

# BLUEGRASS BILLS

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Abby Bilbro	o, Charlie Bott	Action o	n the Bill
School: New Albany H	IS	House	Senate
City: New Albany		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

1	An Act To Regulate Open Carry Practices in Gun Ownership
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: Terms in this act shall be defined as:
5	"Firearms" as used in this bill means all types of firearms and they are being treated the same in this bill.
6	"Previously" as used in this bill means at one point in time.
7	"Open carry practices" refers to carrying a firearm in public, not on your own privately owned property.
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9	Section 2: In order for a Kentucky resident to own a gun after this bill in enacted they must meet the
10	following requirements:
11	The resident must have previously taken a gun safety class and based on current courses provided by the
12	NRA, safety classes must include:
13	How to hold a firearm, the 3 rules for safe firearm handling
14	the primary causes of firearm accidents
15	parts of a firearms, ammunition components
16	how to unload certain action types
17	cleaning and caring for the firearm, and safe storage of firearms in the home.
18	The resident must also have a open carry license.
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20	Section 3: If a Kentucky resident is found in possession of a firearm without the proper license, an officer
21	can issue a citation for a court appearance. In court, the judge may assign the following based on severity of
22	the offense, to include any or all of the following:
23	Removal of firearm from home
24	A fine that may range from \$1,000 to \$5,000
25	Jail time may range from 6 months to a year
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27	Section 4: All laws or parts of laws in conflict with this are hereby repealed.
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29	Section 5: This act shall take effect on June 1st, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Chloe Adar	ms, Sydney Bryant, Roslynn Bell	Action o	on the Bill
School: Trigg Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Cadiz		☐ Passed ☐ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

### An Act Relating To The Exclusion of Cash Bail for Violent Crimes Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: KRS: 431.535 is amended to read as follows: All crimes under the category of violence are not subject to the use of bail.

Section 2: This bill will require that all violent offenders put into Kentucky jailing systems shall not be offered early release on bail. The term "violent" pertains to crimes in which the victim is harmed or threatened.

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

Section 4: 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	1101011011	Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Brooklyn Em	edi, Anna Emedi, True Smith, Logan Coffey	Action o	n the Bill
School: Greenwood HS		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Bowling Green		Defeated	Defeated

An Act relating to mental health in the criminal justice system **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 441 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1)Every correctional facility is required to have a minimum of one certified correctional psychologist available for every 100 inmates. (2) If the correctional facility has less than 100 inmates, then they will be required to have only one certified psychologist. (3) The correctional psychologist will meet with each prisoner every four days. (4) The salaries of the correctional psychologists will be paid for by the Edward Byrne JAG [Justice Assistance Grant] Fund.

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

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

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue   BG4	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Hous	•
Sponsors: Will Thomas	, Carson Riley, Gus Odaniel,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Bardstown HS		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** 

Section 1: Dyslexia is a learning disorder that impacts the ability to read due to problems identifying speech sounds and decoding. Dyslexia is such a serious disorder that 1 in 5 people in this room right now are affected. Students in school systems receive little to no help with dyslexia and some cases are so severe that some students cannot read or comprehend sentences at all. There are 4 different types of dyslexia, including phonological dyslexia, surface dyslexia, rapid naming deficit dyslexia, and double deficit dyslexia. Dyslexia is a serious issue in the state of Kentucky, and dyslexic students deserve the help that they need.

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, affecting about 20% of the population. Because schools do not screen or recognize Dyslexia, most students go undiagnosed. There are separate organizations outside of schools who 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 July 1, 2024.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Jenna Barne	es, Melia Roach, jack Gammon, rylee johnson	Action c	n the Bill
School: Mercer Co. Sr.	HS	House	Senate
City: Harrodsburg		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the disposal of forfeited and seized guns used in committing murder or a crime resulting in death.

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 16 AND CHAPTER 500 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) Except as provided in KRS 500.090, KRS 500.092, and KRS 16.220, all property which is subject to forfeiture under any section of the Kentucky Penal Code shall be disposed of in accordance with this section.
- (2) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall receive firearms, ammunition, and other non-specified items confiscated by or abandoned to every law enforcement agency in Kentucky used in the commitment of a crime that resulted in death of human life, including but not limited to crimes such as murder and involuntary homicide.
- (3) The Department of Kentucky State Police shall dispose of the firearms, ammunition, and other non-specified items received in the manner specified in KRS 500.090, KRS 500.092, and KRS 16.220. However, firearms used in the commitment of a crime that resulted in death of human life, including but not limited to crimes such as murder, involuntary homicide, and/or manslaughter, which are not retained for official use, returned to an innocent lawful owner, or transferred to another government agency or public museum shall be destroyed.
- (4) Any weapon, including but not limited to firearms, used in the commitment of a crime that resulted in the death of human life shall not be sold at public auction.

21 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 <b>Hous</b>	_
Sponsors: Sadee Payne	e, Bennett Chaliff, Luke Willis	Action o	n the Bill
School: Rockcastle Co.	HS	House	Senate
City: Mt. Vernon		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

## An Act Relating To Kentucky Coal Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION of KRS 143.020 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

For the privilege of severing or processing coal, in addition to all other taxes imposed by law, a tax is hereby levied on every taxpayer engaged in severing and/or processing coal within this Commonwealth at the rate of three percent (3%) of the gross value of all coal severed and/or processed during the reporting period; except that the minimum tax for a reporting period shall be an amount determined by applying a rate of fifty cents (\$0.50) per ton to the total number of tons severed during the reporting period. The minimum tax shall not apply to a taxpayer who only processes coal.

Section 2: The Governor shall take any action necessary to comply with the requirements section.

Section 3: This act will take effect on June 1,2024

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Brody Ringle	, Ben Holbrook, Preston Meredith, Brayden Dishaw	Action o	n the Bill
School: Central Hardin I	-IS	House	Senate
City: Cecelia		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Texting 911

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 65 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:(1) All emergency service contacts shall be reachable via text message.

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

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Zack Hayes	s, Kyle Whitsell, Robert Couch, brooklyn cash	Action c	n the Bill
School: Boyle Co. HS		House	Senate
		Passed	□ Passed
City: Danville		Defeated	Defeated

## An Act Relating To Raising the Kentucky Minimum Wage Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: According to the MIT living wage calculation for Kentucky, a living wage for one adult with no children is \$15.45 dollars per hour. The current minimum wage in Kentucky is only \$7.25 dollars per hour. The federal minimum wage has not been raised in the last 10 years despite prices going up an average of 18% since 2020 alone. Worker productivity has gone up by 70% from 1979–2019 according to the World Economic Forum. However, the minimum wage has not been raised in response to inflation or increased worker productivity. The poverty rate in Kentucky is 16.5% according to Louisville Public Media. Kentuckians are working hard and yet many are living in poverty.

Section 2: In order to mitigate the previously mentioned problems, this bill will raise the Kentucky minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$9.25 an hour for part time workers, and \$12.25 an hour for full time employees. KRS 337.275 shall be amended as follows: every employer shall pay to each of their part time employees wages at a rate of no less nine dollars and twenty five cents (\$9.25) and each of their full time employees no less than twelve dollars and twenty five cents (\$12.25).

Section 3: No funding shall be necessary.

Section 4: This bill will be enacted January 1st 2025. Small businesses, defined as having less than 500 employees by the US Small Business Administration, will have 4 years to comply. As for all other businesses, they will have 2 years to comply. The bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Education and Labor Cabinet. Failure to comply after the allotted time will result in a fine of 100 dollars per employee not adequately paid upon first offense. A second offense will result in an investigation into the business practices, along with a fine of 200 dollars per employee not adequately paid. Upon 3rd offense, the location will be shut down.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Ryan Perkin	s, Nate Gold, Cadyn Conrad, Joey Berger	Action o	n the Bill
School: Henderson Co.	HS	House	Senate
		□ Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Henderson		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To The Creation of the Mental Health Education Incentive Program (MHEIP)

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

#### Section 1:

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- A. This bill will provide incentives to students studying mental health to greatly expand support for minors experiencing mental health issues and to increase the number of mental health professionals by utilizing funding from KCHIP (907 KAR 4:030).
- B. The incentives will be \$5,000 awarded upon completion of a mental health degree programs (at state universities) that specializes in helping minors AND \$1,000 will be given every year (for 10 years) AFTER said graduate/student is hired in that field that specializes in helping minors AND stays in that position to gain a total cap of \$10,000 gained after those years. This will qualify them as a medical health professional.
- 12 C. Definitions/Qualifications:
- A minor is defined as any person who has not yet reached the age of eighteen.
- 14 The term "mental health" is used as defined in 645.020 KRS.
- A "mental health major" is defined as anyone majoring in counseling, psychology, sociology, education,
- 16 human services, or nursing.

#### 18 Section 2:

- There is appropriated to KCHIP from the general fund using \$2,500,000 (907 KAR 4:030) for the purposes of the Mental Health Education Incentive Program (MHEIP).
- 22 Section 3:
- Any statute contrary to this Act shall be repealed or amended until it is no longer contradictory.

# KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

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# Referred to Committee: House | 2

Sponsors: Mya Alford	Action on the Bill	
School: Burgin Independent HS	House	Senate
City: Burgin	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

## An Act Relating to Public School Bus Driver Shortages Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: KRS 157.310 states that the state is required to fund 100% of educational transportation services for pupils in Kentucky. As of 2022, the state has been paying for only 55% of the funds necessary. (kentuckypolicy.org) Due to the lack of funding, school districts are currently having to take from local tax revenue to support transportation and fill the gaps that the state budget is failing to meet. The General Assembly has failed to pass a budget that mandates 100% of funding for transportation in schools since 2005. (kentuckypolicy.org)

Section 2: As it stands in 702 KAR 5:080, a school bus driver must possess a valid Commercial Driver's License (CDL) with a school bus endorsement and passenger transport endorsement. Obtaining a CDL takes around six-months due to the current rigorous requirements which includes a medical exam, criminal background check, emergency operations training including first-aid and CPR, initial 21-hour training course, 30-hours of drive time, and the successful passing of the "Pre-Trip Vehicle Inspection Test" which requires knowledge of 105 bus parts that must be pointed out and defined in the order that they appear on the test. If you miss a part, then you fail the exam and must retake at a later time.

Section 3: The bill aims to reduce the bus driver shortage through the revision of the current CDL requirements and increase pay. The Kentucky Administrative Regulation will be revised as follows and does not affect safety of students:

- 702 KAR 5:080 "A school bus driver will be allowed to transport children even if they fail to identify 20% or 21 out of 105 parts, but will be placed on a probationary period under the district's transportation trainer and director until successfully passing the test."

 The current living wage in Kentucky, according to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is \$15.45 per hour and the state average for school bus drivers is currently \$15.27 per hour. In efforts to attract more drivers, Kentucky will increase pay for drivers to \$18.54 (20% increase from the current living wage).

Section 4: As school transportation is funded 100% by law, then funding will come from the state, whether as a budgeted item in the General Assembly or through the use of the "rainy day" surplus which currently sits at \$3.7 billion.

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

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the		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Reed Forres	st, Suren Dhasarathan, JT Elmore, Alden MBanfu	Action o	n the Bill
School: Greenwood HS		House	Senate
City: Bowling Green		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An act to designate the first weekend in August as tax-free on all school supplies

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

Section 1: A tax-free weekend is a tax holiday sale directed by the Department of Revenue. The tax-free weekend will be instated for the first weekend in August, starting Friday at 12:00 am and ending Sunday at 11:59 pm.

Section 2: This bill will eliminate tax on school supplies. School supplies are items commonly used by a student for educational purposes. Tax-free items include purchases of computers and computer accessories under \$2,500 and school and art supplies under \$200. Articles of clothing shall be considered incidental to education because it is an extra cost for families at the start of the school year. Therefore, clothing under \$300 shall be purchased tax-free during this weekend.

Section 3: The purpose of this bill is to save the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky money on needed supplies and to increase the revenue of Kentucky at the same time. Kentucky can expect similar results as states that have already passed comparable legislation. Since implementing a tax-free weekend, the state of Tennessee has increased its revenue by 10%. In 2012 Tennessee consumers saved \$10 million during last year's tax-free weekend. Also, the Wal-Marts of Tennessee see a 40% increase in the flow of customers.

Section 4: This bill will also create many short-term jobs at stores that participate in the tax-free weekend due to the overwhelming flow of customers. We will also gain new sales revenue through gas, fast food, and hotel rooms purchased by the customers traveling to Kentucky from out of state for tax savings.

Section 5: During the tax-free weekend, any customers wishing to place an order for any out-of-stock item may do so and purchase the item tax-free. However, an item placed on lay-a-way must be purchased with tax during this weekend.

Section 6: This bill will take effect immediately.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue   BG12	
			Committee:
Sponsors: AJ Davis		Action o	n the Bill
School: Logan Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Russellville		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to the Implementation of a Life Readiness Course

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Implement a life readiness course in high schools. (2) This course will be required for high school graduation.

Section 2: The purpose of this bill is to make sure that high school students are prepared to enter the real world and the basic responsibilities they will have as adults.

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

12 Section 4: This act takes effect on June 30th, 2024

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City: Morehead

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# Referred to Committee: **Senate** | 1

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<b>Sponsors</b> : A.J. Caskey, Kaylee Thacker, Kyndra Howard, Khloe Harris	Action on the Bill	
School: Rowan Co. Sr. HS	House	Senate
	Passed	□ Passed

An Act Relating To Mental Healthcare in Prison

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Section 1: An act to instate psychiatric evaluation programs for the benefit of incarcerated and rehabilitated individuals.

