

BLUEGRASS BILLS

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue BG1	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Adleigh Edw	ards, Raelynn Donovan, Alexis Dickson, Victor Palacios	Action o	n the Bill
School: Allen Co Scot	tsville HS	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Scottsville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Protecting Workers' Rights Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Amend KRS Chapter 336.130(2) to read as follows. Neither employers nor their agents nor employees or associations, organizations, or groups of employees shall engage or be permitted to engage in unjust or illegal acts or practices or resort to violence, intimidation, threats, or coercion. Employers' unjust and unlawful acts include but are not limited to creating "no strike" clauses, or any other established rule preventing employees from striking or work stoppage in their labor contracts.

Section 2: Section 2: Amend KRS Chapter 336.130(5) to read as follows: Except in instances where violence, personal injury, or property damage have occurred and such occurrence is supported by an affidavit setting forth the facts and circumstances surrounding such incidents, the employees and their agents shall not be restrained or enjoined from exercising the rights granted to them in subsection (1) of this without a hearing first being held.

Section 3: Any statute contrary to this act shall be amended or repealed.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue BG2	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Kelsey Conle	ey, Raegan Gabhart, Eriko Ishikawa, Rue Shelman	Action o	n the Bill
School: Anderson Co. H	S	House	Senate
City: Lawrenceburg		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Driver's Education Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Current driver's education is uncommon and oftentimes, ineffective. In 2018, there were 1.5 deaths per 100 million miles traveled in Kentucky. That's significantly higher than the national average of 1.24 deaths per 100 million miles traveled. Many people attempting to earn their licenses in the state claim that they must go out of their way to get any formal form of driver's education, which directly correlates to these concerning statistics.

Section 2: Introducing this improved driver's education course allows for drivers to experience safe driving in uncommon environments, as well as instruction from a more qualified professional. By implementing this curriculum, it would guarantee a safer future for all drivers, decreasing the total number of car accidents as well as the harm done by them. With a more hands-on approach to driver education, driving students would have a better understanding of traffic and road safety in general, as well as how to react in difficult or stressful situations when driving.

Section 3: The state will fund this education via both the money saved on repairing infrastructure and supplying healthcare that are the direct result of collisions and other accidents on roadways, as well as a 2% increase on the taxes on non-essential goods such as alcohol and tobacco products. With this increase in state funds, it is made possible to provide instructors with compensation for their time and fund the vehicles used in instruction, as well as the vehicle(s) and instructor(s) that will be insured via the state.

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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

Referred to Committee: House

Sponsors: Ethan Holtsclaw, Wesley Buchanan, Wesley Drake, Lydia French	Action on the Bill	
School: Atherton HS	House	Senate
	Passed	Passed
City: Louisville	☐ Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To the spread of funds throughout private and public schools in Kentucky. 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) Lowers tuition of private education by 12% of the median household income of the students that attend the affected private schools. (2) Requires private schools with a higher student population, and/or a higher mean income to redistribute a 2% taxation of their lowered tuition to a financial grant that will go directly to funding the most vulnerable schools, which aims to diminish the wealth and quality education gap.

Section 2: Lowering tuition of private schools to allow people who want access to these schools to be increasingly accessible. This is done by incentivising private schools to fulfill their maximum capacity of 19,600 open seats in order to decrease the influx of overcrowding in public schools of Kentucky. These seats will be required to be filled to at least 85% capacity, to not receive additional taxation of up to 3% given the median income of the school in question. The 2% taxation of the lowered tuition of private schools will go to underfunded areas of public schools such as janitorial programs, scholarship opportunities, food production, teacher salaries, transportation programs, and general maintenance, to decrease the quality of education gap throughout the state.

Section 3: Private Schools, after the new percentage of taxation will be obligated to offer financial assistance to students of lower familial income. If families reside in the lower 35th percentile of the average income in Kentucky and qualify for academic scholarships covering at least 35-40% of the tuition requirement, they qualify for a scholarship of academic, athletic, or artistic excellence, which are separate and exclusive comparative to the other scholarships a private school may offer. These scholarships will have to be filled to a certain extent relative to the ratio of the student body's typical general income, comparative to the amount of students receiving the aid, of a ratio of 1:5 given that 22.2% of children in Kentucky live in poverty. Any student in private schools that qualify for financial assistance are exempt from the percentage fee for the public education tax.

Section 4: Given that 16.5% of Kentuckians live in poverty, it is unfair to assume all regions may be able to pay for not only public education services but also the implementation of private education taxation. To mitigate this affect on a large scale, counties in Kentucky will be financially evaluated by the Kentucky Department of Education as well as the Internal Revenue Service to determine if the county's public schools shall receive additional funding based on the county's income comparative to the statewide income, the income of the public schools in the affected counties. The taxation of private schools will not be as rigorous as the other school districts, and will not require any additional payment in regards to the public education grant. These counties will also be evaluated on their ability to provide financial aid in the form of scholarships and taxation to offset the amount that financially disadvantaged counties need to pay and regulate the amount that in turn, their public schools receive.

Section 5: This bill will take effect 90 days after the close of the session.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue BG4	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Alayna Blan	kenship, brooklynn conway, Cami Bickett	Action o	n the Bill
School: Bullitt Central I	HS	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Shepherdsville		Defeated	Defeated

1 An Act Require Financial Literacy classes for all High School Student 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 158 WILL READ AS FOLLOWS: New implementation of a Financial 4 5 Literacy curriculum to be provided and used for every Kentucky Public School as a required High School 6 credit for Graduation. 7 8 Section 2: This curriculum is a half term class that must be completed in a classroom environment with an 9 end of year exam that must be passed with an 85% in order to gain the High School Credit. 10 Section 3: The Financial Literacy Course will cover content such as applying for jobs, managing personal 11 12 finances, interest rates, taxes, check writing, property buying and selling. 13 14 Section 4: No additional teachers will be hired and no additional funds are needed. This course material will 15 be provided by the Kentucky Department of Education. One or more Career/Technical teacher(s) will teach 16 this course. 17 18 Section 5: This will go into effect at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. 19 20 Section 6: Any school does not efficiently abide by this or implement this curriculum will be subject to review

by the Kentucky Department of Education.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue BG5	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Brady Slone, Cash Williams		Action o	n the Bill
School: Knott Co. Cent	ral HS	House	Senate
City: Hindman		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Taxation of Diapers and Incontinence Underpads

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

Section 1: KRS Chapter 139.010 is amended as follows: Amend Chapter 139.010 to add: "(16) (a) 'Diaper' means absorbent garments worn by humans who are incapable of, or have difficulty, controlling their bladder or bowel movements. (b) 'Incontinence underpad' means absorbent products, not worn on the body, designed to protect furniture or other tangible personal property from soiling or damage due to human incontinence." Renumber existing definitions (16) through (50) to amended (17) through (51) accordingly.

