

BLUEGRASS BILLS

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	BG2
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: se 3
Sponsors: Kate Sketo, Anna Fahey, Whitney Cooper		Action c	n the Bill
School: Assumption HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Requirement of child abuse programs throughout schools **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: A new Section of KRS chapter 156.095 is created to read as follows

 Section 2: Currently in Kentucky, phone numbers of statewide child abuse hotline and the National Human Trafficking Reporting Hotline are required to be displayed in every public school.

Section 3: It would be beneficial to extend this requirement to include a program discussing the recognition and reporting of sexual, emotional, physical abuse, & neglect. This program would be required for students throughout all public schools.

Section 4: Double the amount of child abuse cases go unreported compared to those that are reported. This may be due to youth not knowing how to go about reporting abusive situations or incidents or feeling unsafe to do so. This program would be required, at a minimum, to include information on signs of abuse, what is considered abuse, how to report an abusive situation, and must be taught over the duration of at least one class period within the first 30 in–school dats of the school year. This program would be enforced and taught by a certified social worker.

Section 5: The funding for this program would come from the Kentucky Department of Education which is allotted a certain amount of money to bettering school facilities and safety.

Section 6 In the case this bill is passed, it will be implemented in January of 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	BG1
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: te 2
Sponsors: Kate Lucas, Emma Reck, Heydi Castro Gomez, Kacee Sanchez		Action o	n the Bill
School: Assumption HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To cockfighting in Kentucky Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A New section of KRS Chapter 525.125 is to read as follows; (1) Any persons knowingly caused cockfighting for pleasure or profit could be subjected to a Class D felony.

Section 2: Kentucky is a hub for cockfighting. In Kentucky, there are currently thirteen known cockfighting pits. These illegal cockfighting businesses are tied to the worldwide trade in fighting roosters. However, cockfighting is only a misdemeanor in Kentucky. Making cockfighting in Kentucky a Class D felony will reduce the number of pits in Kentucky and will deter people from starting even more. In Kentucky dog fighting is considered cruelty to animals, which is a Class D felony. This sets the precedent for making cockfighting a Class D felony.

Section 3: Be it enacted by the Kentucky Department of Justice

Section 4: Making the following persons be guilty of cruelty to animals in the first degree- whenever a rooster is knowingly caused to cockfight for pleasure or profit: 1. The owner of the roosters 2. The owner of the property on which the fight is conducted if the owner knows of the cockfighting; 3. (A) Anyone who participates in the organization of the cockfight; and (B) Any person who knowingly owns, possesses, keeps, trains, sells, or otherwise transfers a rooster for the purpose of cockfighting.

Section 5: If passed this bill will go into effect January 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	BG3
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee: se 3
Sponsors: Emma Laney, Kaylee Lawhorn, Helena Pearce, Palmer Schmidt		Action o	n the Bill
School: Craft Academy - Morehead State		House	Senate
City: Morehead		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Requirements for Renewing Driver?s Licenses

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

Section 1: Definition – Driver?s license means an operators license issued pursuant to KRS 186.4102, 186.412, and 186.4121.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 186 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 1. Any person requesting a renewal of driver?s license under 186.4101 will be required to be tested in accordance with KRS 186.480 if 10 or more years have passed since the requesting person has last been tested. 2. If a person requesting renewal of a driver?s license does not pass the testing outlined, their renewed license shall not be issued.

