meet with each prisoner every four days.		
11	(4) The salaries of correctional psychologists will be paid for by the Edward Byrn	e JAG [Justice Assista	nce Grant]
12	Fund.		
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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Jase Rogers	s, Molly Dotson, David Jones, Harry Waltrip	Action on	the Bill
School: Edythe J. Haye	es MS	House	Senate
City: Lexington		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed□ Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Excused Mental Health Days for Students K–12
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: A new section of KRS Chapter 158, sec. 4416 is created to read as follows: All students K-12 in Kentucky
6	Public School will have a minimum of three excused mental health days per academic year.
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8	Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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10	Section 3: This bill is intended to provide students with time needed to decompress during or after stress causing
11	events, trauma, or other things happening in their lives. An excuse written by a medical professional is not required for
12	these mental health days.
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14	Section 4: Districts will implement this new statute beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year. Schools districts out of
15	compliance with this mandate will have funding requests denied by the Kentucky Department of Education.

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

Sponsors: Ella Peden, Kenzie Davidson, Emma Newberry, Evelyn Dobbs

Referred to Committee: House 3

Action on the Bill

Sc	hool: Franklin-Simpson MS	House	Jenate
Cit	:y: Franklin	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeat
1	An Act Relating To Banning the Use of Styrofoam Products in Public	School Cafeterias.	
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
4 5	Section 1: A ban on all styrofoam products in public school cafeterias, replacing styro	ofoam with more envir	onmentally
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7	Themaly and of reasons products. It would be up to the school district on what kind o	n products they would	a usc.
8	Section 2: Some alternatives could be bioplastic, metal, paper, biodegradable trays, el	c. Schools could decic	le what type
9	of trays they use based on budget or what specific things that their school could affor		7,1
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11	Section 3: Banning styrofoam could reduce the amount of damage to our environmen	t. It could also (depen	ding on what
12	alternative products they use) cost less for their school. Every year schools throughout	ut the United States th	hrow away
13	roughly 5.76 Billion Styrofoam trays from cafeterias.		
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15	Section 4: Consequences for school districts not following this new law:		
16	1st offense – Warning		
17	2nd offense - \$1,000 fine		
18 19	3rd offense - \$5,000 fine		
20	Section 5: This bill will not require any funding from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.		
21	Section 5: This bill will not require any funding from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.		
22	Section 6: This law will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education.		
23	section of this ian will be emoreced by the Remarkly Separation of Education		
24	Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed.		
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26	Section 8: This law will go into effect on July 1, 2023.		

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Sponsors: Hannah Billi	ings, Keirsten Spivey, Emma Toth

School: Franklin-Simpson MS

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Referred to Committee: Senate 3

Action on the Bill

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1	An Act Relating To Requiring Every Public High School In Kentucky To Offe	r The Educator Pathwa	y.
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
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5	Section 1: This bill will require every public high school in Kentucky to offer the educa	tor pathway as part of	their Career
6	and Technical Education.		
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9	with high school students. The number of teachers entering the career has been going	-	
10	public high school to have an educator pathway would encourage more students to g	o into the teaching pro	tession.
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12 13	Section 3: Consequences for school districts not following this new law: 1st offense - Warning		
14	2nd offense – \$1,000 fine		
15	3rd offense - \$2,000 fine		
16	4th offense - \$5,000 fine for every month that this is not implemented		
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18	Section 4: This bill will not require any funding from the Commonwealth of Kentucky.	Anv fundina reauired w	ould be at
19	the local school district level. All courses that are taught in this pathway can be taugh		
20	and five years' experience so the high school could probably use already existing teac	• •	
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22	Section 5: This law will be enforced by the Office of Educator Licensure and Effectiver	ness and the Office of C	Career and
23	Technical Education within the Kentucky Department of Education.		
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25	Section 6: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed.		
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27	Section 7: This law will go into effect on July 1, 2023.		

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School: Franklin-Simpson MS

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Sponsors: Sydney Konow, Aysha Cosby, Natalya Mccutchen

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Referred to Committee: House 3

Action on the Bill

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Senate

Cit	t y: Franklin	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐
1	An Act Relating To Creating Natural Disaster Plans for School Dist	ricts in Kentucky.	
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
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6	Section 1: This bill will require all school districts to have a backup plan in place for na Tornadoes, Flooding, Fires, etc.	aturai uisasters iritiuuli	ııg:
7	romadoes, riooding, rires, etc.		
8	Section 2: In this plan, school districts will need to include vital information on what t	the school district will c	do in the
9	aftermath of a natural disaster. Information included will consist of distribution sites,		
10	of community stakeholders and contact information, and a plan for how the district v	• •	•
11	to students and continue to assist with the community needs.		
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13	Section 3: This is important in the state of Kentucky because we are seeing an uptick		
14	impacting Kentucky such as tornadoes and flooding. In both previous events, schools		
15	center of support for these communities and this bill will have all districts planning or	ut what they will do in o	case an
16	emergency arises in their community.		
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18	Section 4: Consequences for not following this new law:		
19 20	1st Offense: Warning, 2nd Offense: \$1,000 fine for the school district,		
21	3rd Offense: \$2,000 fine for the school district,		
22	4th Offense: \$5,000 fine for the school district that will continue on a yearly	, basis until the district	creates a
23	plan.	Dasis until the district	. Cleates a
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25	Section 5: This bill will not cost the state of Kentucky any money.		
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27	Section 6: The Kentucky Department of Education will be in charge of enforcing this I	aw.	
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29	Section 7: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this bill will be hereby repealed.		
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31	Section 8: This bill will go into effect on July 1st 2023.		