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

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Section 2: Amend KRS 202A.201 to read as follows,

"1) When an inmate of any penal and correctional institution is reported by the staff of that institution to the Department of Corrections as being so mentally ill that he cannot be properly treated with the facilities at the disposal of the staff, the Department of Corrections shall have an examination conducted on the inmate by a mental health professional. (2) If this examination reveals that the inmate is mentally ill and appropriate treatment cannot be properly carried out in the institution in which he is incarcerated or within the facilities at the disposal of the Department of Corrections, the commissioner of the Department of Corrections may then request of the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services the inmate's transfer to a hospital or forensic psychiatric facility. If the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services agrees that a transfer is necessary, the person shall be transferred to a Cabinet for Health and Family Services facility designated by the secretary of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, where the person shall remain until the staff of the facility which received him advises the commissioner of the Department of Corrections that the person's condition is such that he may be returned to the institution from which he came. No transfer shall be made to a correctional facility located on the grounds of a state mental hospital. The commissioner of the Department of Corrections shall then authorize his return. If the prisoner's sentence expires during his stay in the facility and he is still in need of involuntary hospitalization, the staff of the facility shall petition the applicable District Court for further involuntary hospitalization of the patient under provisions of this chapter. (3) Prior to the issuance of an order of transfer and unless the prisoner voluntarily agrees to the transfer, the commissioner shall: (a) Send written notice to the prisoner that a transfer to a hospital or forensic psychiatric facility is being considered in sufficient time to permit the prisoner to prepare for the hearing; (b) Hold a hearing at which time the prisoner is made aware of the evidence being relied upon for the transfer and at which an opportunity to be heard in person and to present documentary evidence is given; (c) Provide an opportunity at the hearing to the prisoner to present testimony of witnesses and to confront and cross-examine witnesses called by the Department of Corrections, except upon a finding, not arbitrarily made, of good cause for not permitting the presentation; (d) Provide an independent decision maker who has not participated in the request for transfer to a hospital or forensic psychiatric facility; (e) Issue a written statement by the fact finder as to the evidence relied on and the reasons for transferring the prisoner; and (f) Provide effective and timely notice of all the foregoing rights. (4) During the time of the prisoner's stay in a facility, his legal status as a prisoner shall remain unchanged until the termination of his sentence. The facility staff shall have no authority to parole, grant permission to visit relatives or friends outside the facility, or discharge the individual unless otherwise agreed to by the Department of Corrections. The time the prisoner spends in the facility shall be counted as a part of the prisoner's sentence."

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the		Referred to <b>Hous</b>	
Sponsors: Brody Renfro	oe, Gabbi McGee, Presley Eakes, Taylin Hancock	Action o	n the Bill
School: Trigg Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Cadiz		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Mental Rehabilitation of United States Veterans After Deployment **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 40 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: This bill will provide psychological services that treat mental illnesses including PTSD, substance abuse, anxiety, and depression. These psychological services include Supportive Treatment Options.

Section 2: Supportive Treatment Options include rehabilitation methods such as talk therapy, supported work settings, residential programs, and other therapies. These options will be available for up to a year, unless an extended amount of time is authorized via healthcare providers.

Section 3: Veterans can access physical services by contacting their healthcare providers about the options available in their area. If veterans do not have a healthcare provider, services will also be provided via hotline.

Section 4: If options needed for certain individuals are not available in that individual's area, that service will be provided in the closest available location.

Section 5: Funding will first be taken out of personal medical insurance. The remaining amount will be financed by taxation through sports gambling. This program will partner with existing nonprofit organizations as appropriate in support of the program.

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the		Referred to Hous	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Ethan Garris	son, Jaxon McCubbin, Jax Parish	Action o	n the Bill
School: Taylor Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Campbellsville		· □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act to Implement a Road Test for the Elderly to Renew their Driver's License **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1: Starting at the age of 70, Kentucky citizens will be required to take a driving test in order to renew their driver's license. This will be the same test required to obtain your intermediate license.

Section 2: After the age of 70, the elderly will need to take the test again at 80, 85, 90, and then yearly if wishing to maintain their license.

Section 3: The test will be carried out by the employees that conduct the intermediate exam and each test will cost \$15. These fees will pay for the salary of the newly hired DMV employees as well as raises for the current workers.

Section 4: The test must be taken within 6 months after turning the required testing age. The retesting protocols are the same as the intermediate exam.

Section 5: This act will go into effect January 1st, 2025.

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KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Referred to Committee: Senate   1	
Sponsors: Aurora Rev	yes, Callie Thacker, Izak Gibbs	Action o	n the Bill
School: Rockcastle Co	o. HS	House	Senate
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City: Mt. Vernon		Defeated	Defeated

1	An Act Relating To the Kentucky National Guard
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 38 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
5	(1) For the purposes of this section:
6	(a) "Active duty combat" means performing any of the following services in the active federal military service
7	of the United States:
8	1. Participation in an armed conflict;
9	2. Performance of a hazardous service in support of an armed conflict in 10 a foreign state; or
10	3. Performance of a duty through an instrumentality of war; and
11	(b) "Official declaration of war" means an official declaration of war made by the United States Congress
12	pursuant to Article 1, Section 8, Clause 11 of the 14 United States Constitution.
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14	Section 2: This bill will require our state to have the Kentucky National Guard and any member thereof not be
15	released from the state into active duty combat unless the United States Congress has:
16	Passed an official declaration of war; or
17	Taken an official action pursuant to Article 1, Section 8, Clause 15 of the United States Constitution to
18	explicitly call forth the Kentucky National Guard to:
19	Execute the laws of the union;
20	Repel an invasion; or
21	Suppress an insurrection.
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23	Section 3: The Governor shall take any action necessary to comply with the requirements of this section.
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25	Section 4: This section shall be cited as the Defend the Guard Act.
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27	Section 5: This act will take effect 90 days after approval by the Governor.

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the			Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Aidyn Pinke	rman-Edman, Charley Hill, Bralee Noe,	Action c	n the Bill
School: Bardstown HS		House	Senate
		Passed	□ Passed
City: Bardstown		Defeated	Defeated

### An Act Relating To School Mental 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 the elementary schools. This means that children in the 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 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 ability to focus. This break would be beneficial to students' mental health, as well as their grades and learning capability.

Section 5: 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 bell schedules to accommodate the breaks.

Section 6: This bill would go into effect on the first of January, 2024.

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the	the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY		Referred to Committee: Senate   1	
Sponsors: Will Dean, I	Logan Yates, Emily Ayala	Action o	n the Bill	
School: Mercer Co. Sr.	HS	House	Senate	
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City: Harrodsburg		Defeated	Defeated	

1 An Act relating to the banning of books based on personal philosophy or preference. 2

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 173 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: **GUIDELINES/REQUIREMENTS:** 

(1) This policy would prevent education and/or information suppression for Kentucky citizens. No books or other printed materials shall be removed from any library within the Kentucky Public Library System based on personal philosophy or preference, including but not limited to the basis of cultural beliefs or societal norms. The removal and/or destruction of books and/or printed materials based on social norms or cultural beliefs is a direct violation of the First Amendment and an infringement on the constitutional freedom of press and freedom of speech. The purpose of a book and/or other published materials is to assist in educational development and the attainment of knowledge for the individual(s) or public no matter the ideology or content.

Section 2: DEFINITIONS:

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Banned or removed books - These books are not banned by the state but removed due to disapproval based on philosophy or cultural views or norms.

Personnel - Any employee of a public library, funded in full or in part by taxes collected from the public, as outlined in KRS chapter 173 governing the public libraries system in Kentucky.

Section 3: COSTS AND FUNDING

N/A (Non-economic based bill. Any associated costs would be deferred to the statutory state and/or municipal budgeting and funding allocation entities.)

Section 4: IMPLEMENTATION

The Kentucky state government will implement this policy through the authority delegated to the governing entity of the Public libraries system formed under the provisions of chapter 173 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes. The following types of libraries are authorized under Kentucky Law:

- (a) Libraries in First Class Cities: These libraries may be established by ordinance of a city of the first class.
- 30 They are governed by a board of trustees appointed by the Mayor. If the county containing the city
- 31 contracts with the library for services, the county judge/executive appoints six of the board members.
- Financing is provided through a property tax levied by the city, and county appropriations if the county 32
- 33 contracts for service.
- 34 (b) Libraries in Counties, and Cities of the Second Through Sixth Class: These libraries may be created by the 35 sponsoring government, either on its own initiative, or by petition of voters and approval at referendum.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	BG18
kentucky youth assembly Bluegrass Bill		Committee:	
Sponsors: Will Dean, Lo	ogan Yates, Emily Ayala	Action o	on the Bill
School: Mercer Co. Sr. I	HS	House	Senate
City: Harrodsburg		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

- These libraries are governed by a board of trustees appointed by the sponsoring government, and financed through appropriations by the sponsoring government.
- 3 (c) Regional Libraries: These libraries are established by contract between two or more counties. They are 4 governed by a board of trustees appointed by the member counties. Financing is provided by each county on 5 a pro rata (assessed valuation) basis.
- (d) Public Library Districts (1960 and 1964 Laws): These districts may be created by petition of voters to
   the county and approval at referendum. They are governed by a board of trustees appointed by the county
   judge upon recommendation of the State Department of Libraries and Archives. The districts may levy a
   special ad valorem property tax.

#### Section 5: ENFORCEMENT

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- This bill would be enforced by the state government which may delegate authority to governing the library board as established in Section (4). Penalties for violation of the statute will be as follows:
- 14 1st Offense Personnel warning documented in the personnel file of the library employee.
- 2nd Offense Loss of employment with fines or restitution paid to the institution, up to but not to exceed the value or retail cost, for the printed materials that were lost, removed, or destroyed.
- 3rd Offense or subsequent Offenses thereafter Defer to local or state law enforcement entities and Penal Codes, KRS Chapters 500–534 for stronger penalties based on theft, damage to, and/or the destruction of public properties for misdemeanor offenses up to felony criminal offenses.
- 21 Section 6: This bill will take effect January 1st, 2024.
- 23 Section 7: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Senat	•
Sponsors: Brylee Trues	dell, Jake Hampton, Mackenzie Amstutz, Paisley Hogan	Action or	1 the Bill
School: Mason Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Maysville		· □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

AN ACT Proposing an Amendment to Section 77 of the Constitution of Kentucky Relating to Prohibiting Pardons or Commutations by the Governor Unless Approved by the Board of Executive Clemency Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: It is proposed that Section 77 of the Constitution of Kentucky be amended to read as follows: The governor must acquire a vote from the Board of Executive Clemency for any convicted criminal to be pardoned or receive a commutation of sentence.

Section 2: The governor is currently allowed to pardon and commute any convicted criminal in the state of Kentucky.

Section 3: Continuing the use of Kentucky Pardon and Commutation Application, if the governor selects a convicted criminal for pardon or commutation, their case will go in front of the board within 30 days.

Section 4: If the convicted persons selected by the governor are scheduled to face the death penalty within the next 30 days, they will be granted a stay of execution until the board votes on their application.

Section 5: 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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# KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

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# Referred to Committee: House | 2

Sponsors: Carleen Meyers, Samantha Brown, Roselyn fuentes, Ben Ray

Action on the Bill

School: Russell Co. HS

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An act relating to the teaching and free distribution of Narcan®

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

Section 1: The Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) states that overdose cases autopsied by the Office of the State Medical Examiner (OSME) and toxicology reports submitted by Kentucky coroners, that 90% of deaths in 2022 involved opioids. Opioids are substances that act on opioid receptors to produce morphine-like effects. They are responsible for 72.5% deaths nationwide in 2022. Even more astonishing is that every day approximately 130 people die from an opioid overdose in the United States. Kentucky has the third highest age-adjusted drug overdose fatality rate in the United States, at 49.3 deaths per 100,000 people.

Section 2: Opioid drugs affect the part of your brain that controls your breathing. When you take more opioids than your body can handle, your breathing slows. This can lead to unconsciousness and even death. So, how can Narcan® (also known as naloxone) alleviate this overdose problem? When administered properly, Narcan reverses an opioid overdose. It works by blocking the effects of opiates on the brain and in doing so, it restores breathing. Narcan will only work if a person has opiates in their system but will not cause any harm if given to someone who does not have opioids in their system. In a matter of minutes, naloxone can restore breathing and consciousness to someone who has overdosed. This way, the person will be alive long enough to get real medical attention in a hospital, and a life will be saved.

Section 3: We propose that Narcan®(naloxone) is given free of charge to schools, churches, public places, and other highly- visited places in the community to decrease the amount of total fatalities related to opioid overdoses in Kentucky. Furthermore, it is vital that the administration of Narcan® be taught to people of the community in case of an emergency. Lastly, we propose that clinicians are required to prescribe naloxone along with prescription opioids. This may reduce the risk of opioid-related emergency room visits and prescription opioid-involved overdose deaths.

Section 4: The Department of Corrections has partnered with the University of Kentucky's HEALing meow Communities Study and Kentucky Opioid Response Effort (KORE) to provide citizens of Kentucky with a naloxone kit for free as well as the training of how to give it. However, only 16 counties are included in this offer. In addition, it is essential that those who are prescribed with prescription opioids, to be also given a naloxone kit. Especially if they have a history of abusing drugs.

Section 5: This distribution will begin on January 1st, 2024.

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	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	Referred to <b>Hou</b> s	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Adeline Pitm	nan, Olivia Smee, Verena Leedy, Kenzie Myers	Action o	n the Bill
School: Murray HS		House	Senate
City: Murray		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Required Added Training For All Officers To Complete Police Training

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

Section 1: This bill will serve as an amendment to KRS 15.334 – Mandatory training subjects for law enforcement students? Mandatory in service training courses for certified peace officers? Administrative regulations? Sexual assault investigation training? Domestic violence and abuse training.

Section 2: Officers will be required to complete twenty-five (25) hours of additional training in areas surrounding domestic violence, abuse, and sexual assault investigation yearly. Officers must complete 6 of these hours in person and can complete the other nineteen (19) hours online. All police agencies in Kentucky will continue to utilize the same training programs as used previously and ensure they are in person training for officers to attend. It is the agency's duty to make sure all officers have completed the required training.

Section 3: In order to continue with duties the officer must have all training requirements documented met and up to date.

Section 4: Evidence of the mandatory training must be documented by the agency before January first (1) of the following year. Any new hires are not required to complete this training until January first (1) of the next year.

Section 5: The full twenty-five (25) hours cannot be completed within six (6) months of the last twenty-six (26) hours documented.

Section 6: If an officer has a valid excuse relating to his or her health or family, hours can be forgiven and completed at a later date.

Section 7: THIS IS THE BILL WE ARE SUGGESTING TO AMEND https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/statutes/statute.aspx?id=49894

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<b>Sponsors</b> : Anthony Passafiume, Liam Faust, Murphy Lee Schmidt, Tyler Dawahare		Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Xavier HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Reduction of Class A and B Felony Parole Eligibility Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Amending parole eligibility for Class A and Class B felons, in order to avoid over punishment and ensure lower second time offense rates.