Section 3: All statutes and laws in conflict with this bill shall be declared null and void.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	BG4
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Brian Hack, Nick Phan, Bryston Wechter, Will Yurt		Action o	n the Bill
School: DeSales HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Prohibition of the Wrongful Disposal of PFAS into Bodies of Water Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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Section 1: An increasing number of PFAS have been found in Kentucky drinking water due to the dumping of products containing PFAS into lakes and rivers. PFAS, per– and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are synthetic (man–made) chemicals found in common goods such as food wrappers, nonstick pans, and carpeting. Due to their strong chemical bonds, these substances take over 1000 years to degrade naturally. Scientific studies have shown that exposure to these chemicals causes decreased vaccine response, testicular cancer, kidney cancer, ulcerative colitis, thyroid disease, high cholesterol, birth defects, and other health problems.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 224.70 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) The dumping of all PFAS in all bodies of water shall be completely prohibited. (2) The above shall be enforced by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet. (3) The penalty for the dumping of PFAS shall be a Class D Felony that results in one to four years of imprisonment and a fine of \$1,000 to \$10,000. (4) All subsequent offenses shall result in increased penalties not to exceed 10 years of imprisonment and not to exceed \$10,000 in fines. (5) The exact penalty to be imposed shall be decided by the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	BG5
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Hous	_
Sponsors: Spencer Gray, Katie Kolb		Action o	n the Bill
School: Eastern HS		House	Senate
City: Middletown		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to Responsible Firearm Storage Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Purpose and Intent: Ensuring responsible firearm ownership is a critical component of protecting our communities from accidents, theft, and unauthorized access to firearms. This bill aims to promote the safe storage of firearms by making it a requirement for all residents in the state of Kentucky to secure their firearms using lock boxes, safes, or trigger locks. Section 1: Requirements a. All residents in the state of Kentucky who own a firearm must ensure responsible storage of their firearms. b. Responsible storage includes, but is not limited to, securing firearms in one of the following ways: i. Placing firearms in a lock box designed for the safe and secure storage of firearms and ammunition, which can only be accessed by authorized individuals. ii. Storing firearms in a secure tamper-resistant safe designed for storage of firearms and ammunition. iii. Utilizing trigger locks on firearms. c. Firearms must be stored in a manner that prevents access by unauthorized individuals, including children.

Section 2: Exception a. This act shall not apply to law enforcement officers while they are on duty and will follow any department's policies. b. This act shall not apply to individuals carrying a concealed firearm on their person in accordance with the Kentucky concealed carry laws. C. That act shall not apply to individuals using their firearm for sport and recreation such as hunting and range shooting. D. This law shall not apply to historical, exhibitory firearms that are determined by law officers to not be fireable. The firing pin must be removed. If the firearm is used you are liable.

Section 3: Liability a. The Kentucky Department of Public Safety shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcement of this act. b. Violation of this act may result in penalties and fines, as determined by the Kentucky Department of Public Safety.

Section 4: Effective Date This act shall take effect 180 days after its passage.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	BG6
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	1 101 011 001 00	Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Amy Cabrera, Harper Jochim, Payton Becker, Reese Hamilton		Action c	n the Bill
School: Louisville Collegiate HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Removal of Taxes on Menstrual Products Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

 Section 1: Kentucky is still 1 of 26 states still taxing menstrual products. There are approximately 2.265 million people in Kentucky who use menstrual products, but due to the tax on these products 60% aren?t able to afford them. This bill would remove the taxes on these products categorizing them as basic necessities instead of luxury products.

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 551 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: 4.5% of funds generated from online gambling will be used to make up for the loss of revenue on the removal of menstrual products.

Section 3: KRS 138.014 shall be amended to read as follows: eighteen and three quarter percent (18.75%) tax on the adjusted gross revenue on wagers placed online via websites or mobile applications or other offsite technology approved by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	BG7
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Elina Sulkowski, Rebecca Reale, Heidi Mitchell		Action o	n the Bill
School: Louisville Collegiate HS		House ☐ Passed	Senate
City: Louisville	City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Granting Divorces for Pregnant Women Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Kentucky law does not allow for the finalization of divorce in cases in which the woman is pregnant. The court may lawfully continue the case until the pregnancy is terminated.

Section 2: The state of Kentucky has the second highest domestic violence statistic in the US, as 45.3% of women have experienced domestic violence victimization.

Section 3: The lawful finalization of divorce for pregnant women will ensure protection from domestic violence for both pregnant women and the unborn child.