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School: Glasgow MS

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Sponsors: Jamesanna Soto, Danica Stephens, Ian Parocai, Cooper Hatton

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Referred to Committee: House 4

Action on the Bill

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City: Glasgow		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated
1 2	An Act Relating To the requirement of the Middle School Keeping it REAL Curricu	lum in Kentucky Public	Schools.
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
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5	Section 1: This bill would require Kentucky public middle schools to integrate the Middle School Keeping it REAL (Refuse,		
6	Explain, Avoid, and Leave) Curriculum in the 7th or 8th grade.		
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8	Section 2: This bill would make Keeping it REAL a mandatory part of the Kentucky mi	ddle school curriculum.	
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10	Section 3: The Middle School Keeping it REAL Curriculum would appear as follows:		
11	Ten 45 minute lessons		
12	Designed for 7th-8th grade students		
13	Evidence-based		
14	Delivered by Certified REAL officers		
15	Deep dive into material link		
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17	Section 4: The classes would be taught by certified REAL officers . The class would be	_	
18	lessons would be taught during the first semester. Each school decides how to imple	nent Keeping it REAL in	to their
19	standard middle school curriculum.		
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21	Section 5: These classes will be paid through local, state, and federal funding.		
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23	Section 6: This bill will go into effect in the 2023-2024 school year.		

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

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Referred to Committee: Senate 3

Sp	onsors: Joey Berger, Claire Stearns, Alexander Eckels, Kate Wolfe	Action on	the Bill
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\vdash	y: Henderson	☐ Passed☐ Defeated	☐ Passed ☐ Defeate
1	An Act Relating To Police Transportation for Parents During a Trageo	y Involving a Child	
2 3 4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
5 6 7 8 9	Section 1: As an effort to eliminate automobile accidents due extreme emotional distriction transportation be given to parents or guardians during a life-threatening incident involved Transport Bill will place a qualified and calm law enforcement officer as the driver in a emergency lights and sounds activated, instead of desperate parents in their personal or children during an emergency.	olving their minor chil marked police vehicle	d. The Tragic e, with
11 12 13 14	Section 2: In any situation where a child aged 18 or under is critically injured or critical responders shall contact local law enforcement to arrange immediate transport for pachild who is in a critical medical situation. This will eliminate distraught and emotional	rents or guardians to	the minor
15 16 17 18	Section 3: Relating to situations when parents are not together in the same location of may be used (city police/county sheriff/other counties/Kentucky State Police). If the characteristic (and still a dependent child), the police transport shall also be offered to particle.	nild is a student at a o	_
19 20 21 22	Section 4: 1) There is no cost to this bill. 2) State, county, and city law enforcement agencies shall work with hospitals contact with families	and first responders	to initiate
23	3) Parents may decline transport if the distance is less than 30 miles.		

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Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate 2	
Sponsors: Katherine Rueff, Annabelle Benson, Whitney Cooper, Bryn Haley	Action on the Bill	
School: Holy Trinity Parish School	House	Senate
City: Louisville	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated

An Act Relating To Expanding the Accessibility and Availability of Emergency Opioid Antagonists such as Naloxone, Commonly known as Narcan, within the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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

Section 1: In response to the ongoing opioid epidemic in the Commonwealth, newly developed naloxone, branded as Narcan, vending machines will be placed securely in a central location in each county throughout the Commonwealth. To provide ease of community access and maintain a central location, machines will be located outside of county high schools throughout the Commonwealth by the end of the fiscal year 2028. To allow this program to function properly, the placement of machines has been selected to allow for ease of connection to internet services and maintain a location where all community members are aware of it in the community. This placement will allow both the community at large and students with or without proper transportation access to life-saving medicines without disclosing their own personal situation.

Section 2: Through federal funding received by the Division of Mental Health and Addiction and allocated by the KORE (Kentucky Opioid Response Effort), each vending machine, costing approximately \$72,500, would be paid for over the course of 5 years, 2023 - 2028, through federal grant money already allocated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services funded in 2019 by President Trump and again in 2021 and 2022 by President Biden. Counties would receive machines based on the order of need, as decided by a committee of professionals chosen by the Kentucky Department of Health, using a need-based metric system addressing those counties with the highest number of opioid-related deaths and health emergencies. The selection of this committee would occur within 90 days of this bill being passed into law. Counties with 1-3 high schools will place one machine in their county at the most centrallylocated school, 4-6 high schools will place 2 machines within their county, and the 17 counties with more than 6 high schools will have a proper number of machines allocated based on location and assessed value of need determined by the committee above. Each vending machine will remain stocked using funds allocated by the emergency funds available

education on the effects of Naloxone will be provided to students within the schools and families in the community through the development of educational outreach programs using the KORE standards set forth by the Kentucky Department of Health, as defined in KRS education standards already in place. As recommended by the Department of Health to receive naloxone, constituents will be required to watch a nine-minute video explaining how the medicine is administered, when it should be administered, and the dosage needed to revive a potentially fatal overdose. At the conclusion of this video, a unique four-digit code will be given to the constituent. This code can be used at a state-

and county health departments' crisis funds that will provide Naloxone - name brand Narcan. Through this program,

funded Narcan vending machine once every seven days.

Section 3: This Narcan Accessibility Act will serve in conjunction with other legislation already in place in the Commonwealth. This Act is necessary to ensure spending is allocated and defined properly for optimal impact on our ongoing opioid crisis.

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Sponsors: Ruby Lilla,	Elliott Redella, Daniel Waterfield	Action on	the Bill	
School: Holy Trinity P	arish School	House	Senate	
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City: Louisville		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated	

An Act Relating To Removing the 5% Income Tax Collected from Working Kentuckians Between the Ages of 14-17.