Section 2: KRS Chapter 139.480 is amended as follows: Amend Chapter 139.480 to add: "(37) Diapers and incontinence underpads"

Section 3: This Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue BG6	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: use
Sponsors: Ella Sullivan, Colleen Harley		Action o	n the Bill
School: Mercy Academ	y HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to lessoning opioid overdoses in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: These past few years, Overdose deaths are at an all time high in Kentucky at 55.6 people per 100,000, making it the third highest state in overdose deaths. 90% are involving opioids and 83.4% of those deaths are from prescribed opioids. Opioids can be prescribed by doctors to relieve pain, but when used in excessive amounts, they can be fatal.

Section 2: In the state of Kentucky, you can have up to a 30 day supply of these kinds of drugs at a time. We are proposing a bill to reduce the number of pills you can prescribe at a time. Preventing large prescriptions from being available will help lessen the chance of overdoses by giving a person less pills to use at a time. We plan to make the maximum number you can have at a time 20 unless specified instructed by doctors only for emergency usage.

Section 3: This bill would be implemented in hospitals, doctor's offices, and pharmacies and enacted as soon as possible. It would be almost no cost to implement this bill and would be enforced by hospitals, pharmacies, and doctors office staff.

Section 4: if enacted, this bill would go into effect on January 1, 2024

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue BG7	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to	
Sponsors: Ellie Kate Gil	fert, Ruby Lilla	Action o	n the Bill
School: Sacred Heart A	cademy	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To removing the 5% income tax collected from working Kentuckians between the ages of 14–17.

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

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

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

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

Section 4: This bill will go into effect on January 1st 2025 after a year and-a-half notice is given.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue BG8	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Kennedy Sto	etson, Emily Vetter, Julianne Woodham	Action o	n the Bill
School: Sacred Heart A	cademy	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

1	An Act Relating To Requiring Stop the Bleed Kits in Schools
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: Schools are required to have one "stop the bleed kit" per level. All teachers and employees must be
5	trained on how to use the stop the bleed kits.
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7	Section 2: If a school refuses to purchase a "stop the bleed kit" or train their employees before the 2024-
8	2025 school year starts, they will receive a fine of two hundred dollars for every two months they do not
9	purchase or train.
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11	Section 3: The school must retrain the employees every year before the school year begins.
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13	Section 4: If the school denies this process of retraining the employees every year they will receive a 100
14	dollar fine every two months until they retrain their employees.
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16	Section 5: This Act takes effect on January 1, 2025

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue BG9	
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: use
Sponsors: Abigail Duffee, Ava Claire Malone, Arden Garrett, Lucy Monarch		Action o	n the Bill
School: Sacred Heart Ad	cademy	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To State Emblems Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: WHEREAS production and the manufacture of Bourbon products are major contributors to the economic well-being of Kentucky WHEREAS there are 95 Bourbon distilleries across the state, powering a \$9 billion industry Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 2.084 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWED: Bourbon is named and designated as the official state drink of Kentucky.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	BG10
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Emma Elstn	er, Lauren Gardner, Molly Hooker, Lila Burke	Action o	n the Bill
School: Sacred Heart A	cademy	House	Senate
		□ Passed	□ Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To the Eligibility of Hardship Licenses in the State of Kentucky **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 532.356 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Amend 3. To read as follows, "A hardship license may also be distributed to those between 14 and 16 years of age in need of transportation for educational locations, medical requirements, extracurricular school activities if no transportation provided, and work locations to help provide financial support to one's household."

Section 2: Applicant must be a Kentucky resident and be between fourteen (14) and sixteen (16) years of age and must be in compliance with the Compulsory School Attendance Law. Applicants who are fourteen (14) years of age, or those who have not held a Learner Permit for at least three (3) months must show proof of successful completion of a State approved Driver Education/Training Course.

Section 3: Temporary Hardship licenses expire based upon legal presence documents or on the 16th birthday

Section 4: This bill will not require any additional money

Section 5: This bill will be enacted 90 days after passage

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Wyatt Noel,	Harper Shields	Action o	n the Bill
School: Western Hills H	dS .	House	Senate
City: Frankfort		☐ Passed☐ Defeated☐	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act To Enforce the Protection of Citizens Through the Ban of Fentanyl Pain Relieving Drugs and Medicine

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

Section 1: This bill will ban the prescription of fentanyl in medications/pharmaceuticals. It will enforce required checks on all drugs that are prescribed throughout the process of prescription and pickup and promote other medications in place of fentanyl. For any patients currently taking fentanyl pain medication, they will be slowly phased out of such medications and onto alternative medications instead, for example, ketamine or stronger variants of acetaminophen.

Section 2: Healthcare providers, in consultation with the Kentucky Health Department, will actively promote and adopt alternative pain management strategies that reduce reliance on fentanyl. Law enforcement agencies will be encouraged to intensify efforts to combat the illegal production and distribution of fentanyl within the State of Kentucky.

Section 3: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All fentanyl medications/pharmaceuticals will be banned in the state of Kentucky. (2) Any patients currently taking fentanyl will be phased onto alternative medications. (3) Healthcare providers or doctors who prescribe fentanyl medications will be classified with a Class D felony.

Section 4: Enactment will occur on January 1st, 2024

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	BG12
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Graham Mu	lrooney, Max Rowe, Perry Byers	Action o	n the Bill
School: Holy Cross HS - Louisville		House	Senate
		Passed	□ Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

1	All Act Relating To Homelessness in Rentucky.
2	Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky
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4	Section 1: This bill would create a homeless shelter that would become the standard in homeless shelters.
5	We would improve security, obtain more equipment, provide checkups, and add more funding from charities.
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7	Section 2: Security in current homeless shelters is far outdated with not many personnel to keep the
8	residents of homeless shelters safe. Using retired or off-duty police officers would keep the residents safe,
9	but also keep spending down by using only volunteers.
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11	Section 3: We would receive funding from different homelessness charities around Kentucky so we wouldn?t
12	have to use taxpayer money.
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14	Section 4: Equipment is highly needed in current homeless shelters. AWe would supply the needed amount
15	of hygienic items needed for this homeless shelter. BWe would provide quality bedding for the residents at
16	these homeless shelters. CShowers will be provided for everyone at the homeless shelters. DFood and
17	water will also be provided for the residents.
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19	Section 5: This bill would require no additional funding.
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Section 6: This bill would be enacted in February of 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red	BG13
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Ada Valentii	ne, Rilyn Gray, Jackson Mills, Bryleigh Mills	Action o	n the Bill
School: Barbourville Cit	y School	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Barbourville		Defeated	Defeated

An act relating to flood prevention in Eastern Kentucky and making an appropriation therefor.

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 104 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Create an Eastern Kentucky Flood Prevention Fund to aide in the prevention of flooding in 54 Eastern Kentucky counties.

Section 2: There is appropriated to the Department for Environmental Protection from the General Fund \$1,200,000,000 in fiscal year 2023–2024 for the purposes of Kentucky flood prevention. Notwithstanding KRS 45.229, any appropriation unexpended at the end of fiscal year 2023–2024 shall not lapse but be carried forward into the next fiscal year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red	BG14
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: House	
Sponsors: Logan Arno	ld, Garrett Brown, Ashtyn Powers, Anna Priest	Action c	n the Bill
School: Breckinridge Co	o. HS	House	Senate
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City: Harned		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Carbon Monoxide Monitors Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW KRS STATUTE UNDER CHAPTER 227 IS TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "Carbon monoxide monitors are to be required in all Kentucky buildings that offer public services in order to protect citizens from carbon monoxide poisoning."