Section 2: Amending the required 85% or 20 years (whichever is less) of sentence served for parole eligibility to 75% or 16 years (whichever is less) required to be served.

Section 3: KRS 439.3401 is amended to read as follows: Amend (3)(a). to read as follows, "A violent offender who has been convicted of a capital offense with a sentence of a term of years shall not be released on probation parole until he has served at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the sentence imposed."

Section 4: A new section of KRS chapter 439.3041 is created to read as follows: (1) "A violent offender convicted of a Class A felony with a sentence of a term of years or a Class B felony shall not be released on probation or parole until he has served at least seventy-five (75%) or 16 years (whichever is less) of the sentence imposed."

Section 5: This would be of no cost to the Commonwealth.

21 Section 6: Any statute or contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

Section 7: This Act takes effect 1st of January 2024, and will not affect any sentence given prior to said date.

the KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue   BG23		
		Committee:	
Sponsors: Kyle Palmer	, Azzah Bajwa, Corinne Yelowitz	Action o	n the Bill
School: Henry Clay HS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

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2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1:
5	A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All use of corporal
6	punishment in Kentucky Public Schools shall be effectively banned.
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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: Penalties for going against said bill will fall under a Class A Misdemeanor, with up to 12 months of
11	imprisonment and/or a fine of up to \$500.
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13	Section 4: This Act takes effect January 1, 2024

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY		Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Lacey Paige	e, Madison Campbell, Gabby Cedano	Action o	n the Bill
School: Christian Co. H	<del>I</del> S	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Hopkinsville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To The Tax on Feminine Hygiene Products in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 142 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) No sales tax on menstrual products shall be inducted later than January 1, 2024. (2) Any current or existing taxation implemented for feminine hygiene products shall be removed and omitted by January 1, 2024.

Section 2: Costs of menstrual products will generally remain the same with the exception of the removal of sales tax.

- Section 3: This bill will require no funding from the state or any other organizations.
- Section 4: ny statute contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed.
- 15 Section 5: This bill will be enacted January 1, 2024.

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	1101011011	Committee: se   2	
Sponsors: Ava Hardest	ry, Ben Higdon, Blake Letholt, Lance Albers	Action o	n the Bill
School: Daviess Co. HS		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Owensboro		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Driver Maintenance, Requiring Eye Exams for License Renewal
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: AN AMENDMENT OF KRS CHAPTER 186 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) A standard eye examination and depth perception test shall be administered with the renewal of a driver's license. The following requirements must be met:
- (a) The exam shall be administered by certified healthcare professionals.

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(b) The exam shall be made and passed prior to renewal of their license.

Section 2: Failing the examination necessities will result in retest of the driver's assessment, and non-compliance will lead to license suspension.

Section 3: This bill will take effect on March 1, 2024 and shall be enforced by the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

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

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# KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

# Referred to Committee: **House | 2**

Sponsors: Joel Shalom, Vaughn Ramirez, Vedant Garg	Action on the Bill	
School: DuPont Manual HS	House	Senate
	🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Louisville	Defeated	Defeated

## An Act Relating To Affordable Prescription Drugs in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 205 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) A Kentucky Prescription Drug Affordability Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") shall be created. (2) The Board shall be an independent regulatory body responsible for overseeing and implementing the provisions of this Act. (3) The Board shall consist of 5 members, each serving a term of 4 years. Members shall be appointed by the presiding Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and confirmed by the Kentucky State Senate (4) Members shall have expertise in areas such as healthcare, pharmaceuticals, and consumer advocacy. (5) The Board shall have the authority to negotiate drug prices with pharmaceutical companies.

 Section 2: The negotiation of prescription drug prices shall be completed by the Board. (1) The Board shall negotiate with pharmaceutical companies to secure lower prices for essential medications. (2) Negotiations shall prioritize essential medications with high costs. (3) Pharmaceutical companies shall provide transparent pricing information, including production and research costs. (4) Price controls shall be implemented for certain essential medications to prevent price gouging.

Section 3: The promotion of generic prescription drugs shall be completed by healthcare providers. (1) Healthcare providers shall be encouraged to consider generic alternatives when prescribing medications. (2) Pharmacists shall inform patients about the availability of generic drugs and their cost-saving benefits.

Section 4: The establishment of a Prescription Drug Assistance Program. (1) A state-run prescription drug assistance program shall be established to provide financial support to low-income individuals and families.

 Section 5: Budget allocation. (1) Funding for the Board, as well as the Prescription Drug Assistance Program, shall be derived from the following sources: (i) Pharmaceutical Company Fees: Pharmaceutical companies operating within Kentucky shall pay annual fees based on a percentage of their annual revenue or sales of prescription drugs within the state. (ii) Federal Grants: The state shall actively seek federal grants and funding opportunities to support the operations and expansion of the assistance program. This can include seeking grants from the Affordable Care Act (ACA), as well as Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grants.

Section 6: Any statute contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG27	
			Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Ella Tucker,	Taylor Maupin	Action o	n the Bill
School: LaRue Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Hodgenville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

### AN ACT relating to establishing a uniform grading scale Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 156 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: As enacted, the Kentucky Board of Education establishes the grading scale that must be used to assign letter grades to students enrolled in grades 9 through 12 for the purpose of reporting student grades for college financial assistance; specifies state board may develop a grading system for purposes other than reporting student?' grades for college financial aid.

Section 2: This bill goes into effect at the beginning of the 2024–2025 school year in all Kentucky public high schools.

Section 3: In accordance with the Kentucky Constitution, this act takes effect 90 days after the close of the session.

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# KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

# Referred to Committee: **Senate | 1**

Sponsors: Alastor HeadMoreno, Kelly Stevens, Jaden Mikesell	Action on the Bill	
School: Spencer Co. HS	House	Senate
City, Taylorgyilla	Passed	Passed
City: Taylorsville	☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

## An Act Relating To The Transition of Foster Care Children Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: In July of 2023, there were reports from social work agencies and from the Center For Women and Children, of children spending the night in the office of their social worker. These situations often arise as the result of children being removed from their home late at night when there is not sufficient time for the social worker to find proper foster care for the child. This creates an unacceptable sleeping situation for children of all ages. A child that has just been removed from their home now has to sleep in a chair or on the floor in the office of their social worker thereby creating a more traumatic experience for the child. This bill would provide accommodations to ensure a more comfortable environment until a child or children are transitioned into a proper foster home. These accommodations would include a XL twin mattress complete with a full bedding set, a metal bed frame, removable privacy curtain, and accessory items.

 Section 2: There are nine foster care regions in the state of Kentucky, each of which house ten offices for social workers. This creates a need for approximately ninety accommodations for displaced children. A breakdown of costs is as follows: 1) Beds and bedframes at approximately \$170 each totals to \$15,300, 2) Bedding sets and privacy curtains at approximately \$110 per set totals to \$9,900. This creates a minimum need of approximately \$25,200.

Section 3: Donation drives will be set up to provide funding for accessory items such as notebooks, approved novels, snacks, lighting, and personal hygiene products.

 Section 4: A NEW SECTION OF THE KRS CHAPTER 119 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:(1) The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will be granted approximately \$26,000 to distribute equally between all ninety social worker offices (90 beds) in Kentucky, (1)(a) The funding shall come from general fund surplus, fundraising, and/or donation drives, (1)(b) the funding would cover the amount needed to buy beds, bed frames, bedding sets, removable privacy curtains, and accessory items, (2) These accommodations are to be placed in the immediate proximity of social workers to allow for proper assistance and oversight.

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

Section 6: This Act takes effect 90 days after passing.

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the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Hugh Sisk, E	mma Dill, Ajae Oatts	Action o	n the Bill
School: University Heig	hts Academy HS	House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Lowering the Required Instructional Hours in Kentucky High Schools **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1: This bill will amend KRS 158.060 to provide 840 hours instead of 1062 hours of instructional time per year.

Section 2: This bill will lower the amount of required "instructional hours" in high schools. The definition of "instructional hours" is the hours in a standard school day, from the beginning of the first scheduled class period to the end of the last scheduled class period.

Section 3: If this bill passed, it would go into effect in the 2024–2025 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG30	
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Sponsors: Jose Avila, P	reston Graham, Piper Reed	Action o	n the Bill
School: Woodford Co. H	-ts	House	Senate
City: Versailles		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

### An Act Relating To Eradicating Legacy Admissions Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164 TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) When deciding whether to grant admission to an applicant, a degree–granting public institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Kentucky authorized to grant degrees by the Council on Postsecondary Education in Kentucky shall not consider the applicant's familial relationship to a graduate of the institution. (2) Such an institution shall not include in the documents that it uses to consider an applicant for admission information that discloses the name of any college or university that any relative of the applicant attended. (3) The Council on Postsecondary Education in Kentucky shall provide oversight to ensure all public higher education institutions comply.

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

Section 3: This Act takes effect July 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG31	
		Referred to <b>Hou</b> s	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Keegan Bell,	Nate Reeves, Sam Oliver, Kacey James	Action o	n the Bill
School: Scott Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Georgetown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the prevention of abuse, neglect, and dependency of children **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1: A NEW PARAGRAPH OF KRS. 620.050 SUBSECTION 5 - (k) Community based service providers with a legitimate interest in the child's well-being, even if the report doesn't meet the definitions of dependency, neglect, or abuse as defined KRS 600.020, but limited to the information necessary to assist the child and family.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG32	
		Referred to <b>Hou</b> s	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Wyatt Camp	o, Tylar Craig, Ody Springer	Action o	n the Bill
School: North Hardin H	IS	House	Senate
City: Radcliff		· □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Relating to Standardizing Public School Grades
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4	Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:
5	For the purposes of standardizing grades across the state of Kentucky for the purposes of calculating KEES
6	award money, public school grading scales will be standardized and regulated as follows:
7	90% to 100% is considered an A
8	80% to 89% is considered a B
9	70% to 79% is considered a C
10	60% to 69% is considered a D
11	59% and below is considered an F
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Section 2: The Kentucky Department of Education, in accordance with all of their powers and capabilities within their role as the state department of education, will enforce this law.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG33	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Caitie Harpe	er, Emma Caudill, Maahi Patel, McKinley Harper	Action o	n the Bill
School: George Rogers	Clark HS	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Winchester		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To mental health checks in the foster care system **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All temporary homes in the foster care system in the state of Kentucky are required monthly mental health checks on minors. Once in their residing home the child is required to have annual checkups till the age of 18.

Section 2: Children in the foster care system are at an age where they are the most vulnerable. Many of them come from homes where they are neglected, abused, and tormented. This can lead to a toll on their mental and emotional health. If your mental and emotional health goes untreated and you don't learn proper coping mechanisms then it can severely affect you later on in life when you become an adult.

Section 3: These checkups will be funded by the government. When you choose to take on a child temporarily, the government gives you \$500-\$1,000 to pay for these checkups already. Depending on your child's physiological needs the cost of the service will vary. Once the child is in their permanent home the government will fund \$600-\$800 to the family. This will not additionally tax any American citizen.

Section 4: The varied funding will depend on the child's psychological level. The levels range from one to three with one being least critical and three being the most. The foster child will be assigned a level after being brought into the system during their first medical checkup. These levels can change throughout their time in the system depending on the progress they make. Children at level one in foster care will have a 30 minute monthly checkup with a psychologist costing \$25.77. Annually this will be \$309.24. In permanent homes they will only need to pay the monthly amount once a year. This will pertain to levels two and three as well, though with level two it will be a 60 minute checkup and level three will be a 90 minute checkup.

Section 5: Whereas it will take time to obtain these funds and hire professional psychologists, this bill will be enacted in July, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG34	
		Referred to <b>Hou</b> s	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Bea Davis, C	Clare Lowery, Neena Woodcock, Julia O'Shea	Action o	n the Bill
School: DuPont Manua	I HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

### An Act Relating To Paid Maternity Leave Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 18A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

(1) All employers with more than fifty full-time employees are required to grant their female employees twelve weeks of paid maternity leave. (2) This Bill pertains to all female residents of Kentucky with employers that have more than fifty total full-time employees. (3) It is hereby mandatory that in the first six weeks of maternity leave, the employee is to be paid full salary. (4) During the remaining six weeks of the leave, the employer is required to grant their employee half salary. (5) It is only mandatory for the employer to grant paid maternity leave under the above conditions if they have more than fifty total full time employees in their business. In the case of fifty or under employees, the employer is entitled to the choice of whether paid leave is to be granted. (6) Refusal to pay for maternity leave will result in a fine of \$200 for every day an employee goes without pay.

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

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Sponsors: Amy Meffe	rt, Addison Spurrier, Aubrey Nies, Logan Robinson	Action o	n the Bill
School: Daviess Co. H	5	House	Senate
City: Ownesboro		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Decreasing Overdose Fatalities on College Campuses in Kentucky

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

Section 1: A new subsection of KRS Chapter 217.186 is created to read as follows:

- 1) Kentucky's state sponsored college institutions must ensure the availability of Narcan to students that request it and meet the following requirements:
- (a) At or over the age of eighteen at the time of acquisition.

- (b) Be enrolled as a student at a university or college supported by the state of Kentucky that is equipped with Narcan and be adequately trained on its proper use.
- (c) The completion of a three-hour online course in addition to an in-person final certification examination where the student must obtain a qualifying score.
- Section 2: College students must enter into a responsibility contract to safeguard colleges and the state of Kentucky from liability in the event of misuse.
- Section 3: The funding required will be approximately five and a half million dollars and sourced from the state's \$329 million general health fund
- Section 4: This bill will be enacted after 90 days of its passing, with the implementation of the bill beginning in the 2024–2025 school year.
- 22 Section 5: Any statue contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

· · ·	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG36	
the		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: <b>te   1</b>
Sponsors: Brayden Bar	ks, Isabella Embry	Action o	n the Bill
School: Butler Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Morgantown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To repealing KRS 159.051

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

Section 1: The following KRS section is repealed: 159.051 – Loss of license or permit by student for dropping out of school or for academic deficiency.

Section 2: This bill not require any appropriations.