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

Section 1: In Kentucky, the workforce between the ages of 14–17 are required to pay state income tax without the right to vote. This bill will create a new section of KRS Chapter 141 to eliminate income tax collection on workers aged 14–17.

Section 2: In the Commonwealth of Kentucky, each working citizen is required to pay income taxes of 5% to the Commonwealth regardless of age. This requires the populace of working teens aged 14–17 to pay income taxes without having the right to vote in elections. The phrase "taxation without representation" is defined as a populace that is required to pay taxes to a government authority without having any say in that government's policies. Constituents aged 14–17 will gain a say in government policy on their 18th birthday when given the right to cast a vote. Receiving a voice in that government's policy, they will then begin paying state income taxes on their 18th birthday. Employers will be required to make this change internally to follow all tax laws regarding income tax collection and reporting as stated in KRS Chapter 141.

Section 3: While this bill will cost the Commonwealth of Kentucky the tax revenue currently paid in by those ages 14–17, KY.gov reports this age group pays in less than 1% of all tax dollars received. While this is a minuscule amount of revenues, there is no cost too large or small to guarantee the citizens of this great Commonwealth the rights so valiantly fought for by our forefathers and defined by our Commonwealth and US Constitutions. Continuing to require those constituents without the ability to vote to pay income taxes continues to disregard the very basis for which the American Revolution was fought, taxation without representation.

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Sponsors: Bentley Duncan, Kate Harris, Alex Richards

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Referred to Committee: Senate 1

Action on the Bill

School: James Madison MS		House Sena	
Cit	:y: Madisonville	☐ Passed☐ Defeated	
1 2	An Act Relating To classroom allocations and making an appropri	ation therefore	
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 157 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOW	S:	
6	(1) All state funded schools shall receive a classroom allocation for each certified classroom instructor.		
7	(2) Each district will receive their allocations based on the number of certified classroom instructors submitted to		
8	the Kentucky Department of Education by July 1 of each year.		
9	(3) The classroom allocation shall be \$300 per certified classroom instructor.		
10	(4) The instructor must follow their current school district process for purchasin	g classroom supplies.	
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12	Section 2:		
13	(1) All vaping or jule cartridges will be taxed at \$2.50 per unit, an increase of \$1	per unit.	
14	(2) Monies, received from this tax increase, shall be used to fund the allocations	in section one (1).	

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

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Referred to Committee: Senate 4

Sponsors: Jd Brown, Westyn Miles, Duncan Eveland		Action on the Bill		
School: James Madison MS		House	Senate	
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Cit	ty: Madisonville	☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated	
1	An Act Relating To the widening and maintenance of state highways and make	e an appropriation the	erefor.	
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky		
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 177 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOW	S:		
6	(1) All new state highways shall be built wider to allow the passage of large com	mercial or agricultural	equipment.	
7	(2) All current roads shall be maintained biannually (i.e. fallen trees, dangling limbs, potholes, collapsed siding, or			
8	any public safety concern on roads) to ensure the safety of automobile operator	s in rural areas.		
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10	Section 2:			
11	(1) All new roads must be at least 16 ft in width, this would allow for a 6 ft wide	pedestrian vehicle to	pass a 10	
12	foot wide piece of machinery.			
13	(2) All current roads shall be maintained biannually. These parameters would allo	w for safer operation	of	
14	agricultural machinery and improve road conditions of previously built roads.			
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16	Section 3: A new tax shall be created, and the revenues shall be allocated for the exp	ansion and maintenan	ce of	

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Kentucky state highways. Taxation on nicotine products and vapes shall be increased by 20%. While the tax on a cartridge is \$1.50 the 20% tax rate which would raise it to \$1.80. The maintenance of already existing roads may be contracted out or maintained by the Kentucky Department of Transportation.

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

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Addy Blied	en, Laurel Nelson, Lilla Holland, Sloane Ishmael	Action on	the Bill
School: Louisville Colle	egiate MS	House	Senate
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City: Louisville		☐ Defeated	□ Defeated

An Act to provide emotional support dogs to people suffering from mental illness

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

Section 1: 746,000 adults in Kentucky have been diagnosed with a mental illness and 232,000 people have not received any medical care for their illness since 2021. An individual with a disability (defined in Ala. Code 1975 \int 21–7–1) has the right to be accompanied by an emotional support animal in all areas of public accommodation, including a public or private school, that the public or customers are normally permitted to occupy.

Section 2: ADA Some rules involving regulations involving service dogs are:

train these dogs independently.

 1. Emotional support Dogs are welcome to fly with you at no additional cost. Emotional support animals can accompany you in locations where pets are typically prohibited because they have the same rights as service dogs.

2. According to the ADA, all parts of a facility that are accessible to the general public, including companies,

nonprofits, and State and local governments, must accept emotional support animals to accompany people.

3. Any breed or size of dog may be used as an emotional support service animal as long as it can go out in public with its owner. Although you as the owner can train an emotional support dog, organizations typically

Section 3: Our solution is partnering with animal shelters and the Kentucky Humane Society to train dogs that would be put down for being unwanted will be given a chance at a new life. We will work with training centers and it will take about 3–6 months to train each dog depending on the dog.