Section 2: Buildings that offer public services include but are not limited to: hotels, shopping centers, restaurants, learning environments, and childcare facilities.

Section 3: Carbon monoxide is an odorless gas that causes thousands of deaths each year in North America without warning. Since 2022, there have been over 1,226 deaths due to carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. According to the Center for Disease Control, 100,000 people visit the emergency room each year, with 14,000 of those individuals being hospitalized. In Kentucky, there are approximately 217 people who visit the emergency room for CO poisoning each year and an average of 17 Kentuckians that die every year due to unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning. Adding carbon monoxide detectors to public places would add extra safety to Kentucky citizens.

Section 4: Funding for the carbon monoxide detectors will be provided by the owner of the public service building.

Section 5: This law will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Public Health.

Section 6: Failure to comply with this bill is a punishable offense, with repercussions as follows: First Offense – A warning will be issued to the business, and it must be in compliance within 3 months Second Offense – A \$50 fine per missing carbon monoxide detector Third Offense – The business will be shut down/condemned until the business is in compliance.

Section 7: This bill will go into effect November 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red	BG15
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: Senate	
Sponsors: Tesa Baldoo	k, Layla Blevins, Katlyn Russell, Riley Mondie	Action c	n the Bill
School: Casey Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Liberty		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Requiring all public school classrooms and offices to have recycling bins.

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

Section 1: KRS 160.294 is amended to read as follows: Amend (2) to read as follows, "A local board of education shall be exempt from the requirement only if they can provide financial estimates that prove recycling will result in a loss of funds for the district."

Section 2: KRS 160.294 is amended to read as follows: Amend (3) to read as follows, "The board will delegate to each office or classroom in the district a recycling bin, which will be monitored for proper use in each district."

Section 3: Funding for additional recycling bins will come from individual districts' recycling plan funds, as these are already in place across Kentucky.

Section 4: This act will take effect on July 1st, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red	BG16
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: use
Sponsors: Ayesha Ash	faq, Danica Stephens, Noelle Grieshop	Action o	n the Bill
School: Glasgow HS		House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	□ Passed
City: Glasgow		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Increasing the Funding for ELL Programs in Kentucky **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 "CODES OF CONDUCT" IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: To increase funding for English-language learners, Kentucky needs to change the multiplier of 1.096 to 1.15 to the base per-pupil amount for these students.

Section 2: As of the 2020–2021 school year, Kentucky encompassed 34,086 students receiving English Language Services. This was a drastic increase from the 4,030 ELL students in 2000, yet the base multiplier still hasn?t changed.

Section 3: This bill would receive its funding from legal sports betting. Therefore, it would not require any additional funding from the state.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect in the 2024–2025 school year.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red	BG17
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: House Action on the Bill	
Sponsors: Kiitan Adeo	leji, Milo Osborn, Meibelle Wiesmann	Action o	n the Bill
School: Lafayette HS		House	Senate
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An Act Relating To the Standardization of Paraeducators on the State Level Through the Creation of a Paraeducators Board

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

Section 1: CREATION OF PARAEDUCATOR BOARD. (1) (a) A paraeducator board is created, consisting of nine members to be appointed to four-year terms. (b) No person may serve as a member of the board for more than two consecutive full four-year terms. (c) The governor must appoint the chair of the board. No board member may serve as chair for more than four consecutive years. (2) Appointments are made by the superintendent and must be confirmed by the senate. (3) The Kentucky Education Standards Board shall administer the board. (4) The governor may remove a member of the board for neglect of duty, misconduct, malfeasance or misfeasance in office, or for incompetency or unprofessional conduct. (5) Each member of the board must be compensated by the Kentucky Education Standards Board.

Section 2: POWERS AND DUTIES OF PARAEDUCATORS BOARD. (1) The board will have the following general duties: (a) Establish requirements and policies for a general and advanced paraeducator certificate; (b) Establish requirements and policies for subject matter certificates in English language learner and special education; (c) Approve, and develop the courses required to meet the provisions of the board; (d) Make policy recommendations, as necessary, for a paraeducator career ladder that will increase opportunities for paraeducator advancement through advanced education, professional learning, and increased instructional responsibility; (e) Collaborate with the office of the superintendent of public instruction to adapt the electronic educator certification process to include paraeducator certificates and the Kentucky Paraeducator Assessment (KPA).

Section 3: PARAEDUCATOR MINIMUM EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS. Effective August 1, 2024, the minimum employment requirements for paraeducators are as provided in this section. Paraeducators must: (1) Be at least eighteen years of age. (2) Hold a high school diploma or an equivalent; and (3)(a) Have received a passing grade on the KPA; or (b) Hold an associate of arts degree or associate of arts degree equivalent;

Section 4: PARAEDUCATOR STANDARDS OF PRACTICE. The board shall adopt state standards of practice for paraeducators. These standards must include: (1) Supporting instructional opportunities; (2) Demonstrating professional and ethical practices; (3) Supporting a positive and safe learning environment; (4) Communicating effectively and participating in team processes; and (5) Demonstrating cultural competency aligned with standards developed by the Kentucky Education Standards Board

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red	BG18
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Committee: House Action on the Bill	
Sponsors: Caroline Yat	es, Reagan Hayes, Sarah Hicks, Anaya Waddell	Action o	n the Bill
School: Paul G. Blazer I	-IS	House	Senate
City: Ashland		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated
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1 An Act Relating To Overdose Prevention and Education In KY Schools 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 4 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All public schools 5 in Kentucky are required to keep an appropriate dose of an opioid antagonist in each building. (2) Districts 6 must train administrators, faculty, and staff on the appropriate administration of the drug. 7 8 Section 2: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed. 9 10 Section 3: School districts shall be responsible for purchasing appropriate doses of Naloxone. 11 12 Section 4: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Education. Schools found to be in 13 noncompliance will be subject to a \$500 penalty per occurrence. 14

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

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	110101101	Committee: use
Sponsors: Eden Pauley	y, Karana Brothers, Riley harmon, Abigail Lynch	Action o	n the Bill
School: Paul G. Blazer	HS	House	Senate
City Ashland		Passed	□ Passed
City: Ashland		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Requiring All Certified School Staff to be AED Certified **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: A new section of KRS 158 is created and read as followed: All Kentucky certified school staff to be trained and certified in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and proper use of the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED).

Section 2: Kentucky schools are already required to provide CPR training/certification for sports coaches and Preschool/Head Start staff. This bill mandates that all certified district employees are required to join this training session when it occurs.

Section 3: All certified school staff who do not complete this required training will be ineligible for state compensation until completion of the training.

Section 4: This bill shall go into effect by the 2024–2025 school year.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red	BG20
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	110101100	Committee:
Sponsors: Kirk Walker,	, Miles Hutchinson, Noah Wurts, Rilee Bohanon	Action o	n the Bill
School: Paul G. Blazer I	HS	House	Senate
		□ Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Ashland		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Strip Searching in Kentucky Schools 1 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 2 3 4 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: School administrators, faculty, and staff of all Kentucky accredited schools, including both private and public, are 5 6 banned from conducting strip searches of students for any reason. 7 8 Section 2: Strip searching is the act of searching someone for an item by the forced removal of the person's 9 clothing. 10 11 Section 3: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed. 12 13 Section 4: This will not require any funding. 14 15 Section 5: This will go into effect on Aug 1, 2024.