9 Section 3: This bill will go into effect 90 days after the closing of the session.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG37	
the		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Kendall Quir	e, Taylor Gaines	Action o	n the Bill
School: Frankfort HS		House	Senate
City: Frankfort		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Rasing the Minimum Wage in Kentucky

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

Section 1: KRS 337.275 is amended to read as follows. Amend (1) to read as follows, "and not less than nine dollars (\$9.00) an hour beginning July 1 ,2024 ."

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

9 Section 3: This act takes effect July 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG38	
		Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Cyrus Biven	s, Soham Patel	Action o	n the Bill
School: LaRue Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Hodgenville		· □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ □ Defeated

### AN ACT relating to school nutrition Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill shall be known as the "Free School Lunches Act."

Section 2: The purpose of this bill is to ensure that all students in both public and private schools have access to nutritious and free school lunches, thereby alleviating hunger, improving educational outcomes, promoting the well-being of students, and supporting underprivileged school children.

Section 3: All public schools shall offer free school lunches to all enrolled students. Private schools may opt to participate in the Free School Lunch Program, subject to the conditions specified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program.

Section 4: The Kentucky General Assembly shall allocate sufficient funds to support the Free School Lunch Program. This funding shall be administered through the Department of Education and disbursed to individual schools based on the number of students. Private schools that choose to participate in the program shall receive state funding on a per-student basis equivalent to that provided to public schools. Funding shall cover the cost of providing nutritious meals to students, including but not limited to, food procurement, kitchen equipment, personnel, and infrastructure upgrades.

Section 5: a) The Department of Education shall oversee the implementation of this bill and establish guidelines for the Free School Lunch Program.

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- (b) The Department of Agriculture shall provide expertise in nutrition and meal quality standards to ensure that meals provided meet nutritional requirements.
- (c) The Government Accountability Office (GAO) shall periodically audit participating schools to ensure compliance with program requirements.

Section 6: This bill shall take effect at the beginning of the 2024–2025 school year following its enactment.

Section 7: In accordance with the Kentucky Constitution, this act takes effect 90 days after the close of the session.

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# KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

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## Referred to Committee: **Senate | 1**

Sponsors: Hannah O'Brien	Action on the Bill	
School: Pendleton Co. HS	House	Senate
	🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Falmouth	Defeated	Defeated

#### An ACT relating to unnecessary censorship in Kentucky schools Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: KRS 158.192 is amended to read as follows: Amend (1)(a) to read as follows, "Contain an in depth description, in an obscene manner, of the unclothed human male or female genitals, buttocks, the female breast, visual depictions of sexual acts, simulations of sexual acts, or explicit written descriptions of sexual acts;" Insert (1)(d) to read, "Other acceptable situations to ban material, programs, or events are when a material, program, or event directly promotes the use of hateful language or actions towards a specific group or community of people. This is including but not limited to sexual, racial, ethnic, and/or, religious communities." In (2)(a), after "student is enrolled" insert "and the principal of the school shall submit the complaint from the parent to the local board of education within three (3) business days of receiving the complaint." In (2)(b), delete "reasonably". Amend (2)(c) to read as follows, "Within ten (10) business days of receiving a written complaint, the local board of education shall review the complaint and take the necessary steps to investigate the allegations in the complaint, including but not limited to reviewing the material, program, or event that is alleged to be harmful to minors;" In (2)(d), (2)(e), and (2)(f), delete "principal" and insert "local board of education." In (2)(g), delete "ten (10)" and insert "fifteen (15)". After "receiving the" insert "initial." In (2)(h)3. delete "thirty (30)" and insert "forty-five (45)".

Section 2: KRS 158.192 is amended to read as follows: Omit (5).

Section 3: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158.192 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (a) The Kentucky Department of Education shall promulgate a model policy for a complaint resolution process that meets the requirements of subsections (2), (3), and (4) of Section 1. (b) The local board of education of every Kentucky public school shall follow this Act to its fullest extent in accordance with how it was written.

Section 4: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158.192 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (a) If any material, program, or event is deemed to be, by any parent, school faculty member, local board of education member, or other person in the county, suitable for minors or unoffensive to any group mentioned in (1)(d) of this Act, after a formal appeal is submitted to the local board of education following the policy aforementioned in (4) of KRS Chapter 158.192, the school shall be subject to the following penalties: 1. When the material, program, or event is first discovered to be what is stated in (a), the public school shall be subject to a 5% fine from the Kentucky Department of Education on the school's library, or the program or event organization's current funds. 2. The school administration and local board of education have seven (7) business days to reacquire the material, program, or event before they are charged with a 0.5% fine on their school library, or the program or event organization's current funds from the Kentucky Department of Education every day until the material program or event is shown to the Kentucky Department of Education to be accessible in the school. 3. Once the material, program, or event is shown to be accessible to students, the public-school library, or the program or event organization will no longer be charged the fine stated in (4)(a)2. 4. The initial fine and the fine given every day the material program or event has not been acquired applies to every book that is found to be unrightfully banned in a public-school building.

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

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG40	
the			Committee: te   1
Sponsors: Jillian McCou	urt, Lexi Pollard	Action o	n the Bill
School: University Heig	hts Academy HS	House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act relating to Lowering the Age to Apply for an Instructional Permit to Operate a Motor Vehicle

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

Section 1: This bill will amend KRS 186.50 (1) to read as follows

 A person who is at least fifteen (15) years of age may apply for an instruction permit to operate a motor vehicle. Except as provided in subsection (9) of this section, a person who possesses a valid intermediate motor vehicle operator's license issued under KRS 186.452 or a person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age may apply for an instruction permit to operate a motorcycle. A holder of either a motor vehicle or motorcycle instruction permit may also operate a moped under that permit. A person applying for an instruction permit under this section shall make application to the Transportation Cabinet.

Section 2: This amendment will be enacted beginning July 1, 2024.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG41	
the		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Krish Shah, 3	lake Olash, Micah Reardon, Grace Lyan	Action o	n the Bill
School: DuPont Manual	HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Healthcare Accessibility in Rural Kentucky

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 216 IS INVENTED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Remote health consultations will be created for patients who can not get their annual health check ups. (2) Primary care offices will be responsible for conducting these virtual consultations per patient request.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG42	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   1
Sponsors: Adaora Ozo	r, Brooklyn Goodwin, Sasha Reddy, Ananya Polepalli	Action o	n the Bill
School: DuPont Manua	I HS	House	Senate
		□ Passed	□ Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Leave of Absence for an Employee Due to Domestic Violence Recovery **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 337.016 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All employers are required to provide their employees with one week of unpaid leave if requested because they were a victim of domestic abuse. (2) Upon receiving a written request by an employee, every employer shall grant reasonable unpaid leave not to exceed two (2) weeks, or if the employer has established a policy providing time off for domestic violence victims that is greater than two (2) weeks. (3) The employer is allowed to request the employee to provide evidence of a need for time off which can include subpoenas, court notices, or other legal documents indicating their involvement as a domestic abuse victim. (4) The individual requesting time off should not be able to request a leave of absence more than once per legal case. (5) If an employer provides paid leave or any other benefits to employees who are going through a crisis of any form, these benefits are also applicable to domestic violence victims. (6) This bill shall not apply to someone who is being actively prosecuted for domestic violence. (7) Any violation of unpaid leave requests will result in a penalty of a thousand (1000) dollar fine for every day leave is refused, increasing in increments of two hundred (200) dollars per day up to two (2) weeks.

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

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the		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	
Sponsors: Lilah Moore,	, Paytan Emery	Action o	n the Bill
School: Cloverport Inde	ependent School HS	House	Senate
City: Cloverport		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Smoking Restrictions in Kentucky

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 438 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All districts in Kentucky shall have a smoke-free workplace law enforced. (2) All use of tobacco and nicotine products shall be banned in public environments.

Section 2: Resources regarding the dangers of smoking along with helplines shall be available in every YMCA.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Red   BG44	
			Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Maddie Her	nning, Becca Jones	Action o	n the Bill
School: Apollo HS		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Owensboro		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To the requirement of Kentucky high schools to provide a financial literacy course

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

Section 1: This act will provide for a mandatory course of instruction in financial literacy for students in eleventh or twelfth grade; to require the State Board of Education to establish the NFEC (National Financial Educators Council) course; to allow for such course to count toward a mathematics, social studies, or elective unit of half credit requirement for graduation; to require the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board to establish appropriate requirements and procedures to provide for qualifications for teachers of such course; to provide for a financial literacy endorsement by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board.

Section 2: Financial literacy focuses on the specific knowledge and concepts consumers need to manage their money and build wealth, depending on an individual's situation. It may mean learning how to create and manage a household budget, learning how to invest money for retirement, or participating in one-on-one coaching and counseling to determine how to buy a house or start a business. It also can be part of an overall strategy to increase economic security for lower-income families.

Section 3: This class will use the NFEC (National Financial Educators Council) financial literacy curriculum which goes above and beyond core educational standards. The program is widely recognized for inspiring participants of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds to take positive financial action. This course will grant students a half credit so it won't be a full year class. This class will be available online as well as in person. The curriculum for the class is broken down into five units. Unit one will go over financial psychology. Unit two goes over accounts, savings, budgets, and expenses. Unit three goes over income, careers, businesses, and entrepreneurship. Unit four goes over credit, debt, and loans. Lastly unit five goes over risk management and insurance.

Section 4: This bill amends KRS 158.1411 establishing more specific guidelines for Kentucky High Schools to follow.

Section 5: Beginning in the 2025–2026 school year, each local board of education shall require all students, as a condition of graduation, during their eleventh or twelfth grade years to complete at least a half-credit course in financial literacy.



## COMMONWEALTH BILLS

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

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the			Committee:
Sponsors: Kiera McCle	llan	Action o	n the Bill
School: Great Crossing	HS	House	Senate
City Consoler		Passed	□ Passed
City: Georgetown		Defeated	Defeated

An act relating to enhancing police officer education to include cognitive disabilities, mental health crisis, and racial justice

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

Section 1: Section 1: This bill will create an educational course that will be incorporated into cadet academy training as well as the trooper's annual required training, providing information about prevalent social biases; as well as tactics to safely and effectively identify and deescalate a situation in which someone is having a mental health crisis or has a cognitive disability that affects their competency towards how the individual is acting in the moments leading up to and including arrest in order to institute safety and individual fairness for all parties involved.

Section 2: Section 2: This course will educate all cadets attending academy by way of a time-sensitive and information-retainable class, implemented in 30 minute class periods of each 5 day training week.

Section 3: Section 3: For all Kentucky State Troopers, an additional 40 hours of training and education is currently required for the state each year. In order to maintain attention on these topics, every other year there will be a mandatory 2 hour workshop on racial justice and cultural diversity; as well as a 2 hour workshop on common mental health crises every five years.

Section 4: Section 4: This bill will go into effect through the KLEC (Kentucky Law Enforcement Council). This administrative regulation establishes standards and procedures for approval of curriculum of courses that must be abided by for all police training matters in Kentucky (stated in KRS 15.330). The passing of this legislation will amend KRS 15.310 to 15.510, 15.530 to 15.590, and 15.990 to 15.992 to include the necessary accommodations for this program. KLEC will administer the course to all training programs in the state.

Section 5: Section 5: This act will be submitted 45 days prior to the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council (KLEC), being reviewed at their next meeting in February of 2024. These courses will be administered by the start of the next 24 week academy cadet training in June of 2024.

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the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to <b>Hou</b> s	Committee: se   1	
Sponsors: Kennedy Ha	dden, Jimmy Anderson, Finch Mayhew	Action o	n the Bill
School: Logan Co. HS		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	□ Passed
City: Russellville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To the Legalization of Collective Bargaining for Kentucky Educators Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 336 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Gives Kentucky educators the right to collectively bargain Section 2: The purpose of this act is to provide a way for educators to arbitrate for their financial stability. Section 3: Any statute contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed. Section 4: This Act takes effect January 1st, 2024 

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# KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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## Referred to Committee: **House** | 1

<b>Sponsors</b> : Makayla Pratt, Nadesh Simo, cecile simo, Athena Mandzy	Action on the Bill	
School: Paul Laurence Dunbar HS	House	Senate
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City: Lexington	☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

An Act Relating to the Requirement of URLTRA in All Kentucky Counties **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1: This bill retracts and reenacts KRS 383.500 to 715 to apply all rules and ordinances decided under ULTRA statewide, where rules for landlords and tenants currently vary significantly from county to county. This removes the opt-in policy and requires all counties and local governments to utilize ULTRA.

Section 2: Tenants will pay the rent agreed upon (383.565). Tenants will comply with all housing codes, maintain a clean space – Including all appliances and plumbing– and conduct themselves respectfully to their neighbors (383.605). Tenants will use the unit as a living space– unless otherwise agreed upon– and will notify the landlord of any absences over 7 days if required in the lease (383.620). Tenants will provide consent for the landlord to enter in cases of damage, showing potential buyers, and inspections; the landlord may enter without consent in cases of emergency (383.615).

Section 3: Landlords will comply with all building codes, maintain common areas, maintain all plumbing and appliances, and supply a reasonable amount of hot water and heat (383.595). Landlords will not attempt to take control of the property by cutting off utilities or locking out tenants (383.655). Landlords will provide a current list of all people eligible to collect rent, enter the property, and perform other Landlord duties, notifying tenants of any changes (383.585). Landlords will not retaliate against tenants by raising rent (383.705). Landlords are no longer liable for property once sold (383.600).

Section 4: Security Deposits will be located in the account disclosed to the tenant. Landlords will release a comprehensive list of all damage, and the tenant has the right to go through the space. Tenant may dispute Damage. Both parties must sign a document agreeing to the damage. The security deposit will be sent to the last known address. Landlords can keep the deposit if there is no contact after 60 days. (383.580)

Section 5: In cases of unresponsive landlords, the tenant may notify the landlord of issues; if no response occurs in 14 days tenants have the right to apply to terminate the contract; if there is still no response after 30 days tenants may terminate the lease, acquire security deposit, and all unpaid rent (383.625). In cases of property not being delivered at the start of the lease tenants' rent rebates until release, the tenant may demand the release of property to be entitled to three months' rent and legal fees (383.630). All landlord and tenant actions listed in 383.625 to 383.700 will be maintained. The lease may be terminated for weekly rental agreements with a 7-day notice and a 30-day notice for monthly agreements (383.695).

Section 6: This bill will not have any additional budget; landlords and tenants entering new renter agreements must fund and ensure that rules are followed. Any disputes may be taken to the local government to help ensure that all ULTRA rules are followed.

