#### KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION

# Youth Governor's Report

### 1,571 STUDENTS 132 SCHOOLS

1,125 HIGH SCHOOLERS 481 MIDDLE SCHOOLERS 145 TEACHERS

90 HIGH SCHOOLS 42 MIDDLE SCHOOLS 55 COUNTIES REPRESENTED

#### **169 BILLS SPONSORED**

OF THE LEGISLATION WRITTEN, SPONSORED, AND DEBATED AT VIRTUAL KYA 2020, OUR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GOVERNORS SIGNED 21 INTO LAW. ALL PASSED BILLS ARE LISTED ON THE NEXT PAGE. For 75 years, the Kentucky YMCA has proudly sponsored the Kentucky Youth Assembly, or KYA – the nation's largest Youth and Government program for middle and high school students.

As KYA delegates, students serve as Representatives and Senators, Justices and Attorneys, Cabinet Secretaries, Lobbyists, and members of our Media Corps. Prior to attending, students work with their school delegations to research and write legislation they sponsor at KYA.

2020 presented unique challenges: our youth were unable to debate at the Capitol and we hosted our first fully virtual conference. Still, KYA teens rose to the occasion and reminded us all that advocacy and service to our communities have not been canceled.

## 2020 Governors

OMAR ABD-ELHAMID North Oldham HS

JACOB GRANT

South Oldham High school

DARBY GREENWELL Mercy Academy

PARKER STEWART Sayre School



# **PASSED LEGISLATION AT KYA 2020**

AN ACT RELATING TO THE REMOVAL OF TINTED LICENSE PLATE SHIELDS	SAYRE SCHOOL
AN ACT RELATING TO MAKE RAPE BY DECEPTION ILLEGAL IN THE STATE OF KENTUCKY	WARREN EAST HIGH SCHOOL
AN ACT REQUIRING MENSTRUAL EDUCATION IN KENTUCKY SCHOOLS	VILLA MADONNA ACADEMY
AN ACT RELATING TO COAL MINERS' COMPENSATION	MERCY ACADEMY
AN ACT RELATING TO INCOME TAX REBATES FOR FIRST TIME HOMEOWNERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY – THE MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME AFFORDABILITY ACT – MOKHAA	HOLY CROSS HS – COVINGTON
AN ACT RELATING TO VISITATION RIGHTS IN DEPENDENCY, NEGLECT AND ABUSE CASES	WALTON-VERONA HIGH SCHOOL
AN ACT RELATING TO GUN PERMITS IN KENTUCKY	MONTGOMERY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
AN ACT RELATING TO THE USE OF BODY CAMERAS BY POLICE OFFICERS	ST. FRANCIS SCHOOL – LOUISVILLE
AN ACT RELATING TO ALL RAILROAD CROSSINGS IN THE STATE	NORTH HARDIN HIGH SCHOOL
AN ACT TO REQUIRE ALL KENTUCKY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO IMPLEMENT CLASSROOM CONCUSSION PROTOCOLS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS	HOPKINSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
AN ACT RELATING TO LOWERING THE BLOOD DONOR AGE TO FIFTEEN WITH PARENTAL CONSENT	NELSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
AN ACT RELATING TO ELIMINATE REQUIRED CONVICTIONS FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS IN CASES OF PREGNANCY BY RAPE	MERCER COUNTY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
AN ACT RELATING TO PROHIBITING SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN JUVENILE FACILITIES	STEAM ACADEMY
AN ACT BANNING THE OWNERSHIP OF PETS FOLLOWING AN ANIMAL CRUELTY CONVICTION	NORTH OLDHAM HIGH SCHOOL
AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF BRAIN COMPUTER INTERFACES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES AS AN EXTENSION OF THE FEDERAL 4TH AMENDMENT AND KENTUCKY STATE BILL OF RIGHTS SECTION 10	SOUTH OLDHAM HIGH SCHOOL
AN ACT TO REQUIRE A BOATING LICENSE TO OPERATE A BOAT IN KENTUCKY	TAYLOR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
AN ACT RELATING TO POLICE BODY-WORN CAMERAS AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION THEREFORE	SOUTH OLDHAM HIGH SCHOOL
AN AMENDMENT TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE IN KENTUCKY	ATHERTON HIGH SCHOOL
AN ACT RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT DISABILITY TRAINING IN KENTUCKY	CRITTENDEN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL
AN ACT RELATING TO THE PROMOTION OF A CURRICULUM FOR INSTRUCTION ON HUMAN SEXUALITY OR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES IN KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOLS	FRANKFORT HIGH SCHOOL
AN ACT RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION OF THE USE OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT IN THE JUVENILE DETENTION SYSTEM	NORTH LAUREL HIGH SCHOOL

# **POLICY TRENDS OF YOUTH LEGISLATION**

OF THE BILLS WRITTEN, DEBATED, AND PASSED AT VIRTUAL KYA, MULTIPLE BILLS ADDRESSED THE FOLLOWING POLICIES:

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**VOTING AND ELECTION SYSTEMS FOSTER CARE SYSTEM** FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS **VOTER REGISTRATION SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION** SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS **CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS** PROTECTIONS FOR COAL MINERS **LGBTQ+ RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS** POLICING FOOD ACCESSIBILITY TOURISM **HEALTH & FAMILY** 1.9% 16.3% LABOR & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT 21.2% **ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY** 4.8% TRANSPORTATION 1.9% **JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY** 21.2% **EDUCATION** 23.1% **VOTING & ELECTIONS** LEARN MORE AT WWW.KYYMCA.ORG/KYA PHOTOS BY MARILYN BUENTE 9.6%