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Ivan Galvan		Action o	n the Bill
School: Trimble Co. HS		House	Senate
		Dassed	□ Passed
City: Bedford		Defeated	Defeated

An Act To Reform Kentucky Public Schools Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will change the schedule of all Kentucky public schools from a 5 day school week to 4 day school week with 5th day being used as a Non Traditional Instruction day. Current law limiting Kentucky public schools to 10 NTI days per school year will be eliminated

Section 2: Requirements for Non Traditional Instructional Days: Schools can have the choice of what day (Monday through Friday) to include in the school week as their NTI day For NTI days teachers and staff must have an optional Google meet or Zoom meetings for all their students and class periods. For students to be considered present to meet 80% NTI attendance participation. NTI students must meet ONE of the following requirements: A) Complete the assignment given for a course on the NTI day B) Attend the virtual meeting (Zoom/Google Meet) for a course C) Communicate with course teacher via email or other school sanctioned communication device.

Section 3: This bill will require a minimum beginning start time for instruction in all Kentucky public schools. Elementary public schools will start the school day no earlier than 8:00 am. Middle and High School will start the school day no earlier than 9:00 am.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red	BG22
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	1101011011	Committee:
Sponsors: Aidan Lamb	ert, Matthew Craft, Soren Rai, Benjamin Williams	Action o	n the Bill
School: Trinity HS - Lo	uisville	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To The Carrying, Sale, and Purchase of Firearms.

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) A concealed carry license will be required to concealed carry any firearm. (2) A concealed carry license from any state will be accepted. (3) Anyone who has been in prison in the last 3 months, or is in drug rehab, or was in the last 3 months cannot purchase a firearm. (4) A 3% Tax will be added to the sale of firearms and ammunition, all the money generated from this tax will go to the local law enforcement of where the sale took place.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 237 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Failure to comply with subsection 1 of the previously created section will result in the barring of the individual from getting a concealed carry license for a year and will be classified as a Class A misdemeanor. (2) An attempt to violate subsection 3 of the previously created section knowingly will be classified as a class A misdemeanor.

Section 3: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed. Subsection 4 of section 1 will go into effect July 1, 2024, the rest of the bill will go into effect the normal 90 days after the close of the session.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red	BG23
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Evan Klein	, Ben Merrick, Isaac Bowling, Henry Mitchell	Action o	on the Bill
School: Trinity HS - L	ouisville	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Mountaintop Removal Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Observing how mountain top removal has led to the destruction of environments and decimation of over 574,000 acres of land in Kentucky in 2009, which led to increased pollution of waterways and destroying of communities.

Section 2: Concerned that the continuation of mountaintop removal mining in Kentucky will continue desecrating the land and harming the environment.

Section 3: Acknowledging that coal mining has been a part of the Kentucky economy for over a hundred years and is slowly declining over the years.

Section 4: Recognizing that mountaintop removal only makes a small fraction of coal that is used for energy and often cost more than it makes. 1. Enforce a ban on all mountaintop removal mining anywhere in the state of Kentucky by Jan. 1st, 2025. 2. An infraction of this will lead to a class D felony and the loss of your mining permit. 3. Pressure mining companies to be held accountable for all past mountaintop removal sites that they have made.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Red	BG24
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	110101100	Committee:
Sponsors: Peyton Lee,	Ty Jourden, Maggie Lynch	Action o	n the Bill
School: Warren East H	S	House	Senate
		□ Passed	□ Passed
City: Bowling Green		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To the expansion of the abortion exceptions to cases of incestual rape by a first-degree relative and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1: KRS 311.760 is amended to read as follows, "An abortion in this state may only be performed under the following circumstances" Amend, (3)During the first trimester of pregnancy, where the pregnancy was conceived in the case of incestual rape by a first-degree relative.

Section 2: This exception is necessary within the state of Kentucky due to the fact that [1] products of incest are highly vulnerable to the threat of neonatal mortality, and if the infant survives past this threat, studies have shown that throughout the course of their life, products of incest are twice as likely to have a debilitating disability or another genetic defect. [2] Mothers of children with these disabilities may not have the means to provide for these children?s unique needs; therefore, limiting the quality of life of both the child and the mother. [3] Several different members of the adoption and foster agencies in Kentucky have reflected on how there are too many children in foster care/adoption agencies and not enough families willing to adopt/foster these children. ?It has become almost a crisis, the number of kids in out-of-home care now, and the fact that we just don?t have enough families to meet the need,? said a member of St. Joseph Children?s Home. [4] Children in out-of-home care are 2-2.5 times more likely to have a disability when compared to the rest of the population within the same age demographic. This led to the conclusion that, since under this bill, fewer children would be born with disabilities, there would be some relief to the influx of children in out-of-home care facilities.

Section 3: Whereas under this bill abortions through cases of incestual rape are not permitted after the first trimester of pregnancy and the women currently burdened with this have a limited time to reap the benefits provided in this bill, an emergency is declared and this bill shall be enacted upon passage or approval by the governor, or otherwise becoming a law.



COMMONWEALTH BILLS

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	 CW 1
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Connor Gre	en, Christian Gonzalez, Alexander Ladd	Action o	n the Bill
School: Allen Co Sco	ottsville HS	House	Senate
City: Scottsville		□ Passed	□ Passed □ Defeated
City. Jeograville		L Deleateu	Deleated

An Act Relating To Baby Changing Facilities Enforcement in Public Restrooms **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER KRS CHAPTER 198B IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All male, female, and non-gender specific public restrooms shall have constructed a baby changing facility within. (2) Public buildings that do not house any necessity for baby changing facilities may file for exemption via a document submitted to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services. (3) This new chapter will be KRS 198B.055 "Public Baby Changing Facilities"

Section 2: A warning will be issued to the offending establishment owner if reported or suspected of violating this Act. If construction of a baby changing facility within the lacking restroom is not completed within 90 days of warning, a Class B Misdemeanor will be issued, with the fine of \$250 increasing by \$500 for each repeating offense.

Section 3: "Baby Changing Facility" is "a table or other device suitable for changing the diaper of a child aged three or under." as defined by Public Law 114–235.

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

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the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Jeremy Jore	dan, Harsh Patel, Ben Tennill	Action c	n the Bill
School: Anderson Co.	HS	House	Senate
		Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Lawrenceburg		Defeated	Defeated

1 An Act Relating To Roundabouts Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 2 3 4 Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 189 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) All future fourway intersections are to be built as roundabouts. (2) Starting in 2028, all road tests will require a 5 roundabout section. 6 7 8 Section 2: This bill will reapportion all current and future funds for the construction of four-way 9 intersections into the construction of roundabouts. 10 11 Section 3: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed. 12 13 Section 4: This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.