Section 7: This act will be enforced on any renter agreement made on or after the date of the bill's passage.

the KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW4		
	Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   1	
Sponsors: Diego Barrios, Peyton Harrison, Edwin Perez		Action o	n the Bill
School: Taylor Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Campbellsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An act related to strengthening internet access in rural areas in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: \$386 million currently sits in funding for the strengthening of internet access in Kentucky. This act proposes that this funding is to be evenly distributed across all areas that have poor to no broadband access in Kentucky.

Section 2: This bill will mainly target the areas identified by the FCC National Broadband Map as having the lowest fixed broadband coverage; we aim to increase the coverage to reach 100%.

Section 3: KentuckyWired was a previous project in Kentucky that was similar, however it poorly allocated the grant money and only added more development to areas that already had good broadband coverage. This project aims to target under-developed areas and bring internet options to places that don't already have broadband widely available.

Section 4: This bill will be enacted January 1st, 2024.

the KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW5		
		Committee: te   2	
Sponsors: addy liles, Marshall Ainsley, Kale Back, Camryn Ward		Action o	n the Bill
School: West Carter Co	o. HS	House	Senate
City: Olive Hill		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Mandatory Psychiatric Exams on Educational Fields

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

Section 1: Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 2: KRS 160.380 is amended to read as follows: Amend (5)(a)1. To read as follows, "A superintendent shall require a national and state criminal background check and psychiatric evaluation on all new certified hires in the school district and student teachers assigned within the district.."

Section 3: KRS 160.380 is amended to read as follows: Amend (5)(b) 1. To read as follows, "The superintendent shall require that each new certified hire and student teacher, as set forth in paragraph (a) of this subsection, submit to a national and state criminal history background check by the Department of Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and submit to a state psychiatric evaluation by Licensed Psychological Practitioners in the state of Kentucky."

Section 4: KRS 160.380 is amended to read as follows: Insert (5)(c)6. To read as follows, "All fingerprints requested under this section shall be on an applicant fingerprints card provided by the Department of Kentucky State Police. The fingerprint card shall be forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation from the Department of Kentucky State Police after a state criminal background and psychiatric check are conducted. The results of the state and federal criminal background check and psychiatric evaluation shall be sent to the hiring superintendent. Any fee charged by the Department of Kentucky State Police, Licensed Psychological Practitioners, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation shall be an amount no greater than the actual cost of processing the request and conducting the search or exam.?"



the KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW6		
	110101101	Committee:	
Sponsors: Logan Baker	r, Colten Halleck	Action o	n the Bill
School: Russell HS		House	Senate
		□ Passed	□ Passed
City: Russell		Defeated	Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Mandating Metal Detectors in Schools 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 Section 1: Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All 4 5 schools, be it private or public, shall install metal detectors within the buildings 6 7 Section 2: Section 2. Any bill contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed 8 9 Section 3: Section 3. (1) Any schools that refuse to install metal detectors will face a one-time ten thousand dollar (\$10,000) fine, and for every 30 days after will face a reoccurring thousand dollar (\$1,000) fine (2) 10 11 School districts shall be fined even when school is not in session 12 13 Section 4: Section 4. There is appropriated to the Department of Education from the General Fund \$3,500,000 in fiscal year 2024-2025 for the purpose of student safety. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any 14 15 appropriation unexpected at the end of fiscal year 2024–2025 shall not lapse but be carried forward to the next fiscal year. 16 17

Section 5: Section 5. This Act will take effect by August 1, 2024

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the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to	Committee: se   1	
Sponsors: Matthew As	hlock, Wednesday Roberts, Ashley Vonnahme	Action o	n the Bill
School: Murray HS		House	Senate
		□ Passed	Dassed
City: Murray		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To The Apportionment Of U.S. Congressional Districts

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 118B IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1)No irregular shapes in the congressional districts allotted to the state of Kentucky. (2)Irregular shapes consist of but not limited to US House of Representatives Congressional districts shaped like a T, U, L, and X.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 118B IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:(1)You can not bypass populated areas to reach other populated areas in the apportionment of US House of Representatives congressional districts.(2)You can not avoid or separate people from a district based on political party.

Section 3: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 118B IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:(1) The Kentucky State Supreme Court will review the congressional districts to make sure that none of the districts break any of the rules hereby set in place by this bill.(2) If they are infringed on they will be unable to be placed into effect.

Section 4: This ACT takes effect January 1, 2024.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to	Committee: se   3
Sponsors: Grayson Mack, Carter Wells		Action o	n the Bill
School: Bourbon Co. HS	;	House	Senate
City: Paris		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the redirection of funds from the Kentucky State Police to protect the homeless **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 194A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Partial redirection of funds from the Kentucky State Police arms budget to homeless infrastructure throughout Kentucky; structures include funding community or permanent housing and removal of hostile architecture. (2) To restrain the means capable of causing disproportionate death or fatal injury to the homeless, military grade weapons will be impounded. Standard-issue service weapons will not be affected. Less than lethal weapons will not be affected. Means of safety such as bullet-proof vests and vehicles will not be affected.

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



the KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW9		
		Committee: se   2	
Sponsors: Addilyn John	nson, Harper Warrell, Clark VanZant, Taylor Brackett	Action o	n the Bill
School: Central Hardin	HS	House	Senate
City: Cecelia		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To High School Students Usage Of KEES Money
Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 164A IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS (1) All Kentucky high school students may use earned KEES money for college credit classes enrolled in as a high schooler.

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



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# KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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## Referred to Committee: **House** | 1

Sponsors: Katie Isaacs, Emily Detre, Laurel Patterson,	Action on the Bill	
School: Gatton Academy - WKU	House □ Passed □ Defeated	Senate
City: Bowling Green		□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Transportation of Kentucky Pupils

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

Section 1: A NEW SUBSECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158.11 SECTION 4 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:(a) "In following these guidelines, it is also necessary to mandate that pupils eighth grade and below, who walk alongside roadways to reach their house, will not be made walk further than one quarter mile to or from their house. Students ninth grade and above, who walk alongside roadways to reach their house, will not be made to walk further than one half mile to or from their house. Students who live on highways or interstates must be dropped off at that student?s address."

Section 2: KRS 158.110 is amended to read as follows: In (1), delete "local governmental mass transit systems."

Section 3: KRS 157.37 is amended to read as follows: In (4), delete "who live one (1) mile or more from school."

Section 4: Students who walk on sidewalks alongside to roadways to get to their house can be dropped off a quarter mile away from their house if under eighth(8th) grade and a half mile for any student in ninth(9th) grade or above

Section 5: Students living on highways or interstates must be dropped off to specified student address

Section 6: Pupils may only be transported through school-operated vehicles, by the pupil?s guardians, or previously approved methods of transportation by the pupil's quardians.

Section 7: Penalties for not following previously stated guidelines will be forwarded to The Office of Educational Accountability in which they will monitor, report, investigate, and review the schools financial and misuse of the bussing system.

Section 8: Any statute contrary to this shall be amended or repealed.

Section 9: This act takes effect before the 2025–2026 academic school year.

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# KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

Referred to Co	mmittee:
Senate	3

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<b>Sponsors</b> : Alton Berger, Ben Frederick, Thomas Berger, Kathryn Cartwright	Action c	n the Bill
School: Henderson Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Henderson	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Improving Road Safety and Auto Insurance Regulations **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1: KRS 304.39-110 is amended as follows:

A. Amend section (1)(a)1. to read as follows, "Split limits liability coverage of not less than thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for all damages arising out of bodily injury sustained by any one (1) person, and not less than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for all damages arising out of bodily injury sustained by all persons injured as a result of and one (1) accident, plus liability coverage of not less than thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000) for all damages arising out of damages to or destruction of property, including the loss of use thereof, as a result of any one (1) accident arising out of ownership, maintenance, use, loading, or unloading, of the secured vehicle."

B. Amend section (1)(a)2. to read as follows, "Single limits liability coverage of not less than one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for all damages whether arising out of bodily injury or damage to property as a result of any one (1) accident arising out of ownership, maintenance, use, loading or unloading, of the secured vehicle;"

Section 2: KRS 304.39-060 is amended as follows:

A. Amend (1)(b) 10. to read as follows, "five hundred dollars (\$500), or the injury or disease consists in whole or in part of permanent disfigurements, a fracture to a bone, a compound, comminuted, displaced or compressed fracture, loss of a body member, permanent injury within reasonable medical probability, internal injury, permanent loss of bodily function or death:"

Section 3: KRS 189A-010 is amended as follows:

A. Amend (5)(a) 1. to read as follows, "For the first offense within a ten (10) year period, be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than forty-eight (48) hours nor more than thirty (30) days, or both;"

B. Amend (5)(b) 1. to read as follows, "For the second offense within a ten (10) year period, be fined not less than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750) nor more than one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) and shall be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than seven (7) days nor more than six (6) months and, in addition to fine and imprisonment, may be sentenced to community labor for not less than ten (10) days nor more than six (6) months."

C. Amend 5(c)1. to read as follows, "For a third offense within a ten (10) year period, be fined not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) nor more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000) and shall be imprisoned in the county jail for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than twelve (12) months and may, in addition to fine

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Sponsors: Alton Berger	, Ben Frederick, Thomas Berger, Kathryn Cartwright	Action o	n the Bill
School: Henderson Co.	HS	House	Senate
City: Henderson		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

and imprisonment, be sentenced to community labor for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than twelve (12) months."

Section 4: KRS 304.99-060 is amended as follows:

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- A. Amend (1)(a) 1. to read as follows, "Be fined not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) no more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000), or sentenced to not more than ninety (90) days in jail, or both."
- B. Amend (1)(a)3. to read as follows, "For the second and each subsequent offense within any five (5) year period, have his or her operator?s license revoked in accordance with KRS 186.560, and may be sentenced to one hundred and eighty (180) days in jail or fined not less than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) no more than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,000) or both."

Section 5: This Act takes effect July 1st, 2024.

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the		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   1
Sponsors: Matthew Sch	noulthies, Sam Clarke, Evan Smith, Griffin Martinez	Action o	n the Bill
School: Mason Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Maysville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Establishment of Universal Pre-K for Children Aged 4

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

 Section 1: The state government currently only provides funding for pre-K for families of lower income or children with learning disabilities.

Section 2: It is proposed that an addition to Section 156.36 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes will read as follows:

Universal pre-K education for all children aged 4, regardless of economic status or intellectual ability, will be required.

Section 3: All Kentucky public school districts will implement this law into their current pre-K system.

• °	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW13	
the			Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Parker Hayo	den, Jax Wethington, Ben Dawson, Aaron Glahn	Action o	n the Bill
School: Owensboro Ca	tholic HS	House	Senate
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<b>City:</b> Owensboro		Defeated	Lagrand Defeated

An Act Relating To the eligibility of elected officials to represent and serve the Commonwealth of Kentucky on state and federal levels after the age of 75 years.

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER () IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Any and all state and federal officials presently representing and executing the interests of the state of Kentucky will immediately be ineligible for reelection as soon as they turn 75. (2) This bill shall be enacted no later than December 31st, 2023.

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

Section 3: Any person wishing to run for a public office they do not serve in will not be eligible for election if they are running at an age where they turn 75 before they are in office (if they should win). If they turn 75 while in office, they become ineligible for reelection.

Section 4: Any person affected by this Act will be in a state office or a representative/senator for Kentucky in the National Congress.

Section 5: Any person not affected by this Act will hold office in the city, county, federal, or other office levels not included in this bill.



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<b>Sponsors</b> : Porscha For	ce, Lily Neal, Autumn Rigsby	Action o	n the Bill
School: Taylor Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Campbellsville		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act to Mandate the Purchase of Local Farm Products for School Meals **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1: This bill will mandate public schools in Kentucky to purchase a quarter of their meal plans from local farms.

Section 2: Public schools must purchase products from farms within the parameters of their school district.

Section 3: The budget used for the purchase of farm goods may be distributed among food groups (vegetables, fruits, dairy, grain, protein) according to individual school preference. While one school in a district may use more protein than dairy from local farms, a different school in the same district may use the opposite. Therefore, each school is responsible for determining how much of their funds will go to each category.

Section 4: The meal plan budget that is given to each school by their district will not change. The funds provided by the school district are sufficient for the purchase of farm products. The School Nutrition Association records that 36.2% of school meal funds are provided by the state to each district and each individual school supplies 11.7% of meal funds' yet, nearly 10% of the funds are used for miscellaneous products. Consequently, this percentage will be used to cover any price of goods that may be raised.

Section 5: School cafeteria staff are responsible for the preparation and sanitation of purchased goods. Any chemicals on crop or livestock products will be cleaned prior to serving meals. Raw product will be stored separately from cooked product just as it occurs before this bill is passed with market-purchased food. There will be no extra training or instruction needed for cleaning the locally-purchased commodities.

Section 6: This bill will be enacted for the 2025–2026 school year as to anticipate the preparations of both school and farm.



°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW15	
the			Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Ethan Lazare	ewicz, Jack Bates, Robert Ekens	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Xavier HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

1 An Act Relating To the Taxation of E-cigarettes and Vapes. 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 4 Section 1: Section 1. KRS 138.140(2)(a)4. and 5. is to be amended to read as the following "Upon closed 5 vapor cartridges, one dollar and seventy-five cents (\$1.75) per cartridge; Upon open vaping systems, twenty percent (20%) of the actual price for which the distributor sells: 6 7 a. The open vaping system when the actual price includes the items described in both KRS 138.130(10)(a)1. and 2.; or 8 b. The liquid solution described in KRS 138.130(10)(a)2. when the solution is sold separately 9 10 11 Section 2: Section 2. Profits from amended KRS 138.140(2)(a)4. and 5. are to be distributed upon the 12 program "My Life My Quit" in areas of due necessity determined by the program itself.

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

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		Referred to <b>Sena</b> t	
Sponsors: Brandon Mo	ser Jr., Lance Breckel, Peyton Moore, TayShaun Linton	Action o	n the Bill
School: Trigg Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Cadiz		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Design, Packaging, and Distribution of Vapes and Nicotine Products

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 438 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Items like vapes and other narcotics created for the purpose to disguise such items should be illegal to make and distribute in the state of Kentucky.