Section 4: Hospitals will contact us if an emotional support dog is needed for a patient. Our organization will work with mental health patients and give them a life to take care of, we have conducted a plan to ensure the dogs are given proper care. We will give them a couple of days to be acquainted with the dog while they are still in the hospital, then when they are able to go home they will spend days with the dog. All of the funding will be provided by the insurance company of the patient.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Rafi Shah-B	ozeman, Zephyr Maynard, Charles Riley, Elyse Ross	Action on	the Bill
School: Louisville Colleg	giate MS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed□ Defeated	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated

An act for a standard sexual education for Kentucky students

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

 Section 1: The current sex education curriculum for the state of Kentucky does not adequately educate students on sexuality, consent, pregnancy options, gender identity, and proper protection/prevention. Teaching Kentucky students proper sex education is a vastly important issue.

Section 2: 36% of high school students in Kentucky are sexually active. 32% of Kentucky female sexual violence survivors were raped as a minor.

Section 3: Kentucky schools are required to teach sex education, however, the curriculum is not required to be comprehensive. The current curriculum must include instruction on abstinence as the desirable goal for school-age youth. The current curriculum is not required to include instruction on sexual health, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Kentucky has no standard regarding medically safe and accurate sex education.

Section 4: Our bill would require all Kentucky schools to teach comprehensive sex education that does not teach abstinence but rather educates students about human/body anatomy, STDs, pregnancy options, gender identity, and consent. This bill will not require any money since the state will use the current education funds to support a new curriculum. This bill will go into effect during the 2023–2024 school year.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C Hous	
Sponsors: Sophia Lee	, Mustafa Sattaur	Action on	the Bill
School: Louisville Colle	egiate MS	House	Senate
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City: Louisville		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

An Act Reduce Lung Cancer Rates

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

Section 1: According to the CDC for cancer, Kentucky has one of the highest cancer rates. Especially lung cancer, mainly caused by toxic air pollution. Kentucky, shockingly has an average of 89.4 new lung cancer cases, because we find lung cancer far too late. For reference, the national average is 58, which is significantly lower than Kentucky's cases.

Section 2: Governor Andy Beshear signed a bill that gives better healthcare to families and individuals. He also passed multiple legislations that support lung cancer screenings. He also signed a proclamation that brings awareness to cancer. The programs will support the proclamation and will give us more awareness of this serious problem.

Section 3: Screening is especially important in Kentucky because we live in the Ohio valley, which has more allergens than other areas. This makes us cough a lot, but we don't know whether it's allergies or there is a problem with your lungs. Unfortunately, this is a common symptom of lung cancer which makes it harder to detect. And because it's hard to detect, most lung cancer is found at a later and more lethal stage. So, when screening at more frequent times, we will be able to find cancer before it's fatal.

 Section 4: To prevent any late-stage lung cancer, we will go through screenings for lung cancer, but because there is not a specific age that it happens, we would do it every 6 months when you visit the doctor. And when checking your blood pressure and making sure you're healthy, you will go through a lung cancer screening. The cost of these screenings ranges from around \$80 to \$400. These costs will be included in insurance and as well as the bill for the doctor's appointment.

Section 5: The second part of our solution would be to limit air pollution. Air pollution is one of the many sources of lung cancer. Most of these air pollutants come from factories. We want to make regulations for factories to reduce air pollution and if these factories do not follow these regulations then they will face sanctions. These sanctions will be given to people who make sure the regulations are met. One offense is 5%, two offenses are 10%, and so on, each offense will be 5%.

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Referred to Committee: House 4

Sponsors: Ashleigh Cook, Harper Thaw, Karadari Hornback, Madelyn Perkins		Action on the Bill		
School: Lyon Co. MS City: Eddyville		House	Senate	
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1 2	An Act Relating To Changing the KHSAA Transfer Rul	e		
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth o	f Kentucky		

Section 1: The bill will change the Kentucky High School Athletic Association "Transfer Rule" to allow transfer students to be eliqible to play in that sport after 30 complete school days of enrollment in their new school. The current bylaw

states that a transfer student is ineligible to play in that sport for a period of one (1) year from their last participation

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Section 2: KHSAA Handbook Bylaw 6, Section 1, Item A will be changed to read:

Any student who has been enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) and has participated in any varsity contest in any sport at any school while maintaining permanent residence in the United States or a United States territory following enrollment in grade nine (9) and who then transfers schools shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletics at the varsity (first team) level in that sport until that student has been enrolled at least 30 complete school days at their new school.

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Section 3: This bill will take effect July 1, 2023

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Referred to Committee: Senate 1

Sponsors: Alba Kah, Camille Hoekstra, Maddie Henry		Action on the Bill	
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Cit	t y: Louisville	☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐	□ Passed □ Defeat
1	An Act Relating To paid paternity leave		
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3 4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth o	от Кептиску	
5	Section 1: Currently in Kentucky there is no law requiring businesses to provide a pate	ernity leave of absence	e If we were
6	to put a law in place any business that makes more than \$500,000 annually is require	•	
7	paternity leave of absence. (if they work half days they get 4 week of half days paid)		, paid
8	paternity reads of absences in they work hair days they get it week or hair days paray		
9	Section 2: The reason it is for businesses that make more or the same as \$500,000 a	year is so that small	businesses
10	that don't make much a year don't have to pay for the dad to go on paternity leave an	d so they don't have	to pay for
11	someone to replace them.		
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13	Section 3: This is to ensure that fathers get to spend enough time with their children	•	
14	parent bonding between them. This also allows the mothers to spend time with their of		_
15	all of the work. Fathers will be able to take care of their child and make sure the mom	is able to heal proper	·ly.
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17	Section 4: This leave will be put into action immediately after the child is born. The lea	•	
18	following the birth. There will be no risk of losing your job due to taking this leave of a	idsence. After these 4	weeks none
19 20	of these benefits apply anymore		
21	Section 5: There is no additional funding needed for this law.		
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23	Section 6: This law goes into action for any businesses that make \$500,000 or more	a vear. This act takes	effect
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Referred to Committee: Senate 4

Sponsors: Maggie Stone, Rylan Cole	Action on	the Bill
School: Noe MS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated

An Act Relating To using abandoned coal mine land to offer sustainable farming education programs for unemployed residents in Kentucky.