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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

Referred to Committee: **Senate** | 1

Sponsors: Nolan Matthews, Adrian Egbert, Cadence Caudill, Noah Walsh	Action o	n the Bill
School: Atherton HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	□ Passed	□ Passed

An Act Relating To the requirement of medically accurate and comprehensive sex education in all public high schools

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

Section 1: KRS 158.1415 is amended to read as follows: Amend (1) to read as follows, delete "diseases" and insert "infections" in its place. Amend (1)(a) to read as follows, "Protecting oneself from unintended pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, dangerous situations or other associated health problems is the desirable goal for all high school age children." Delete (1)(b). Amend (1)(c) to read as follows, "The best way to avoid sexually transmitted infections and other associated health problems is to practice safe sex." Amend (1)(d)(1) delete "diseases" and insert "infections" in its place. Amend (1)(d)(2) to read as follows, "Any child, grade levels nine through twelve, enrolled in the district is required to be given access to instruction or presentation that has a goal or purpose of studying or exploring gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation." Amend (1)(e) delete "diseases" and insert "infections" in its place.

Section 2: KRS 158.1415 is amended to read as follows: Amend (2)(d) to read as follows, "Curriculum that has been reasonably reviewed and certified by medical and/or sexual health professionals." Amend (4)(a) delete "pursuant to KRS 160.345" and insert "by medical and/or sexual health professionals" in its place. Amend (4)(b) delete "pursuant to KRS 160.345" and insert "by medical and/or sexual health professionals" in its place.

Section 3: KRS 158.1415 is amended to read as follows: Amend (1) to include subsection (f) to read as follows, "The medically accurate curriculum will be standardized statewide. The curriculum will include instruction covering contraception, the intricacies of sex for any dynamic, review of puberty, discovery of gender identity and expression, abstinence, the anatomy of genitals and knowing one's body, and the exploration of sexual orientation. Will also include resources on sex specific to LGBTQIA+ students, resources for students who have been raped or sexually assaulted as well as human trafficking signs and defenses."

Section 4: This bill will take effect 90 days after the close of the session.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	CW4
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Samantha C	abrera Calana, Cole Sanderfer, Ian Kozoll	Action o	n the Bill
School: Atherton HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Background Checks on the Sale of Guns at Gun Shows **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: Currently, Section 1 of KRS Chapter 150.120 relating to the seizure and sale of contraband requires the seizure by law enforcement of any and all furs, wildlife, guns, dogs, instruments, boats or devices which have been taken, used, transported or possessed contrary to any law or regulation adopted under this chapter.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 150.120 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: All sales and transfers of firearms at gun shows in the state of Kentucky shall be subject to a comprehensive background check. (2) The sale of firearms at a gun show in Kentucky without the use of a background check will be considered contraband. (3) The background check shall include, but is not limited to: A criminal history check. A mental health evaluation. Verification of age and residency. (4) The minimum age for purchasing firearms at gun shows in Kentucky is set at 21 years. (5) All firearms sold at gun shows in Kentucky shall have a unique serial number. (6) Sellers are required to maintain records of all sales, including: Buyer's name, address, and contact information. Firearm make, model, and serial number, and date of the transaction.

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

Section 4: This bill will take effect 90 days after the close of the session.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	CW5
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to	Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Caroline Line	dquist	Action o	n the Bill
School: Bullitt Central I	-IS	House	Senate
City: Shepherdsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To to daily schoolwide breaks for students Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A new section of KRS Chapter 158 is created to establish more mental health supports in schools through allotted breaks for students.

Section 2: 15-minute break, at least once a day, every day, mandated and implemented to every school, public and private grades 6-12. This gives students a way to release energy and stress. This would occur around the lunch period, but is not limited to this time, schools have the option to make it a new class.

Section 3: These breaks would consist of different activities such as board games, puzzles, fidgets, and so forth. Students would have choice in the kind of break they wish to take. These breaks should not consist of educational materials.

Section 4: Students with IEPs and 504 plans will have the option to add the ability to have extra breaks to their plan or plans at the next meeting to further aid existing mental health supports.

Section 5: No additional teachers will be hired and no additional funds are needed. Schools will use existing material allotted to them from current funding sources for paper, drawing materials, board games, and so forth.

Section 6: Any school that does not efficiently abide by this or implement this will be subject to review by the Kentucky Department of Education

Section 7: This will go into effect at the beginning of the upcoming school year.

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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

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Blue | CW6

Sponsors : Kendall Mayes, McKenzie Hyams, Will Adams, Jaquelin Ginez- DeJesus	Action o	n the Bill
School: Hopkinsville HS	House	Senate
	□ Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Hopkinsville	Defeated	Defeat

An act to require all registered drivers aged 70 and older to retake the road test every four years upon completion of a full physical and eye examination.

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

Section 1: Currently, Kentucky has no age-specific driving renewal laws. However, several states have implemented the same idea that we are proposing. Our bill will require those aged 70 and above to renew their license in person upon the passing of a road test and full physical examination (including eyes). Senior drivers will be required to complete the previously mentioned examinations every four years.

Section 2: According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, elderly drivers, ages 70 and older, have the second-highest accident rates. Not only do elderly drivers have slower reaction times, but they also have impaired vision as they age. These physical changes increase the risk of vehicle accidents on the roads.

Section 3: Drivers turning 70 in 2025 will be the first group affected by this proposed law. Drivers who turn 70 in 2025 (or have already turned 70 prior to the date of effect) will be required to retake the road test. Upon turning 70 in the years to follow, drivers must schedule appointments to fulfill all requirements of licensing renewal. If the license is expired and requires renewal prior to the four-year period, drivers must complete a road test and full physical examination before approval of a license. If the expiration is within a 6 month period, drivers will not be required to be tested again until another four-year period has elapsed.

Section 4: All drivers must provide proof of their physical and eye examination prior to their test. Proof of completion will be accepted through means of paper copy, email documentation, or a verbal statement from the doctor/health care provider. Physical and eye examinations must be within a 6 month period for eligibility. If a driver is unable to comply due to poor health or unforeseen circumstances the following section will not apply. Drivers must reschedule road test appointments and complete them once able. If the test is not retaken within 6 months drivers will be fined. Those who are physically or mentally unable to drive or wish to stay off the roads will not be affected by this bill, however, they will be required to submit a form stating that they are not in violation. The DMV will keep records of those who fall into this category.

Section 5: Senior drivers who do not comply will be fined. 1st Offense: Warning (phone call) 2nd Offense: Warning (by mail) 3rd Offense: Warning (home visit) 4th Offense: \$100 fine (by mail; paid to local DMV) 5th Offense: \$150 fine (by mail; paid to local DMV) 6th Offense: License suspended

Section 6: This bill will be enforced by the assigned Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), as well as the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Section 7: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2025 to allow ample time to prepare.

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the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW7	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Charlie Made	dux, Andrew Mayes, Joshua Glover	Action o	n the Bill
School: Hopkinsville HS		House	Senate
City: Hopkinsville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To statewide prisoner reform Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will require all Kentucky state prisons to provide a reformation program to their prisoners.

Section 2: A reformation program would be required in all prisons and would be mandatory for prisoners to participate in during their sentence, however long that may be.