Section 2: Factories will be fined the amount of products manufactured multiplied by retail price with an additional \$15,000 for every store they distribute to. All manufacturers and retailers will be subject to search and seizure. Stores caught selling will be fined \$15,000. All retailers and manufacturers will be subject to search and seizure.

Section 3: This act will take effect on July 1st 2024.



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<b>Sponsors</b> : Layla Bryant Bardin	, Alexandra Taylor, Molly Lambert, Mackenzie Fagan-	Action o	n the Bill
School: Henry Clay HS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to the Implementation of Renewable Power in Kentucky

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

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- (1) New Government buildings must be designed to achieve the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification, and meet Energy Star standard.
- (2) Newly constructed government buildings must a have net-zero emissions portfolio by 2045
- (3) Existing Government Buildings must implement the use of renewable energy by 2025.
- (4) Government buildings must show at least a 50 percent emission reduction for existing buildings by 2032.

Section 2: (1) Landowners that offer their land to become renewable resource farms will be incentivized to lease land with tax deductions based on the percentage of land used by solar or wind farms.

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# KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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## Referred to Committee: House | 3

Sponsors: Kaylee Bedwell	Action on the Bill	
School: Burgin Independent HS	House	Senate
City: Burgin	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

#### An Act to Amend KRS 311.772 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: According to KRS 311.772 (2) (A) "Any decision of the United States Supreme Court which reverses, in whole or in part, Roe v. Wade, 410 U.S. 113 (1973), thereby restoring to the Commonwealth of Kentucky the authority to prohibit abortion." In 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade which made all forms of abortion illegal in the state of Kentucky. Thereby making Kentucky one of the strictest states on abortion.

Section 2: According to the National Institute of Justice and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "one out of every six women has been a victim of attempted or completed rape in her life time." In 2020, the Bureau of Justice Statistics stated that "On average, there are 463,634 victims (age 12 or older) of rape and sexual assault each year in the United States."

Section 3: This bill seeks to hold the state accountable to financially support children who are born from victims of rape or Incest.

- If the woman chooses to keep the child and the rapist is unknown the state will be held accountable to pay the rate of \$1,467.25 per child per month which will be allocated from the general fund to the Department of Income Support for management of funds. If the rapist is determined through DNA at a later time, then the state can hold the rapist accountable for all payments made up to that point. (The monthly rate is based off of statistical data provided by MIT and the current inflation rate)
- If the rapist is known, then the parental rights of the father will be terminated in all areas of custody, visitation, and other contact and the child conceived through rape or incest will be supported through child support payments by the convicted rapist as determined by a court of law. The statutory minimum would remain \$1,467.25.
- If the biological mother chooses to allow the biological father to have custodial rights, visitation, and other contact, then she may petition the court to reinstate those rights.

Section 4: This bill will take effect 90 days after passage.



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the		Referred to	Committee: se   3
Sponsors: Lu Barnes, L	aci West	Action o	n the Bill
School: Boyle Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Danville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

### An Act Relating To School Food Programs Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Be it enacted by the Youth General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 2: The National School Lunch Program and the Breakfast Program are federally funded programs that partner with states and local entities (such as public schools, nonprofit private schools, and other nonprofit organizations). Participating school districts and independent schools receive cash subsidies and USDA Foods for each reimbursable meal they serve. In exchange, NSLP institutions must serve lunches that meet Federal meal pattern requirements and offer the lunches at a free or reduced price to eligible children. School food authorities can also be reimbursed for snacks served to children who participate in an approved after school program including an educational or enrichment activity.

Section 3: Eligibility for lunch and breakfast includes:

A child whose family income is at or below 130% of the poverty level can receive free meals.

A child whose family income is between 130 and 185 percent of the poverty level can receive reduced-cost meals (students in this category are not to be charged more than 40 cents per meal).

Students whose family participates in federal assistance programs such as SNAP or KTAP can be directly certified for meal benefits.

If a child's family income is over 185% of poverty, the student will pay a full price for meals, which are actually still cost subsidized by the local school program sponsor.

Section 4: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Effective with the 2024–2025 school year and thereafter, for students enrolled in public schools participating in the Federal School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program, any cost which is not reimbursed by federal funds for those program, meals shall be paid by the Kentucky Department of Education and school funds received from the government hereafter making the Commonwealth of Kentucky a free lunch and breakfast state.

Section 5: This bill will go into effect 10 days after receiving the signature of the Governor.

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# KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

#### Blue | CW20

### Referred to Committee: **Senate | 2**

<b>Sponsors</b> : Chloe Woodard, Abbey Gibson, Marietta Coots, Caeson Hargitt	Action on the Bill	
School: Henderson Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Henderson	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed

An Act Relating To Repeal Secured Bonds in the State of Kentucky

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

Section 1: The purpose of this act is to ensure that pretrial detention and release decisions are made based on factors other than an individual's financial means, to promote fairness, equity, and public safety in the criminal justice system of Kentucky.

Section 2:

- (a) "Secured Bond" refers to the requirement for an individual to deposit a certain amount of money or property as a condition for release before trial.
- (b) "Pretrial Release" refers to the temporary release of individuals who are awaiting trial, subject to conditions or supervision determined by the court.
- (c) "Risk Assessment" refers to a validated and standardized algorithm used to assess an individual's risk of flight or danger to the community.

Section 3: KRS 431.525 will be repealed if this bill is enacted. Cash bail shall no longer be used as a method for securing pretrial release in the State of Kentucky. Pretrial release decisions shall be based on an individualized assessment of flight risk and danger to the community, rather than an individual's ability to pay.

Section 4: The Department of Corrections, in consultation with legal experts and criminal justice stakeholders, shall establish a Pretrial Assessment to assist judges in determining appropriate conditions for pretrial release. Pretrial services shall be responsible for conducting assessments of all individuals arrested and make recommendations to the court regarding the conditions of pretrial release, including but not limited to electronic monitoring, drug testing, or participation in pretrial supervision programs.

Section 5: Upon completion of the Risk Assessment, judges shall consider the following options for pretrial release:

(a) Accountability Release: This condition shall amend KRS 431.066. This involves the individual obtaining
 signatures from members of the community who are not relatives and have no prior legal history. These
 community members, referred to as "accountability signatories," agree to monitor and support the individual
 while ensuring their appearance at scheduled court hearings. The judge may specify the number and

qualifications of accountability signatories based upon the conclusion of the Risk Assessment.

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			Committee:
Sponsors: Chloe Wood	ard, Abbey Gibson, Marietta Coots, Caeson Hargitt	Action o	n the Bill
School: Henderson Co.	HS	House	Senate
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City: Henderson		Defeated	Defeated

(b) Release with Conditions: Judges may impose any number of the conditions, including but not limited to pretrial supervision, electronic monitoring, no-contact orders, substance abuse testing, mental health services, travel restrictions, employment or education requirements, and community service.

Section 6: Judges shall consider the following factors when determining pretrial release conditions: (a) The nature and circumstances of the offense. (b) The individual's ties to the community. (c) The individual's prior criminal history. (d) The risk of flight. (e) The risk of harm to the community. Judges shall consider the least restrictive conditions necessary to reasonably ensure an individual's appearance in court and the safety of the community.

Section 7: The Department of Corrections shall implement a validated risk assessment tool that considers factors including, but not limited to, an individual's age, criminal history, and ties to the community. The risk assessment tool shall be used to help determine appropriate pretrial release conditions and supervision.

Section 8: All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

17 Section 9: This act shall take effect on January 1st, 2024.

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the			Committee: te   2
Sponsors: James Clark	, Sydney Putnam, ,	Action on the Bill	
School: Gatton Academy - WKU		House	Senate
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City: Bowling Green		Defeated	Defeated

#### An Act Relating To Raising the Minimum Wage of Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: In response to the cost-of-living increasing year after year and the minimum hourly wage staying stagnant, this bill was written to make the minimum wage keep up with cost of living.

KRS 337.275 is amended to read as follows: Amend (1) to read as follows, "and not less than seven dollars and twenty-five cents (\$7.25) an hour beginning July 1, 2009, and not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) an hour beginning July 1, 2024."

Section 2: KRS 33.275 Insert (1) to read "Each year the minimum hourly wage shall increase by the same percentage as the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI–U) percentage change of the previous fiscal year. This will take effect each year on July 1 starting in 2024."

Section 3: All penalties for violating minimum wage policies remain unchanged.

Section 4: This act takes effect July 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW22	
		Referred to	Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Destiny Utte	erback, Kinsey Utterback, Brayden Birchfield	Action o	n the Bill
School: Rowan Co. Sr. H	<del>I</del> S	House	Senate
City: Morehead		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

### An Act Relating To Homeless Veterans Support Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A bill to improve support and services for veterans in Kentucky, who are homeless or who have just gotten discharged and returning to living like a civilian.

Section 2: Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 3: KRS Chapter 40.340 is amended to read as follows:

- Amend (6). to read as follows, "A Homeless Veterans Service Coordinating Committee shall be established.
- 11 This committee shall run background checks on each homeless veteran who would be eligible for this benefit.
- 12 The committee's membership shall be composed of representatives of public and private agencies who
- provide services that homeless veterans may use. The commissioner of the Department of Veterans Affairs
- shall designate the agencies represented on the committee. The committee will distribute \$2,000 for 12
- months to each eligible homeless veteran to ensure that veterans are able to maintain a suitable lifestyle and
  - are provided with ongoing healthcare."

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- a) The committee shall be funded by the Veteran's Program Trust Fund (VPTF) to direct funding to projects and programs that help Kentucky's veterans for which other funds are not available.
- b) Veterans who are not eligible to receive the \$2,000 for 12 months will be helped through the Department of Veterans Affairs.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue   CW23	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Kate Carlton	n, Kileigh Gibson, Kylie Mobley, Matthew Reynolds	Action c	n the Bill
School: Mercer Co. Sr.	HS	House	Senate
		Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Harrodsburg		Defeated	Defeated

An Act relating to the requirement of background checks on ALL firearm sales. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 237 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All individuals purchasing a firearm will be subject to a background check and psychological assessment. (2) All individuals purchasing a firearm will be subject to submitting a universal medical clearance certificate or completed physical examination form signed by a licensed medical practitioner to certify the individual purchasing a firearm is of 'sound mind and body' in an effort to mitigate potential harm due to substance abuse or mental ailment.

Section 2: Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow the carrying or possession of any deadly weapon where it is prohibited by federal law.

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

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			Committee: te   2	
Sponsors: Henry Ande	rson, Spencer Howard, Hudson Coe	Action o	n the Bill	
School: Corbin HS		House	Senate	
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City: Corbin		Defeated	Defeated	

1	An Act to Reallocate Resources to Increase School Funding
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: This act will increase the budget of all Kentucky schools by \$100,000 the first year the bill is
5	enacted; in subsequent years, the remaining funds will be distributed amongst the school districts according
6	to student body population.
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8	Section 2: Money will be acquired by auctioning all unclaimed property held by the Kentucky State Treasury
9	that values up to \$800,000,000
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11	Section 3: Property will be eligible for auction five years after the act is instated
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13	Section 4: Schools will use these additional funds at their discretion
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15	Section 5: This bill will be enacted on January 1, 2024



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			Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Ian Rowlan	d, Trenton Cox, landen woolery, Zach Young	Action o	n the Bill
School: Estill Co. HS		House	Senate
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City: Irvine		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Road Construction and Repaving in Kentucky during Nighttime Hours **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER KRS 177 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All road construction and repaving done in Kentucky form March through September shall be scheduled between the hours of 9:00 pm to 5:00 am

Section 2: The term "construction and repaving" refers to any maintenance or repairs done to the Interstates or Highways.

Section 3: This bill would be implemented on all interstates and numbered highways throughout the state of Kentucky. Small one lane roads and other unnamed highways will not be affected under these circumstances.

Section 4: The Kentucky Department of Transportation shall ensure nighttime construction is implemented.

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# KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

## Red | CW26

# Referred to Committee: **House | 3**

<b>Sponsors</b> : Madison Thompson, Emma Graziani, Nature Rodriguez-Martinez,	Action on the Bill	
School: North Hardin HS	House	Senate
City: Radcliff	· □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

# An Act Relating to Individual End of Life Care Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A new section of KRS Chapter 311 is created to read as follows:

When a citizen of Kentucky finds out they may have 8 months or less to live, they, the patient and citizen of Kentucky, may consider the option of taking a pill to end their suffering as a result of their disease or condition.

Section 2: To begin the process for a terminal patient to receive end of life care that is consisting of ending their own life must have completed the following steps:

- 1. Made a verbal request of medical staff related to their condition and care to end their life due to their condition.
- 2. Made a written request of medical staff related to their condition and care to end their life due to their condition.
- 3. A mental health check by a licensed psychologist determining that they are in complete understanding of their decision to end their own suffering must be completed.
- 4. A witness they have no personal connection to who has witnessed them make such requests, such as a doctor, nurse, or medical personnel related to their care for their condition.
- 5. A report from their diagnosing OR treating physician confirming the patient is at the end of their life due to a medical condition.

Section 3: The process may take up to thirty days, but no longer due to the pain and suffering of the individual. During this thirty day period, and up to the point that end of life medication is administered, the patient may rescind the request to end their own life.

Section 4: The patient's primary healthcare physician, nor can anyone on the patients health care team, can not administer the medication to end the life of the patient– the medication must be self–administered by the patient once prescribed.

Section 5: Patients will be admitted to a hospice care facility with specialized personnel to provide resources to help patients with end of life care in any form it may take.

Section 6: Doctors have the right to refuse giving medication to end a patient's life based on the criteria above or personal objection, however, the doctor must document in the patient's file that they have refused to give treatment and the specific reason as to why. If they refuse due to moral objection, the doctor must then refer the patient to a doctor that will perform the treatment if it was refused on moral grounds of the doctor.

Section 7: Doctors assisting with end of life treatment may not be charged with: murder, homicide, manslaughter, and/or malpractice if following all criteria previously listed in section 2.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW27	
		Referred to <b>Sen</b> a	Committee: te   3
Sponsors: Ethan Skoln	ick, Sharayu Deo, Femi Olayemi, Pal Patel	Action o	n the Bill
School: DuPont Manua	I HS	House	Senate
		Dassed	□ Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Motor Vehicle Emissions Testing

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

Section 1: KRS 186.290 is amended to read as follows: Insert (2) (c) to read: This test shall be required for all motor vehicles annually in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 2: KRS 186.290 is amended to read as follows: Insert (2) (d) to read: Any vehicle owners that do not submit an vehicle emissions compliance certificate once two years have elapsed from the past certificate's submission shall receive a fine in the mail from the sheriff's office in the County of license. The fine is to be set and subject to change at the jurisdiction of each respective sheriff's office.