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

Section 1: To create a new law in the Kentucky Revised Statutes regarding land that has not been reclaimed by coal mining companies in Kentucky.

Section 2: The Kentucky Farm Service Agency will be required to provide grants to willing members of rural communities formerly supported by coal mines and companies intending to use said subsidies for agricultural purposes.

Section 3: The services of the subsidized practices will be made available to disenfranchised Kentuckians occupying communities previously supported by coal. The representatives/subsidized companies for this practice will be required to teach within the guidelines set by the Kentucky Farm Service Agency for each of their sustainable farming programs. Only people who are classified as below the poverty line for the median average of a Kentucky household income will

be eligible to continue this course. As well as those who would qualify for unemployment benefits in the state of Kentucky.

Section 4: The Kentucky Farm Service Agency will host two-year long courses in participating areas, each consisting of tri-weekly seminars that include information on building sustainable and regenerative agricultural practices. This will include education in no-till farming practices, cover-cropping, composting, plant diversity, organic annual cropping, animal integration, managed grazing, silvopasture, agroforestry, and any other practices the Kentucky Farm Service Agency deems necessary for participants' success. Courses will take place in public areas such as convention centers, places of worship, and open areas when needed.

Section 5: Participants of the program will receive adequate resources including but not limited to augers, plows, rakes, hoes, row planters, grain carts, irrigation systems, seeds and small plants, as well as other materials/machinery the KFSA sees a need for. During the course residents will be given other necessities for growing their designated areas. This could include livestock, other types of natural soil enhancers (compost), and sustainable infrastructure to support their farming practices. If tools for the land are not provided or do not meet the needs to maintain the land legal action may proceed.

Section 6: Land subject to farming by program participants will include unclaimed mining land, as the eroded soil in these areas can pose a danger to civilians, and regenerative soil practices can help to restore it. Other forms of unowned land will be included if required. Program participants will not be charged for using the land nor will they be charged for the courses/tools the KFSA provides.

Section 7: Individuals applying to the program will have to reach out to Kentucky Farm Service Agency directly either by phone or email. Applicants may nominate an area, town, or group of people for this program. Not all people residing in said area are required to partake in the courses, but are highly encouraged to.

Section 8: KFSA officials are required to visit developing projects every two months after the conclusion of the course. If farming projects do not meet FDA and USDA guidelines, KFSA representatives are obligated to offer additional guidance. Additionally, program participants are allowed and encouraged to reach out to the KFSA administrators if any obstacles are to arise. Administration is required to offer the necessary aid and guidance to better support this project.

Section 9: In order to give time to the institutions/agencies who are going to be participating in these courses, give residents time to process information, and the KRSA time to gather the money for the subsidies/grants this bill does not need to be passed within the 90 effective day mark set by the state constitution. This bill will go into effect January 1st, 2023. Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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School: North Oldham MS

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

Sponsors: Ashwin Kuppala, Lilly Muschinski, Ali Abdalla, Brenley Dehner

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Referred to Committee: House 4

Action on the Bill

Senate

House

Cit	:y: Goshen	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeate
1	An Act Relating to Making Gambling Legal in Kentuc	ky	
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3 4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
5 6 7	Section 1: This bill will allow sports, casino and all other gambling that is already legal would not be allowed in the state of Kentucky	lized in Kentucky. Anin	nal fighting
8 9 10	Section 2: There are multiple opportunities for gambling in Kentucky. Most of those derby in which we lose a lot of money to surrounding states because people go there	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	oling are the
11 12 13	Section 3: This bill's purpose is to help with funding for homeless shelters all around to citizens are homeless. This bill will also help increase income for teachers all around the	• •	ntucky
14 15 16	Section 4: This bill will not cost tax payer dollars or money from the government. All t will go to a worthy cause in Kentucky.	he money coming fron	n the casino
17 18	Section 5: This bill will be in action January 1, 2026		

Section 6: Any status contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed to comply with this bill.

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sentence of up to 6 months in jail.

Section 8: This bill will go into effect May 1st, 2023.

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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Referred to Committee: Senate 4

2b	onsors: Jack Burke, Rylee Burton, Max Rowe, Maxton Spink	Action on the Bill	
School: Notre Dame Academy ES City: Louisville		House	Senate ☐ Passed ☐ Defeat
		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	
1 2	An Act Relating To Online Gambling in Kentucky		
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth o	of Kentucky	
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5	Section 1: Gambling is defined as risking or staking something of value upon the outco	ome of a contest or g	ame based
6	on the element of chance. Currently, Sports betting, poker, and online casino sites are	all now illegal in the	state of
7	Kentucky.		
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9	Section 2: This bill will legalize online poker, online casino sites, and online sports bett	ing, with an age restr	riction of 21
10	or older.		
11 12	Section 3: In the first three years of operation, Michigan, New Jersey, and Pennsylvani	a mada ayar ¢7 billia	n in aamblina
13	proceeds. The state of Indiana received more than \$691 million from gambling taxes in		
14	utilize the opportunity to gamble in border states such as Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio. T	<u>-</u>	-
15	losing out on millions of dollars in potential revenue every year.	nererore, the state of	rtemederty 15
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17	Section 4: Kentucky residents do not have the same gambling opportunities as its neig	hboring state. This f	orces Ky
18	residents to have to physically travel to other states to gamble. This puts an extra final	ancial burden on our	residents for
19	gas and lodging. It also leaves a bigger carbon footprint on our environment.		
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21	Section 5: Kentuckians annually spend about 40.8 billion dollars at gambling sites out		•
22	are losing 2.5 billion dollars a year. Lost revenue to other states could be funding mor	e programs here in K	Y such as
23	education, highway construction, social services, first responders, and more.		
2425	Section 6: A gambling disorder or addiction is an uncontrollable urge to keep gambling	dosnito the tell it to	kos on vour
26	life. Currently, approx. 1% of the adult population in the US is considered to have a se	•	•
27	would earmark 5% of all.	vere gambling proble	וווט כוווו .ווו
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29	Section 7: The Federal Bureau of Investigation will work with the AGA (American Gamb	oling Association) to e	enforce all

state gambling laws. Punishment for breaking this law would constitute a fine of between \$100 to \$1000 and a