Section 3: The program would consist of extended mental health counseling, drug counseling, and providing the inmates with the information to re-enter society. This would include things like medication to help with addiction. The inmates would be informed of ways to secure a job and living quarters.

Section 4: Four program managers would be hired to oversee the prisons and ensure that the program is being implemented effectively. All Kentucky state prisons already have a mental health counselor and their schedules would be altered to fit into the new program.

Section 5: If a facility was not meeting the standard of the reformation system a new manager would be hired and the program would be given an in-depth investigation.

Section 6: The funding for this bill will be taken out of the probation and parole budget. This is taking into consideration that the reformation program would prepare these prisoners for release. Therefore less parole officers would be needed for prisoners who have committed nonviolent crimes.

Section 7: This bill will go into effect on January 1, 2027, so that all prisons in the state have adequate time to transition and prepare for the new program.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW8	
			Committee:
Sponsors : Lillian Heit: Weston	z, Kyndall Wintergerst-Weston, Payton Wintergerst-	Action on the Bill	
School: Mercy Acader	ny HS	House	Senate
Citv: Louisville		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed

An Act to reform KRS 620.140: to allow children under foster care to extend their time under government assistance.

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

Section 1: Kentucky revised statute 620.140 states :Beginning at least 6 months prior to an eligible youth attaining the age of 18, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services Shall provide the eligible youth with education, encouragement, assistance, and support regarding the development of a transitional plan. Starting 6 months before the age of 18 the child may present to the court that they would like to extend their commitment beyond the age of 18. Court may reinstate commitment up to age 21. The request shall be made by the youth prior to attaining 20 years of age. Ky. Rev. Stat. § 620.140(1)(e). Kentucky does not offer extended guardianship assistance.

Section 2: To reform, both foster parents and children may present to the court and or social worker that they would like to extend their commitment. As well Kentucky as the state would continue offering extended guardianship assistance as long as the child is still under their care. This would allow for the foster parents to bring a motion to extend, an option that a foster child may not be aware of and bring incentives to extend.

Section 3: Both parties (child and parent) must agree to extension.

 Section 4: All stipulations already in KRS 620 would remain in tact. A youth may opt in or out of extended commitment up to two (2) times prior to attaining twenty (20) years of age, with a ninety (90) day grace period between the time he or she exits and then re-enters custody so long as there is documentation that his or her request was submitted prior to attaining twenty (20) years of age.

Section 5: This bill would not require any additional funding as the program is already funded by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services .

Section 6: This bill will be enacted January 1 of the year following its passage.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW9	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Alyssa Baker, Riley Jarrell, Jae Fox		Action on the Bill	
School: Sacred Heart A	Academy	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Legalization of Domesticated Procyon Lotors Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 150.355 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) In the event in which a person should desire to obtain a Procyon Lotor (common raccoon), the person shall be lawfully allowed to acquire one in accordance with guidelines formed by the State. (2) Said person shall have to obtain a Procyon Lotor license, this license must be obtained within ten (10) days of acquiring said Procyon Lotor from the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife. The permit shall entitle the holder to keep any number of Procyon Lotors as well as obtain them in a manner equated with that of other domestic animals. (3) No Procyon Lotor shall be obtained from the wild, nor shall a domesticated Procyon Lotor be allowed to be purposefully released into the wild.

Section 2: Proven by the American Psychological Association, the Procyon Lotor has been found to match or
 best the intellectual capacity of commonly domesticated animals

Section 3: This bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife enforcement division.

Section 4: Should a person obtain a Procyon Lotor unlawfully, they shall be fined a sum of two hundred and fifty, or one deemed fit by a judge in a fair trial.

Section 5: This bill requires no additional allocations.

Section 6: Upon its passing, this bill will go into effect on March 15, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW10	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Caroline Sc	obee	Action on the Bill	
School: Sacred Heart	Academy	House	Senate
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City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

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

Section 1: A new section of KRS 350.270 is created to read as follows: Coal ash is a valuable resource which can be recycled, but instead significant qualities of coal ash are wastefully disposed of by means which pollute water, land, air, and endanger public health and welfare. This necessitates that coal ash be recycled. Additionally, the sale of coal ash for reuse can produce additional revenue for the mines.

Section 2: Amend KRS 350.270 (8) to read as follows: Coal combustion by-products, excluding coal ash, shall be disposed of in the pit or extraction area from which coal has been removed by surface mining activities; except that coal combustion by-products may be disposed of in areas within the permit area other than coal extraction areas if the applicant demonstrates to the satisfaction of the cabinet, based upon site specific conditions and the characteristics of the coal combustion by-products, that no adverse environmental impacts will occur. Coal ash shall be reused if regulated and known to be containing no harmful contaminants.

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

Section 4: This statute requires no appropriations. Businesses may make commissions from the sale of coal ash.

Section 5: This Act shall fully go into effect by January 1, 2025.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW11	
the		110101101101	Committee:
Sponsors: Kate Bona	r, Riley Ennis, Arabella Guerrero, Molly Marr	Action o	n the Bill
School: Sacred Heart	Academy	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To the Protection of Privacy and Data Rights of Residents within the State of Kentucky.

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

Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHARTER 61,033 IS CREATED TO BEAD AS FOUNDING (1) and

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 61.932 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) any individual's personal information in the ownership of a private institute or organization must be removed at the request of said individual.

Section 2: Personal information is any linked or reasonably linkable information to an identifiable individual.

Section 3: Once an individual has requested that their personal information be removed from a private institute or organization, the private institute or organization will have 45 days to address the individual's request and an additional 30 days to comply with it.

Section 4: If the private institute or organization violates this act, a 15-day time period will be appointed to comply with the individual's request.

Section 5: If a private institute or organization is found in further violation after its warning period has elapsed, the Attorney General will award a punishment based on the severity of the breach. The penalty will range from a fine of no less than \$1,500 per violation and actual damages and attorney fees.

Section 6: Organizations exempted from this act consist of the following: state government entities, national securities associations, financial institutions, insurance companies, institutions of higher education, and nonprofit organizations

Section 7: Bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2025.

°	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW12	
the		Referred to	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Aspen Reyno	olds, Bri Colston	Action o	n the Bill
School: Western Hills H	S	House	Senate
City: Frankfort		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Include Rickhouses as Agricultural Use Properties

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

Section 1: Any rickhouse used for the exclusive use of storing bourbon barrels for aging shall be considered agricultural use, regardless of tract size.

Section 2: Rickhouses shall be added into KRS 100.111 as an agricultural enterprise.

Section 3: Local planning and zoning boards will determine if a bourbon storage structure is classified as a rickhouse under existing state building code 430, including proper construction and site modifications.

Section 4: This bill would go into effect on January 1, 2024.

• °	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW13	
the		Referred to Hous	
Sponsors: Kyleigh Gree	enwell, Larkyn Knochel, Abby Martin, Makayla Whitfill	Action o	n the Bill
School: Breckinridge Co	o. HS	House	Senate
City: Harned		· □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Child Support for Victims of Vehicular Homicide due to Texting While Driving

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

Section 1: A NEW CHAPTER UNDER KRS TITLE XVI IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "A defendant who has been convicted of vehicular manslaughter (as described in KRS 507.040) due to texting while driving in which the victim of the offense was the parent or legal guardian of a child(ren) under the age of 18 will pay restitution in the form of child support to each of the victim?s children until each child reaches 18 years of age."