Section 3: Any statue contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW28	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Meredith O	Cull, Juliana Palumbo, Julianne West,	Action o	n the Bill
School: Bethlehem HS		House	Senate
		Passed	□ Passed
City: Bardstown		Defeated	Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Amending KRS 529.100
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: KRS 529.100 is amended to read as follows:
5	Amend to insert a (1)c. to read as "The term 'coercion' may include:
6	"The use of a plan, statement, or pattern of behavior, with the intent of causing a person to believe that
7	failure to perform an act will result in the use of physical force or violence against the person or will result in
8	the person's restraint, isolation, confinement, or abduction;
9	"Inducing a person to provide commercial sexual activity as payment toward or in satisfaction of a real or
10	purported debt; and
11	"The use of a person's physical or mental impairment, if that impairment has a substantial adverse effect on
12	the person's cognitive or volitional function."
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14	Section 2: Currently, Kentucky's human trafficking law essentially states the definition of human trafficking
15	and leaves much terminology unclear, enabling trafficking offenders to get away with their crimes on the

and leaves much terminology unclear, enabling trafficking offenders to get away with their crimes on the basis of technical jargon. This bill will clearly define the term "coercion" in regards to activities that constitute human trafficking in order to better prosecute trafficking offenders.

Section 3: Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which victims are subjected to force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of commercial sex, debt bondage, or involuntary labor. Victims of human trafficking can be young children, teenagers, men, and women.

Section 4: This bill will have no cost, as it is simply clarifying the definition of "coercion."

Section 5: The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet and Office of Trafficking and Abuse Prevention and Prosecution will enforce this bill.

Section 6: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW29	
			Committee: se   3
Sponsors: Courtney Co	orbitt, Katelyn Stiltner, Tim Marsh	Action o	n the Bill
School: South Warren	HS	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Bowling Green		Defeated	Defeated

## An Act Relating To Raising The Minimum Wage Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: In light of many states such as Colorado, California, Massachusetts, and Washington (state) adopting \$15.00 minimum wages, it is our belief that raising the minimum wage is essential to the needs of Kentuckians to have a liveable minimum wage. This bill would gradually raise the minimum wage to \$15.00 by 2025.

Section 2: 10 Section 2: KRS 337.275 is amended to read as follows:

Amend (1) to read as "Except as may otherwise be provided by this chapter, every 12 employer shall pay to each of his employees wages at a rate of not less than twelve dollars and ten cents (\$12.10) an hour beginning on December 1, 2023, not less than thirteen dollars and fifty-five cents (\$13.55) beginning on December 1, 2024, and not less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) an hour beginning December 1, 2025. If the federal minimum hourly wage as prescribed by 29 U.S.C. sec. 206(a)(1) is increased in excess of the minimum hourly wage in effect under this subsection, the minimum hourly wage under this subsection shall be increased to the same amount, effective on the same date as the federal minimum hourly wage rate. If the state minimum hourly wage is increased to the federal minimum hourly wage, it shall include only the federal minimum hourly rate prescribed in 29 U.S.C. sec. 206(a)(1) and shall not include other wage rates or conditions, exclusions, or exceptions to the federal minimum hourly wage rate. In addition, the increase to the federal minimum hourly wage rate does not extend or modify the scope or coverage of the minimum wage rate required under this chapter."

Section 3: 27 Given the bill's structure requires a time frame for gradual adjustment, this bill 28 will go into effect the day after signing.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW30	
			Committee: te   3
Sponsors: Addie Biles,	Emerson Lavin, Maddie Loveless, Sydney williams	Action o	n the Bill
School: Woodford Co.	HS	House	Senate
		□ Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Versailles		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Alleviating The Public School Transportation Shortage **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 160 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All public school bus drivers in the Commonwealth shall be paid a minimum wage of 25.00 USD per hour and all public school bus monitors in the Commonwealth shall be paid a minimum wage of 15.00 USD per hour. (2) Salaries will be received in compliance with each district's respective Board of Education. (3) The Kentucky Interim Joint Committee BR Sub. on Education, in collaboration with The Kentucky Interim Joint Committee BR Sub. on Transportation, will oversee the implementation of this bill. (4) The Commissioner of Education shall promulgate rules and regulations for the administration of this section. (5) The appropriated funds necessary for these provisions shall be supplied by each school district's general funds. (6) In the instance that a district is not financially secure enough to supply these funds, they may request financial assistance in the form of specialized program support grants from the Kentucky Department of Education or receive an additional adjustment from SEEK (Support Education Excellence in Kentucky) funding from the Kentucky Department of Education.

Section 2: Any school district operating in violation of this statute will be fined \$5,000 per offense. Upon a public school district's fifth, documented, violation, fines will increase to \$10,000 per offense.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW31	
		Referred to Sena	
Sponsors: Dawson H	awkins, Logan Mcdaniel	Action o	n the Bill
School: Spencer Co. H	IS	House	Senate
		□ Passed	□ Passed
City: Taylorsville		☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

## An Act Relating To Open Primaries in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky KRS section 116.055 "Qualifications for voting in a primary" is amended to read as follows: Amend (1). to read as follows, "Before a person shall be qualified to vote in a primary, he or she:(a) Shall possess all the qualifications required of voters in a regular election:(b) Shall have been registered to a party by December 31 immediately preceding the primary; and (c) Shall have remained continuously registered as a member of that party to vote between December 31 immediately preceding the primary and the date set for the primary;" Amend (2) to read as follows, "In the case of a new registration made after December 31 immediately preceding the primary, a voter shall have registered and remained continuously registered as a member of a party from the date of registration until the date set for the primary;" Delete (4).

Section 2: KRS section 118.015 is amended to read as follows: Insert (12) to read, "A 'Open primary' is a term referring to a primary election where any registered voter is able to vote for any candidate regardless of political affiliations."

Section 3: A NEW SECTION OF THE KRS CHAPTER 118 TO READ AS FOLLOWS:(1) All primary candidates from any political parties that have primaries will be listed on the same ballot, (1)(a)They will still be grouped and listed the same way as before on the ballot,(2) All registered voters will be given this ballot to vote from,(2)(a) voters are allowed to vote for any candidate they choose, regardless of either's party affiliation,(3) The individuals receiving the highest number of votes from each party shall move on to compete in the general election.

Section 4: This act would allow any registered voter to vote for the candidate of their choice regardless of party affiliation.

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

Section 6: This Act takes effect January 1, 2024



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW32	
		Referred to Hous	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: josie garris,	rylee Carr, Conlee Crossno, Carter Peace	Action o	n the Bill
School: LaRue Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Hodgenville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
City: HougeHville			🗀 Deleated

AN ACT relating to restitution payments for the support of a child whose parent or guardian is a victim of intoxication manslaughter

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

Section 1: In an effort to ensure that any drunk driver that kills a parent/s in a car accident is now responsible for supporting victims' children financially.

Section 2: The amount required to be paid by the defendant is determined by the financial situation of the deceased parent, surviving parent or guardian, and financial resources of the driver. If the victim was already paying child support to another parent, the defendant will pay the equal amount.

Section 3: Payments will start a year after the defendant is released from prison if they are unable to pay while incarcerated.

Section 4: The defendant may enter into a payment plan to address any arrearage that exists on the defendant's release date.

Section 5: The defendant will pay dues until the child turns 18. The defendant may not be required to pay restitution under this article to an individual who is 19 years of age or older.

Section 6: In accordance with the Kentucky Constitution, this act takes effect 90 days after the close of the session.



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW33	
			Committee: te   2
Sponsors: Will Jeziorsk	i, Keanu Kawata, Petra Limbong	Action o	n the Bill
School: DuPont Manua	I HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Raising the Per Person Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Meal Budget

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 3 IS INVENTED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

 (1) The minimum supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) per meal budget per person will increase to \$3.47 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Section 2: Over 551,000 people in Kentucky currently use the SNAP program, and are still food insecure. By raising the per meal per person budget by 2.07, it brings the average person out of food insecurity. Currently, the US Department of Agriculture spends over 119 billion dollars per year on the SNAP program with Kentucky being only 0.01 percent of that fund.

Section 3: Funding will come from the Kentucky rainy day fund of 3.4 billion dollars. The Department of Agriculture has covered 100 percent of states' SNAP costs, so the federal government will likely contribute as well.

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



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW34	
		Referred to Hous	_
Sponsors: Lauren Bass	, Olivia Gulley	Action o	n the Bill
School: Barren Co. HS		House	Senate
Charles Clares		□ Passed	Description
<b>City:</b> Glasgow		Defeated	U Defeated

An Act Relating To requiring a mental health education curriculum in grades K-12

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

Section 1: Educators must be required to teach some form of mental awareness and promotion within a calendar school year. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, "one in six U.S. youth aged 6-17 experience a mental health disorder each year, and 40,000 Kentuckians aged 12-17 have depression."

Section 2: Mental illness in youth is becoming more prevalent than ever before within Kentucky schools. According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, "35.6% of Kentuckians aged 12–17 who have depression did not receive any care in the last year."

Section 3: The enactment of this bill would require educators to teach some form of mental health awareness and promotion within a school year in order to reduce rates of unseen mental health cases within Kentucky schools.

Section 4: The enactment of this bill will be supported and conducted with the help of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the Kentucky school systems and the Kentucky Educational Development Finance Corporation.

Section 5: This act will take effect at the beginning of the 2024–2025 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW35	
			Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Harmony Ta	ylor	Action o	n the Bill
School: Butler Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Morgantown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

# An Act Relating To Lowering the Driving Age Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: KRS 186.450 is amended to read as follows: Amend to read as follows, "A person who has attained the age of fifteen (15) years and is under the age eighteen (18) years shall have the instruction permit a minimum of one hundred eighty (180) days before applying for an intermediate license and shall have an intermediate license for a minimum of one year.

Section 2: This bill will not require appropriations.

11 Section 3: This bill will go into effect 90 days after the closing session.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW36	
			Committee: se   2
Sponsors: Amal Kalik,	Ellyn Van Wyk, Ruby Robinson, Lauren Clark	Action o	n the Bill
School: Daviess Co. HS		House	Senate
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<b>City:</b> Owensboro		Defeated	Lagrand Defeated

An Act Relating To Combating Food Insecurity Among Veterans

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

Section 1: A new section of KRS Chapter 40 shall be created to read as follows:

- (1) Kentucky seeks to enhance veterans quality of life through the creation of a state grant initiative named TroopTable.
- (2) Through TroopTable, a Kentucky resident shall be entitled to an additional \$200 per month if he or she meets both of the following criteria:
- (a) Be a veteran of the United States Military
- (b) Establish financial need through participation in the federal SNAP program. If they are unable to demonstrate financial necessity, they may submit an application for additional funding review.

Section 2: The funding for TroopTable will be deprived from a blend of state, federal, and public assistance expenditures. The initial \$2 million grant can vary based on the number of veterans in need, increasing or decreasing based on the year.

Section 3: Veterans are only permitted to utilize extra funding for non-food expenses when deemed a necessity by the board of directors. If it is demonstrated that they have used it otherwise, they will face a temporary suspension of the additional funding.

Section 4: This bill will be enacted after 90 days of its passing, with the implementation of the bill beginning in March of 2024.

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

• °	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW37	
the			Committee: se   3
Sponsors: Addison My	vers, , Colin Cook, Aidan Lawless	Action c	on the Bill
School: Frederick Douglass HS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		Passed Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Paid Maternity and Paternity Leave in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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

Section 1: In the State of Kentucky, there is no law requiring paid maternity or paternity leave. The financial support provided will help with financial stress, reduce health risks, and allow parents to recover physically and mentally. This bill will require companies in the Commonwealth to have paid maternity and paternity leave for new and expecting parents.

Section 2: This bill will require that employers provide 8 weeks of paid leave while providing 80% of their weekly wages. To relieve companies of paying the full price of paid leave, the state would provide 80% of the funding and the company would provide the remaining 20%.

Section 3: With the recent legalization of Kentucky sports betting the ask of 80% compensation towards paid leave is not unrealistic. There has been an abundance of revenue produced since the legalization of the law. The revenues acquired would be sufficient to provide the new and expecting parents with enough time to recover mentally and physically from child birth. The allotted time off would also give the parents enough time to get situated with their child and their new schedule, as well as decide on child care options.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect at the beginning of the 2024 calendar year.



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW38	
		Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Austin Rasc	hella, Nathan Pettit, Landon Kinzer	Action o	n the Bill
School: Scott Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Georgetown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Protection of Organized Labor Protests **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky** 

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 336 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: The acting governor is mandated to order a sufficient force of national guardsmen for the protection of any reported picketing or public assembly for peaceful purposes coordinated by an organized labor union for the full duration thereof.

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



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW39	
		Referred to <b>Sena</b> t	
Sponsors: Isabel Torqu	emada, Khushi Patel, Brooke Archibald	Action o	n the Bill
School: LaRue Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Hodgenville		□ Passed □ Defeated	\Bigcup Passed  Defeated

## AN ACT relating to ground ambulance providers Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: KRS 142.318 is amended to read as follows: Amend (6) to read as follows, "A ground ambulance provider shall not increase charges or add a surcharge to ground transport fees based on, or as a result of, the assessment paid to the department. Ground transport fees must be reported to the Department of Insurance and the Department for Medicaid Services."

Section 2: This act creates a Ground Ambulance Advisory Group under the Department of Insurance. On or before October 1, 2024, the Ground Ambulance Advisory Group must submit a report and any recommendations to the appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the legislature as to how balance billing for ground ambulance services can be prevented and whether ground ambulance services should be subject to the balance billing restrictions of KRS Chapter 142.

Section 3: Ground transport fees will be reported in the same format as air transport fees are reported to federal agencies.

Section 4: In accordance with the Kentucky Constitution, this act takes effect 90 days after the close of the session.