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C Hous	
Sponsors: Lucas Brow	'n	Action on	the Bill
School: Oldham Co. M	 S	House	Senate
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City: LaGrange		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Voting Requirements in Kentucky 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 4 5 Section 1: This bill will raise the span of time of residency in Kentucky until residents can vote after they register to vote in state elections from 28 days to 60 days. This bill will ensure that new residents can register to vote, and learn about 6 7 the candidates before participating in the election process. It also makes sure that new residents understand state 8 politics, and election laws. 9 10 Section 2: With this bill proof of residency based on driver's license or other means and voter registration will be required. When you register to vote you need to prove your residency by driver's license, or a utility bill or other means. 11 12 13 Section 3: From the time the new residents register to vote in Kentucky the 60 day period will begin. There will be no

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cost to put this into practice or to enforce it.

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Referred to Committee:

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Sponsors: Jack Heskins, Daniel Smith, 0	Caleb Amos, Max Fike	Action on	the Bill
School: Our Lady of Lourdes ES		House	Senate
		☐ Passed	☐ Passed
City: Louisville		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated
1 2	An Act Relating To Wrongful Incarcerations		
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Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Section 1: The Wrongful Incarceration Compensation Act will provide up to 250,000 per year for the life of each person who was a victim of wrongful incarceration. This money will cover lost freedom and lost wages.

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Section 2: Eliqibility - Incarcerated person should establish evidence that he/she did not commit the crime or related acts for which they were convicted, and were not an accessory or an accomplice.

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Section 3: If a wrongfully accused person is jailed for 1-5 years they're eligible for \$50,000-74,000 per year in compensation. For 6-10 years they're eligible for \$75,000-99,000 per year in compensation. More than 10 years they're eligible for 100,000-250,000. All awards are for life.

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Section 4: The factors of payment are: Loss of freedom and lost wages (what the person would have earned if they had been working) based on the salary of the job they held when convicted. The total award will be capped at \$250,000 per year for life.

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Section 5: A Wrongful Conviction Board of 5 members will be elected statewide for a period of two years. It takes a majority vote to decide cases.

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It will be the Board that will decide if a person's claim is upheld or denied. The Board will decide the compensation based on Section 3, and pay records supplied by the person making the complaint. The Board can also recommend disciplinary action against the government attorney who handled the original complaint. This can range from a fine of \$10,000, being fired, and having their law license revoked.

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Section 6: This law will be financed by the Justice Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and will go into effect six months after the governor's signature.

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Sponsors: Anneliese Morgan, Marc Hana, Bodin Perrin, Briar Garrett

Referred to Committee: Senate 4

Action on the Bill

House

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Sc	hool: Sayre School MS	House	Senate
City: Lexington		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passe ☐ Defea
1	An Act Relating To Providing Job Applicant Training to Persons Completing Involu	ıntary Rehabilitation I	^o rograms
2 3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 222 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOW For all court-ordered rehabilitation programs, it will be required that persons through 28 days of job training. Job training would include having a teacher to in job interviews, literacy skills, and how to work in a public space. Persons perhave the opportunity to decide what form of job training they want out of the Section 2: According to the University of Kentucky, Kentucky ranked 4th in cost of operation of the University of Kentucky, Kentucky ranked 4th in cost of operation it. Almost half of Kentucky drug treatment facilities provide mental health service addiction treatment programs.	completing the progress to teach the patients articipating in the prose three.	how to work grams will nd deaths
14 15 16 17 18	Section 3: Funds for job training programs will come from the Opioid Abatement Trus after House Bill 427 was passed and a settlement was reached with opioid companies epidemic in April of 2022.	•	
19 20	Section 4: Any statute contrary to this Act should be amended or repealed.		
21	Section 5: This bill will take effect on April 2nd, 2023.		

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Referred to Committee:Senate 1

Sp	onsors: Fionn Mckay, Claire Wilson, Maggie Donworth, David Warren	Action on	the Bill
Sc	hool: Sayre School MS	House	Senate
City: Lexington		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeate
1 2	An Act Relating To Expanding Animal Cruelty Laws to Include All An	imals in Kentucky	
3 4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 525 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOW	'S:	
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7 8	include any animal in the state of Kentucky, not just dogs and cats.		
9	Section 2: Kentucky is ranked the 3rd worst in the country for animal cruelty. While t	he consequence of tor	ture, fighting,
10	abandonment, neglect, and general assault is a felony in Kentucky, the law is only enf	•	
11 12	contrast, the state with the strongest animal cruelty laws, Illinois, enforces consequent	_	
13	Section 3: This bill will amend KRS: 525.125 to expand animal cruelty laws to all anim	nals instead of just doc	gs and cats.
14	In Kentucky, there are more than 450 horse farms with almost every breed imaginable. Also, 64% of Kentucky		
15 16	households own a pet, so not only dogs and cats can be affected by this problem.	,	•
17 18	Section 4: This bill is an amendment to KRS: 525.125, therefore this bill will not cost	any money.	