Section 2: The court will decide an appropriate and necessary amount for the sustentation of each child, taking into account several factors, including: the financial needs of the individual child(ren) based on the state of his or her health, the state of living the child is accustomed to, and the financial needs of the living parent/guardian of the child a) The current salary of the defendant shall be taken into consideration to determine the payment amount in increments compared to the total child support amount.

Section 3: If the individual ordered to pay restitution is incarcerated, they will be given six months after being released to begin making restitution payments. If the payments are not complete by the time the child turns 18 years of age, they shall be continued to be made until they are paid in full. Failure to pay restitution will be considered flagrant non support, and will result in punishment outlined by KRS 530.050.

Section 4: Upon its passing, this bill will be enforced by the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services' Child Support Enforcement Division.

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

Section 6: Any law/bill contrary to this shall be repealed.

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the			Committee:
Sponsors: Summer Br	own, Evelyn Jarillo-Beltran, Riley Woods	Action o	on the Bill
School: Breckinridge C	o. HS	House	Senate
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City: Harned		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Child Neglect Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 620 IS TO BE ADDED: "In the event that a child aged ten (10) or younger, is left at their residence unsupervised, the legal guardians must have a child neglect investigation launched."

Section 2: Supervision by definition of this bill is to include persons aged fifteen (15) years or older. Supervisors include guardians, babysitters, childcare workers, and relatives in positive legal standing.

Section 3: In order to conduct an investigation, the neglect must be reported by parties with general knowledge about the family or general welfare of the minor child as listed in section 3(a). From there on out, wellness checks will occur to ensure said welfare. a) Trustworthy reporters by definition of this bill: mandated reporters such as teachers, law enforcement officers, neighbors and/or relatives in close relation with the alleged neglected child with such knowledge to recognize a shift in behavior, welfare, and/or heath b) Welfare visits will be conducted immediately after receiving information that a minor child has been neglected, and shall be conducted using KRS 620.072 including all provisions and restrictions contained therein.

Section 4: In the event that guardians have their child consistently unsupervised, an initial determination of "fit parenting" shall be determined through 922 KAR 1:330 and all of the definitions and restrictions included therein.

Section 5: Action taken if investigation finds consistent unfit guardianship: first offense – a meeting with a court–mandated social worker to discuss possible routes of childcare when a guardian is unable to supervise/pay for supervision shall occur (see section 5a); second offense – a custody arraignment shall occur within a month following the second offense a) In the event that the plan discussed with child protective services is not enforced within the span of a month, the guardian(s) shall be charged with the consequences of the second offense.

Section 6: This bill shall be enforced by the Kentucky Department of Child and Family Services, and enacted by 1 January, 2025.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW15	
the			Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Ruthie Bay	s, Alana Damron, Kendyll Hall, JD Fraley	Action o	n the Bill
School: Floyd Central	HS	House	Senate
Citv: Eastern		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed

An Act Relating To implementing opioid abuse education in high school **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 Drug abuse is a significant issue in Kentucky. According to statistics, Kentucky has one of the highest rates of drug overdose deaths in the United States. In 2020, there were over 1,500 overdose deaths reported in the state. Prescription opioids, such as fentanyl, are a major contributor to the problem. Drug Abuse can have serious consequences on both physical and mental health. It can lead to addiction, damage vital organs, impair cognitive function, and negatively impact relationships and overall well being. This bill will help decrease the drug abuse problem in Kentucky.

Section 2: All high schools will be required to educate students on opioid abuse. The education will include the risks and consequences of drug use, how to make informed decisions, and strategies for resisting peer pressure. It will also provide information on the signs of drug abuse, available resources for help, and strategies for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. In order to stop the problem we need to empower the commonwealth with knowledge to make safe and informed choices.

Section 3: The Opioid Abuse Education will occur two days a week during the Social Emotional Learning period. Teachers will receive pre planned lesson plans for the entire school year during Professional Development in the summer. Along with lessons, students will receive infographics educating them on the topics.

Section 4: This would benefit the commonwealth by saving thousands of lives. The statistics of opioid abuse and overdoses in Kentucky continue to rise. This bill would provide the state with a massive decrease in this horrible statistic. Giving the students of Kentucky education and resources on opioid abuse will not only help prevent future addiction, but also help current addicts recover.

Section 5: This bill will be funded by adding in budget room in the Title I document for a one time purchase of the curriculum.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect a year after its passing.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW16	
the			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Neely Clark		Action o	n the Bill
School: Foundation Ch	nristian Academy	House	Senate
		□ Passed	□ Passed
City: Bowling Green		Defeated	Defeated

1	An act relating to removing the Kentucky individual income tax
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 141 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: There is an
5	individual/personal income tax of 3.50 percent.
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7	Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 139 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: The commonwealth
8	of Kentucky has a 6.50 percent state sales tax rate.
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10	Section 3: This bill will go into effect on January-1-2025
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12	Section 4: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed.

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the			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Emory Gardr	er, Rudra Chaudhary, Mary Kate Vance	Action o	n the Bill
School: Glasgow HS		House	Senate
City: Glasgow		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Homeschool Education Accountability

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

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 159.030 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Homeschooled students will have to complete one standardized test per school year, for accountability that they are receiving an education compliant with Kentucky Department of Education. The standardized test will be KSA testing, beginning with third grade and ending with eleventh grade.

Section 2: This act will take effect in the 2024–2025 school year.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW18	
the		1101011011	Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Hayden Pow	vell, Brayden Conner, Sarah Umbarger, Eli Rudd	Action o	n the Bill
School: Marshall Co. H	5	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	Passed
City: Benton		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Reforming the Quality of Life and Labor in Prison

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

Section 1: The purpose of this bill is to reform Prison conditions, in hopes to ensure prisoners do not remain displaced after their sentences.

Section 2: Repurpose the \$351,336,792 given to prisons per year to giving prisoners more stable and meaningful jobs other than just cheap labor. Also improve the unsafe conditions of work sites and housing.

Section 3: Without these reforms, we can fully expect there to be high prisoner return rates. We cannot continue to expect freed prisoners to turn their lives around if we do not give them something meaningful to work towards. Recidivism rates in the U.S. are some of the highest in the world with almost 44% of criminals released returning to prison just within their first year out.

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

Section 5: This repeal will go into effect on January 1st, 2024.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW19	
the			Committee:
Sponsors: Anna Robso	on, Katie DeSmith, Elise Gilbert, Sofia Nardi	Action o	n the Bill
School: North Oldham	HS	House	Senate
		🗆 Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Goshen		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating to mental health crisis as a result of standardized testing **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: As the mental health of students in all levels of education has become a more prevalent topic of discussion, common trends suggest that the mental health of U.S students as a whole is declining, largely due to mental disorders brought upon by standardized testing.