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the			Committee:
Sponsors: Luke Hump	hries, Conlee Lindsey, Jeevan Poulose, Laiken Guffey	Action o	n the Bill
School: University Hei	ghts Academy HS	House	Senate
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City: Hopkinsville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To the Increase of Punishment of Persons Who Do Not Report Severe Forms of Child Abuse

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

Section 1: KRS 620.030 is amended to read as follows: Amend (8)(b) to read as follows, Class A misdemeanor for each subsequent offense.

Section 2: KRS 620.030 is amended to read as follows: Amend (8)(c) to read as follows, If persons fail to comply with the provisions of this section [KRS 620.030], and their failure to do so involves any severe forms of child abuse (marked by lasting damage to the child, either physically or emotionally), they then will be guilty of a Class D felony.

Section 3: Applicable forms of abuse to Section 2 include, but are not limited to: (1) Incest as defined in KRS 530.020, (2) Assault in the second degree as defined by KRS 508.020, (3) female genital mutilation as defined in KRS 508.125, (4) human trafficking as defined in KRS 529.010, and (5) the use of a minor in a sexual performance as defined by KRS 531.310.

Section 4: The offenses listed above will count toward a person's criminal record to determine the level of punishment in the first two subsections of KRS 620.030(8).

Section 5: If multiple offenses from Section 2 are committed, each subsequent offense will be a Class C felony.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW41	
		Referred to <b>Senat</b>	
Sponsors: Cara Sheffl	er, Eza Westlund-Gonzalez	Action or	n the Bill
School: Woodford Co.	HS	House	Senate
Citv: Versailles		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed

An Act Relating To Dismantling Institutional Racism & Inequalities In Public Schools Through Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

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(1) The definitions in this section are as follows: (a) CULTURAL COMPETENCY - includes knowledge of student cultural histories and contexts, as well as family norms and values in different cultures; knowledge and skills in accessing community resources and community and parent outreach; and skills in adapting instruction to student's experiences and identifying cultural contexts for individual students. (b) DIVERSITY describes the presence of similarities and differences within a given setting, collective, or group based on multiple factors including race and ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability status, age, educational status, religion, geography, primary language, culture, and other characteristics and experiences. (c) EQUITY - includes developing, strengthening, and supporting procedural and outcome fairness in systems, procedures, and resource distribution mechanisms to create equitable opportunities for all individuals. The term also includes eliminating barriers that prevent the full participation of individuals and groups. (d) INCLUSION - describes intentional efforts and consistent sets of actions to create and sustain a sense of respect, belonging, safety, and attention to individual needs and backgrounds that ensure full access to engagement and participation in available activities and opportunities. (2) The legislature finds that state resources shall be invested to: (a) Identify model standards for cultural competency. (b) Incorporate these cultural competency standards into both the standards for effective teaching; develop cultural competency training programs for school district staff from paraeducators to administrators; and develop a plan for the creation and delivery of cultural competency training for school board directors and superintendents. (c) Works to dismantle institutional racism in public schools. (d) Recognizes the importance of increasing equity, diversity, inclusion, and antiracism. (3) The Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) shall: (a) Develop cultural competency, diversity, equity, and inclusion standards for Kentucky public school governance and curricula. (b) Ensure materials are not proscribed or removed in Kentucky Public Schools because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval, which includes banning specific books or resources. (c) Collaborate with the School Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability Council, per KRS 158.6452, to align teaching practices and standards for school governance. (d) Ensure programs of courses, requirements, and other activities leading to educator certification or professional development incorporate the cultural competency, diversity, equity, and inclusion standards of practice and include the foundational elements of cultural competence, focusing on multicultural education and principles of English language acquisition, including information regarding best practices to implement the curriculum. (e) Maintain the cultural competency, diversity, equity, and inclusion standards created, both in professional development and school curricula, around the Commonwealth. (f) Review this section every 10 years, and provide a report to the legislator with any

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the		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   1
Sponsors: Cara Sheffler	r, Eza Westlund-Gonzalez	Action o	n the Bill
School: Woodford Co. H	IS	House	Senate
City: Versailles		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

recommendations for revising the definition or provisions within this act. (4) Kentucky Public Schools shall utilize and maintain cultural competency, diversity, equity, and inclusion standards set by KDE for both professional development and school curricula, abide by not proscribing or removing due to partisan or doctrinal disapproval, which includes banning specific books or resources, and follow all other provisions set forth by this act.

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

9 Section 3: This Act takes effect July 1, 2025.



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW42	
			Committee: se   3
Sponsors: Ashton Hale	e, koda Jones, Mason Isaacs, Ella Seale	Action o	n the Bill
School: Estill Co. HS		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Irvine		Defeated	Defeated

# An Act Relating To Digital Literacy Standards in Schools Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All public schools must provide at least one year of curriculum relating to digital literacy. (2) This added curriculum must be required to graduate from high school.

Section 2: The term "Digital Literacy" refers to the ability to use the internet appropriately, safely, and responsibly.

Section 3: The Kentucky Department of Education will decide the content within this curriculum and ensure that it is implemented.

Section 4: Upon passage, this legislation should go into effect at the beginning of the 2024–2025 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW43	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Cadence Ti	pton, Sofia Sorley	Action o	on the Bill
School: Daviess Co. H	5	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Owensboro		Defeated	Defeated

1	An Act Relating To the Advancement of Paid Parental Leave
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: A new section of KRS Chapter 337 is created to read as follows:
5	(1) An employee shall be entitled to (8) weeks of paid parental leave for:
6	(a)The birth of their biological child
7	(b)Being the legal spouse of a person giving birth
8	(c)The placement or adoption process of their child
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10	Section 2: Parental leave may not exceed (8) weeks paid unless it is deemed medically or legall
11	extend leave by qualified authority, that includes:
12	1. Court appearances

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- 2. Consultation with attorneys or doctors representing the birth parents 13
- 3. Medical emergency pertaining to the child 14
- 15 4. Medical emergency pertaining to a spouse on pregnancy leave

16 17 Section 3: To be granted paid parental leave, employees must provide a written request, specifying the 18 anticipated delivery, placement, or adoption date.

(a) The request should be submitted to the employer (2) months prior to the expected absence in order to allow necessary work schedule adjustments during the employee's absence

Section 4: This bill will be enacted after 90 days of its passing, with the implementation of the bill beginning in March of 2024.

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

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW44	
the		Referred to	Committee: se   1
Sponsors: Tanisha Pan	choli, Zita Nguyen, Melis Ozyurekoglu	Action o	n the Bill
School: DuPont Manua	I HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Water Quality In Kentucky

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS SUBCHAPTER 224.70 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Any person who violates KRS 224.70–110 shall pay a civil fine of no more than \$10,000 per day. (2) All money collected from these fines shall be used to help Counties convert to reverse osmosis (R.O) filtration.

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



• °	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red   CW45	
the		Referred to <b>Sena</b>	Committee: te   1
Sponsors: Mallory Jone	es, Caroline Harper	Action o	n the Bill
School: George Rogers	Clark HS	House	Senate
City: Winchester		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

## An Act Relating To EKG's in Sports Physicals Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A new section of KRS Chapter is created to read as follows: All sports physicals in Kentucky shall require an EKG (electrocardiogram). The EKG must be passed in order to complete the sports physical. If an issue occurs, the athlete will be referred to the cardiologist.

Section 2: An EKG is only required one time in sports physical throughout the athletes post elementary education. Your EKG will be the same your whole life unless a heart attack or issue of that nature occurs.

Section 3: The EKG is required the first year this bill comes into place. If the athlete does not begin to participate in sports until after the year stated, they are required to complete the EKG at the first sports physical they receive.

Section 4: If an athlete with a preexisting condition and a history with a cardiologist has received an EKG from their cardiologist throughout their post elementary years, it will not be required in a sports physical.

Section 5: This bill, regarding EKG's in sports physicals, shall go into effect June 1, 2024.



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Sponsors: Bella Fowle	r, Jesslyn sharkey, Odessey Palmer	Action o	n the Bill
School: Christian Co. H	HS	House	Senate
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City: Hopkinsville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To enforce and pass the C.R.O.W.N Act (Create a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair) in the state of Kentucky.

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

Section 1: The C.R.O.W.N Act, which stands for Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair, prohibits racial discrimination based on hair texture and protective hairstyles.

Section 2: Discrimination against African American people continues to be a pervasive element of American workplaces and schools. While the Civil Rights Act of 1964 added protections against race-based discrimination, it did not include protections against discrimination based on phenotypic markers that manifest race, such as hair texture. This has provided a loophole by which employers and schools can effectively engage in race-based discrimination.

Section 3: The C.R.O.W.N Act strengthens protections against hair-based discrimination for employees and students. It does so by expanding the definition of race in employment, housing, education, and other laws to include definitions of race as signified through hair"thereby protecting workers and students from hair-based racial discrimination. The safeguards address systemic racism in the workforce and help to avoid more severe consequences to the livelihoods of African Americans, such as losing a job or being prevented from pursuing an educational journey to a desired career.

Section 4: The C.R.O.W.N Act would add safeguards across the country to protect workers from discriminatory firing or punishment based on their expression of culture, religion, and identity through their hair.

Section 5: The C.R.O.W.N Act would not require any funding due to the fact that it is implementing a law.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect ninety days after the adjournment session at which it was passed and signed into law by the governor.

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Sponsors: Ellie Smith,	Anna Lynn Lancaster, Emma Janes	Action o	n the Bill
School: Bethlehem HS		House	Senate
City: Bardstown		Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated

## An Act Relating To License Suspension After Fatal Accidents Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky that all drivers involved in fatal accidents will have their license suspended until further cleared by a mental health professional.

Section 2: With this bill, all drivers are required to attend a mental evaluation post accident. KRS 189.635(4) states that drivers have 10 days after the accident to file a written report with the Kentucky State Police. After they have filed the report, they will have 10 days to have seen or proof of appointment with a counselor, unless in a circumstance where they are physically enabled. In such cases, their time may be extended. If cleared by a mental health professional, and with no legal ties, they may grant their license back. If not cleared, they must attend counseling until the professional feels that they should be allowed to drive again, considering there are no legal ties.

Section 3: Many insurances cover the total cost or majority of the cost of counseling, but if that is not applicable to you, there are free online therapists that can tend to your needs. Forty percent of survivors of fatal accidents experience Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), which can lead to unsafe driving in the future, or self harm.

Section 4: This bill will not get in the way of any legal connections, as they will still have to do what is ordered of them by court, if needed.

Section 5: The Kentucky state police department will be in charge of mandating this bill. Failure to comply will result in immediate termination.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect January 1, 2024.



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### KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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## Referred to Committee: House | 2

Sponsors: Ashton Leigh, Grace Sipla	Action o	on the Bill
School: Apollo HS	House	Senate
City: Owensboro	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed

An Act Relating To providing menstrual products at no cost to adults receiving temporary shelter.

#### 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 provide support for the women who can't afford the bare necessities needed for life. The state of Kentucky alone has over 1,803 homeless women. The median price of one menstrual cycle is \$15. Being based off of local Walmart price, and quantity of products, \$15 covers the offbrand pads, hand wipes, and tampons. Over the course of one year that is \$180 a family is expected to fund one person, if one has a female child then that doubles. Homeless and those needing assistance are not the personnel who can afford an extra \$180 a year.

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- Section 2: Facts for the bill
- 12 In Kentucky alone they?re over 1,803 homeless women.
- Throughout the state of Kentucky they're 125 homeless shelters. 13
- 14 Throughout the state of Kentucky they're 20 Refugee shelters.
- 15 Throughout the state of Kentucky they're 100 Domestic Violence shelters.
- Throughout the state of Kentucky there's only one youth specific shelter. 16
- 17 In Fort Campbell alone there are 4,457 military funded homes.

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Section 3: A shelter is considered one of the following, any housing assistance, refugee centers, military funded homes, emergency apartments, youth shelters (runaway shelters), and Domestic Violence shelters.

These were chosen specifically as they are government funded housing.

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Section 4: KRS bill 902 KAR 30:100 will be amended to reflect these changes

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Section 5: How will this bill be funded, or who is responsible for the purchase of these needs The shelters or assisted living homes that are government funded are responsible for footing the bill. They would have over 6 months, at least, to plan into their yearly budget for the price of tampons, pads, and hand wipes. This is causing no outside money source needed. WhetherWhether a shelter chooses to ask for donations as well is up to them.

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Section 6: As the fiscal year begins on July 1 of every year, these shelters and other assisted living homes would have until the 2024 Fiscal calendar year, to plan the purchase of menstrual products into their yearly budget.

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the			Committee: te   3
Sponsors: Neely Lambo	ert, Hudson Smith	Action o	n the Bill
School: Greenwood HS		House	Senate
City: Bowling Green		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An act relating to sex offenses; to provide chemical castration treatment conditions for the parole of persons convicted of a sex offense under certain conditions.

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

Section 1: As used in this act, the following terms shall have the following meanings: (1) CHEMICAL CASTRATION TREATMENT. The receiving of medication, including, but not limited to, medroxyprogesterone acetate treatment or its chemical equivalent, that, among other things, reduces, inhibits, or blocks the production of testosterone, hormones, or other chemicals in a person's body.

SEX OFFENSE INVOLVING A PERSON UNDER THE AGE OF 13 YEARS. A sex offense, as described in Definitions for KRS 35.678 to 35.690. That is committed against a person who has not attained the age of 13 years.

Section 2: As a condition of parole, a court shall order a person convicted of a sex offense involving a person under the age of 13 years to undergo chemical castration treatment, in addition to any other punishment prescribed for that offense or any other provisions of law. A person required to undergo chemical castration treatment shall begin the treatment not less than one month prior to his or her release from custody of the Department of Corrections and shall continue receiving treatment until the court determines the treatment is no longer necessary. The treatment shall be administered by the Department of Public Health.

Section 3: The parolee shall pay for all of the costs associated with the chemical castration treatment. The cost of the treatment shall be in addition to any court costs. If a person required to receive chemical castration treatment under this act, upon application, claims indigency, he or she shall be brought before a court of competent jurisdiction for a determination of indigency.

Section 4: Prior to the administration of any chemical castration treatment, a medical professional shall inform the parolee about the effect of the treatment and any side effects that may result from it. The parolee shall sign a written acknowledgment of receipt of the information.

Section 5: This statute shall go into immediate effect upon signature of the governor.