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



School: South Hopkins MS

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Sponsors: Kaylee Brandon, Krystalyn Pryor, Reagan Blades-Utley

associated with alcohol-related disease.

[11] Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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Referred to Committee: House 4

Action on the Bill

House

Senate

Ci	ty: Nortonville	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeat
1	An Act Relating To Taxation of Alcoholic Beverage	S	
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
4 5	Section 1:		
6	[1] An additional tax shall be paid on the sale of alcoholic beverages within t	he state at a rate of tu	vo nercent
7	on the sale of each alcoholic beverage.	THE STATE AT A PAGE OF TV	vo percent
8	[2] Effective July 1, 2023 a surtax shall be paid in addition to state sale's tax	×	
9	[3] The revenues from this surtax shall be deposited in the Kentucky Teacher		
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11	Section 2:		
12	[4] A licensed retail distributor of alcoholic beverages shall be subject to the	excise tax as follows:	
13	[5] On purchases of beverages containing alcohol, at the same rate levied by	Section 1.	
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15	Section 3:		
16	[6] A licensed distributor or licensed retail distributor shall:		
17	a. Identify and display the distributor's or retail distributor's license	number on the invoice	to the
18	retailer; and		_
19	b. Identify and display the excise tax separately on the invoice to the		
20	included as part of the product's sales price, the licensed distributor		ibutor shall
21	list the total excise tax in summary form by tax type with invoice to	tais.	
2223	Section 4:		
24	[7] The General Assembly recognizes that increasing taxes on alcohol produc	cts should reduce cons	umntion and
25	therefore result in healthier lifestyles for Kentuckians.	es should reduce cons	amption, and
26	[8] The relative taxes on alcoholic beverage products proposed in this legisla	ation reflect the arowir	a data from
27	scientific studies suggesting that although not all consumers abuse alcohol of	_	-
28	health risks.		
29	[9] Moreover, the General Assembly acknowledges that some in the public he	ealth community recog	nize that
30	alcohol harm reduction should be a complementary public health strategy re		
31	products. Taxing alcoholic beverage products according to relative risk is a re	ational tax policy and r	nay well
32	serve the public health goal of reducing alcohol-related mortality and morbic	lity and lowering health	ncare costs

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Commonwealth Bill	Senat	e 3
Sponsors: Charlie Hummel, Owen Singer, Cole Sprague	Action on	the Bill
School: St. Francis of Assisi ES - Louisville	House	Senate
City: Louisville	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐

1	An Act Relating To State–Owned Electric Vehicles
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 187.621 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
6	(1) Seventy five percent of all State-Owned non-pursuit vehicles will be replaced by electric vehicles by the year
7	2033 as set forth in Section 2.
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9	Section 2:
10	1. No later than July 1, 2026 at least twenty five (25) percent of all State-Owned non-pursuit vehicles shall be
11	electric vehicles.
12	2. No later than July 1, 2029 at least fifty (50) percent of all State-Owned non-pursuit vehicles shall be electric
13	vehicles.
14	3. No later than July 1, 2033 at least seventy five (75) percent of all State-Owned non-pursuit vehicles shall be
15	electric vehicles .
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Section 3: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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Sponsors: Connor Forster, Matthew Craft, Sean Jennings, Will Nemes

Section 4: This Bill will go into effect on January 1, 2023.

Referred to Committee: House 1

Action on the Bill

House

Senate

School: St. Margaret Mary Catholic School		House	Senate
Cit	City: Louisville		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated
1 2 3	An Act Relating to public safety and transportation by requiring roundabouts be intersections.	constructed in new s	uburban
4 5	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
6 7 8	Section 1: Any intersection in which the expected traffic volume would require the ins should instead be constructed as a roundabout.	tallation of a new tra	ffic signal
9 10 11	Section 2: This Act would only apply to new road construction in non-urban areas in signal would exceed \$100,000.00.	which the cost of the	new traffic
12 13	Section 3: This Bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.		

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to C	
Sponsors: Emma Grove	es, Sophia Mcghee	Action on	the Bill
School: Sts. Peter and	Paul ES - Hopkinsville	House	Senate
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1	An Act Relating To creating an online animal abuse registry
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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5	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 525 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
6	An online animal abuse registry will be created to track animal abusers and to prevent convicted animal abusers
7	from purchasing or adopting a pet again.
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9	Section 2: The online registry will be accessible to the public on the Kentucky State Police website.
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11	Section 3: The online animal abuser registry will be updated by the Court Clerk at the time of a guilty verdict.
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13	Section 4: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.
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15	Section 5: This bill will take effect 90 days after the close of session; however, additional time may be needed to
16	complete the set up of the registry. It must be complete by January 1, 2024.

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Referred to Committee:Senate 1

Sponsors: Kady Fuller, Livia Breckel, Brody Renfroe, Camden Rathburn		Action on the Bill	
Scl	hool: Trigg Co. MS	House	Senate
Cit	y: Eddyville	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeat
1 2	An Act Relating To Putting Drivers Education Back in Every	School.	
2 3 4	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth o	of Kentucky	
5 6 7	Section 1: This bill will allow every school in the state of Kentucky to hold their own Digive students a time to learn inside of school, rather than having to drive with parents		ivers Ed can
8 9 0	Section 2: Drivers Ed will allow students to learn how to drive, and be ahead on the po- could face when they are on the road in the future.	ossibilities and proble	ms they
1 2 3	Section 3: High school students taking Drivers Ed can lower insurance costs. Many ins discount for teens who have taken Driver's Ed.	urance companies of	fer a
4 5 6	Section 4: This can reduce accident levels because kids will be learning earlier and alre Drivers who take a Drivers Ed course are involved in fewer crashes.	ady have the knowled	lge they need.
7 8 9	Section 5: The Drivers Ed program has to be available at every school, but it is up to the whether the program or class is mandatory or optional.	he school board itself	to decide
0	Section 6: This bill will go into effect in the 2024-2025 school year.		