Section 2: As of 2023, KRS 158.6453 (9) states "Each school that enrolls primary students shall use diagnostic assessments and prompts that measure readiness in reading and mathematics for its primary students" and further, KRS 158.6453 (7) requires all "student[s] enrolled in a district-operated or district-contracted alternative program shall participate in the appropriate assessments required by this section." The only students with exceptions are those with previously identified disabilities (11) [c].

Section 3: Our amendment proposes to amend KRS 158.6453 and set alternatives to standardized testing. This can include sampling, portfolios, or observing students. Students, with parental permission, may choose to opt out of physical standardized testing and have their data collected via various alternatives identified by their school district.

Section 4: Alternatives may be provided by each individual Kentucky School District. Punishment for noncompliance with this amendment will result in restricted public school funding in necessary districts until the change is made.

Section 5: This amendment will go in effect before the 2024–2025 academic school year commences.

Section 6: Any legislation contrary to these changes shall hereby be declared null and void.

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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill

Red | CW20

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

Sponsors: Andrew Berry, Zainab Haider, Alex Kuhn, Dawson Nagle	Action on the Bill	
School: North Oldham HS	House	Senate
	□ Passed	🗆 Passed
City: Goshen	☐ Defeated	☐ Defeated

An Act Relating to the Retesting of Kentucky Drivers Above the Age of Seventy **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: KRS 186.577 shall be amended to read as follows: Individuals shall be required by the Kentucky Department of Transportation (DOT) to retake the road skills portion of the administered drivers test within two months of their 70th birthday and prior to renewing their license each subsequent time at the nearest DOT office. A sufficient eye examination shall be presented as well to the test administrator to ensure continued compliance with KRS 186.635. WHEN reaction time, vision, and other necessary functions for driving decrease with age, Kentuckians of all ages become endangered. This bill will create the responsibility of the DOT to retest individuals of the age of 70 and older on the ability to drive safely and ensure continued compliance with all KRS statutes.

Section 2: THEREFORE, all individuals who are 70 years of age or older are required to participate in this retest to ensure driver safety, regardless of income, race, gender, or any other defining factor.

Section 3: SHOULD an individual not participate in this retest, the driver will be prohibited from renewing any registration of vehicles, subject to suspension of license, and subject to fines up to \$250 at the discretion of the DOT and law enforcement officials until a retest is administered and submitted through the DOT.

Section 4: CONSEQUENTLY, individuals will be responsibles for scheduling their own appointments for retesting on the Kentucky State Police website and obtaining official eye exam records. The DOT will oversee the administration of such tests as currently done with new driver examinations. All restrictions and laws of the new drivers tests outlined in KRS 186.577 apply here as well. THERE IS, appropriated to the DOT from the State Road Fund \$5,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 for the purposes of minimizing the Department of Motor Vehicles backlog of testing.

Section 5: WITH the passage of this resolution, it can be expected that the number of car-crash-related deaths in the Commonwealth will decrease, the number of drivers driving with expired licenses will decrease, and the number of total crashes across Kentucky will again, decrease.

Section 6: THIS bill shall go into effect on January 1st, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW21	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors : Bradlee Stethen, Sam Gossom, Kyle Meece, Marcos Rodriguez-Solis		Action on the Bill	
School: Trimble Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Bedford		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act To Require Competency Test for Government Officials Running for a Political Office in the state of Kentucky

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

Section 1: This bill will require candidates over the age of 65 who are running for political office in all state and local elections in Kentucky to submit to a verbal competency test as requirement to run for office

Section 2: All state and local government officials over the age of 65 currently holding political office in Kentucky will be required to submit to a verbal competency test as a requirement for running for re-election in their next election cycle

Section 3: A verbal competency test, designed by the Kentucky Department of Education, for any government officials in or running office over the age of 65 will be required to run or continue in office. The test will evaluate the individual's ability to think logically, communicate clearly, speak fluently, and ultimately determine whether the individual is able to sufficiently perform in office.

Section 4: If the individual does not perform to standard on the test they will be deemed unfit to run for or continue in office and new candidates will be chosen for the position.

Section 5: In the event that the official passes the test they will be able to continue in office until the next election cycle, in which they will have to retake the test to maintain their position.

Section 6: In the event that an individual must retake the test in a new election cycle, competency test content will vary from the preceding test to prevent redundancy

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW22	
			Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Carson Song		Action on the Bill	
School: Trinity HS - Louisville		House	Senate
Citv: Louisville		☐ Passed☐ Defeated	□ Passed

An Act Relating To Regulation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) chemicals in bottled drinking water.

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

Section 1: (1) Any combination of PFAS chemicals shall not exceed 70 parts per-trillion of water and be sold as bottled water.

Section 2: (1) Any commercial sale of bottled water will require the water to be tested for PFAS chemicals. (2) Third-party testing is required and a certificate from said third-party must be acquired that validates the compliance of the bottled water under the regulations of PFAS chemicals according to Section 1. (3) Any third-party tester must be certified by the Kentucky Department of Health.

Section 3: (1) Standard monitoring requirements will be annual testing. (2) Monitoring requirements will be determined as follows: If annual PFAS sample is non-detect (less than 1 part per-trillion) for PFAS chemicals, sampling may decrease to once every 3 years. Furthermore, if 2 consecutive 3-year monitoring results indicate non-detect, sampling frequency may be decreased to once every 6 years. If annual PFAS sample is detected at or above 1 part per trillion but less than 15 parts per trillion, annual monitoring continues. If an annual PFAS sample is detected at or above 15 parts per trillion but less than 70 parts per trillion, quarterly monitoring and a confirmation sample will be required.

Section 4: (1) Penalties for selling bottled water containing PFAS levels exceeding 70 parts per-trillion will coincide with the Federal Environmental Protection Agency's Criminal Provisions of Water Pollution Direct Discharge penalty.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW23	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Jason Bui, Paul Nguyen, Hayden Deitz, Shane Denham		Action on the Bill	
School: Trinity HS - Louisville		House	Senate
		Passed	Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	🗆 Defeated

An Act Relating To Life Skills Course Requirement in High School **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: Beginning with the entering ninth grade class of the 2025–2026 school year and each following year, successful completion of at least one life skills course that teaches communication skills and interpersonal relationship skills and meets life skills course standards will be a Kentucky high school graduation requirement. (1) The Department of Education will develop standards for the life skills courses that promote general communication skills to ensure the well-being of the next generation of our commonwealth. Each school must meet these standards. (2) In agreement with KRS 156.160, the Kentucky Board of Education shall promulgate administrative regulations establishing academic standards and a graduation requirement for life skills.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Red CW24	
		Referred to	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Max Rice, Maggie Smith, Naomi Sarker		Action on the Bill	
School: Walton-Verona HS		House	Senate
City: Walton		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act relating to the state providing a universal free lunch program to all students

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) Public school districts, county offices of education, and charter schools serving students in grades transitional kindergarten through grade 12 (TK-12) operating the national school lunch program and the school breakfast program shall establish a program to offer high-quality meals at no charge to all students. (2) All participating school food authorities shall offer one breakfast and one lunch, at no cost to students during

each school day, to any student who requests a meal without consideration of the student's eligibility for a federally funded free or reduced-price meal, with a maximum of one free meal for each meal service period.

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

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