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Commonwealth Bill	House	
Sponsors: Maggie Lynch, Peyton Lee, Jazzy Flippin	Action on	the Bill
School: Warren East MS	House	Senate
City: Bowling Green	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeated

An Act Relating To mandating an ownership of a gun license to purchase handguns or any military grade weapon in the state of Kentucky.

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 237 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) In order to obtain a handgun or anything classified as a military grade weapon, the owner must be in possession of a valid gun license.
- (2) Only handguns and military grade weapons purchased after the enactment of this bill will be affected and therefore, all previously purchased handguns and military grade weapons will not have to abide by this act.
- (3) All penalties for violations of this bill will remain the same under KRS 527. Any statue contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed.

Section 2: This bill will require all desired owners of a handgun or military grade weapon to acquire a gun license in order to purchase from any dealer. Concealed carry without a license will still remain legal, and therefore not be affected by this act. The process to obtain a gun license will include a background check, a firearm safety course, and a brief waiting period.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to G	
Sponsors: Emma Denr	ning, Jayne Skaggs, Jaye Beth Minner	Action or	the Bill
School: Winburn MS		House	Senate

An Act Relating to Increasing Cancer Screenings Starting at Age 10

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3 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 4

Section 1: In the United States about 10,470 children are diagnosed with cancer every year. In Kentucky alone there are around 2,152 kids who are diagnosed with cancer, which is around 1/5 coming from one in fifty states. Kentucky has the highest overall cancer rate in the United states, the highest lung cancer rate, second-highest colon and pancreatic cancer rate, and the third-highest laryngeal cancer rate. Kids in Kentucky get little to no screenings for cancer. You may have cancer before you even get symptoms so it is important to get them regularly.

Section 2: This bill proposes the increased taxing by 15% of all nicotine products to provide money for advised cancer screenings scheduled every two years, starting at the age of 10.

Section 3: This bill will go into action on October 31, 2024.

City: Lexington

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Sponsors: James Price, Sydney Hirschowitz, Ella Woodford, Diya Arain

Section 3: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2024.

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Referred to Committee: Senate 2

Action on the Bill

House

Senate

Cit	y: Lexington	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeate
1	An Act Relating to the Sale of Cosmetics Tested on An	imals	
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3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
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5	Section 1: A new section of KRS Chapter 355 is created to read as follows:		
6	(a) It shall be unlawful for manufacturers and retailers to sell, offer for sale, o	or import for profit any	cosmetic on
7	which animal testing has been conducted by the manufacturer or a supplier t	o the manufacturer.	
8	(b) The constraints in subdivision (a) do not apply to the following:		
9	(1) A cosmetic/ingredient that was tested before January 1, 2024.		
10	(2) Any cosmetic deemed medically necessary.		
11	(c) Anyone who fails to comply with this section will be subject to a fine of fiv	ve thousand dollars (\$5	5000) and an
12	additional one thousand (\$1000) dollars for each day the violation continues	;.	
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14	Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.		

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Section 5: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2024

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Referred to Committee: House 1

Sponsors: Brooklynn Lindsay-Huff, Saran Falace, Meadow Goodpaster		Action on the Bill	
Sc	hool: Seton Catholic School	House	Senate
City: Lexington		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed☐ Defeat
1	An Act Relating To Fire Safety in Schools		
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
4 5 6 7 8	Section 1: This BIII will add fire exits towards the bottom of walls in all public schools, rises and hides the fire exit at the top of walls. Exit signs on the bottom will avoid ris fire emergency.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
9 10 11	Section 2: This bill will require schools to update fire safety in all pubic schools in Ker the wall next to the lower part of doors.	tucky. Fire exits will b	e placed on
12 13 14 15	Section 3: The Bluegrass of Education, part of the Kentucky Department of Education have the fire exit signs at the bottom of walls. The Bluegrass of Education will come at they are working properly.		
16 17 18	Section 4: Each school will be responsible for purchasing the individual exit signs as t exit signs. The cost of exit signs ranges from \$30 to \$250.	ney are responsible fo	r the current

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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Referred to Committee:Senate 1

Sponsors: Jt Brown, Mitchell Reeves, Landon Curtsinger		Action on the Bill	
Sc	hool: Seton Catholic School	House	Senate
City: Lexington		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	☐ Passed ☐ Defeated
1 2	An Act Relating To Mobile Hospitals in Eastern Kentu	cky	
3	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth	of Kentucky	
5 6	Section 1: Kentucky ranks 44th overall in health care programs in the US. This bill will unemployment in the state as well. The bill would have the state convert Keystone Co	ugar RV's into mobile	hospitals
7 8 9	serving the much needed area of Eastern Kentucky. The Mobile Hospitals would carry and surgical equipment so they could handle any emergency	equipment like x-ray	macnines
10 11 12	Section 2: The Kentucky Department of Health will oversee the development of the M their activities and hire the staff for the project.	obile Hospitals and al	so monitor
13 14 15	Section 3: The project will be funded by a special tax on citizens of the state making of Kentucky Department of Health would oversee and monitor the program.	over \$250,000. of 5%	. The

Section 4: This bill will go into effect on September 1, 2023.