Section 4: A NEW SECTION OF KRS 35.403.150 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Pregnant women may file for and be granted divorces in cases of abuse, neglect, or insanity. (2) The court has an obligation to carry out divorces filed while the wife is pregnant in a timely manner, regardless of status of gestation.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	BG8
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Hou s	Committee: se 3
Sponsors: Ashleigh Cook, Boston Mullen, Christian Patton		Action o	n the Bill
School: Lyon Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Eddyville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Changing The KHSAA Transfer Rule Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: The bill will change the Kentucky High School Athletic Association ?Transfer Rule? to allow transfer students to be eligible to play in that sport after 30 complete school days of enrollment in their new school. The current bylaw states that a transfer student is ineligible to play in that sport for a period of one (1) year from their last participation in that sport.

Section 2: KHSAA Handbook Bylaw 6, Section 1, Item A will be changed to read: Any student who has been enrolled in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) and has participated in any varsity contest in any sport at any school while maintaining permanent residence in the United States or a United States territory following enrollment in grade nine (9) and who then transfers schools shall be ineligible for interscholastic athletics at the varsity (first team) level in that sport until that student has been enrolled at least 30 complete school days at their new school.

Section 3: This bill will take effect July 1, 2024.

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	BG9
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Sen a	Committee:
Sponsors: Layla Elsakka, Lincoln Parsons, Maggie Baird, Ava Hamilton		Action o	n the Bill
School: Pikeville HS		House	Senate
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City: Pikeville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To Kentucky?s Public School Lunches Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of 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. The state of Kentucky will join eight (8) other states to fully fund school meals for all Pre-K thru 12 students. Within the United States, countless underprivileged students are affected by the high costs of school lunches. In addition to this, many students struggle to afford meals.

Section 2: The Kentucky State Legislature will provide full funding to the Kentucky Dept of Education to provide free meals (breakfast and lunches) to all Kentucky students (Pre-K thru 12th)– public and private. The amount of this funding will cover all meal costs not covered by the Federal government thru the United States Department of Agriculture and/or other Federal agencies.

Section 3: Breakfast and Lunch at school is critical to the well-being of students, especially those who do not have a stable home life. School meals can be a vital part of a student?s day, and ensures that they are getting the proper nutrition that they need in order to succeed. This act will provide all students across the state of Kentucky a reliable source of nutrition during the 10 month school year.. This act will help parents who struggle financially, add more money to the economy, reduce social stigma over economic status and improve the overall well-being of students and future citizens.

Section 4: This bill would require the state of Kentucky to commit to use a portion of the current state budget surplus of \$1.55 billion.

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

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	BG10
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Sen a	Committee:
Sponsors: Abby O'Brien, Maddie Galligan, Madeleine Semones		Action o	n the Bill
School: Presentation Academy HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Age of Consent Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Statute KRS 510.020(3) is amended to read as follows ?(3) A person is deemed incapable of consent when he or she is: (a) Less than sixteen (16) years old; (b) Sixteen (16) or seventeen (17) years old and the actor is eighteen (18) years or older at the time of the sexual act; (c) An individual unable to communicate consent or lack of consent, or unable to understand the nature of the act or its consequences, due to an intellectual disability or a mental illness; (d) Mentally incapacitated; (e) Physically helpless; or (f) Under the care or custody of a state or local agency pursuant to court order and the actor is employed by or working on behalf of the state or local agency.?

Section 2: Sixteen (16) and seventeen (18) year olds in Kentucky currently can have sex with adults up to 10 years their senior. Every state whose age of consent is 18 instead of 16 has a lower rate of teen pregnancy than Kentucky. The National Library of Medicine reports that a common characteristic in teenage pregnancy is that adult men, over the age of 20, are responsible for the paternity of 27% of all teen pregnancies.

Section 3: No funding is needed for this bill.

Section 4: This bill will go into effect March 1, 2024

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	BG11
	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Sen a	Committee:
Sponsors: Ella Anderkir	n, Ellie Oldham, Taylee Mulder, Marielena De Pedro	Action o	n the Bill
School: Sayre School HS		House	Senate
City: Lexington		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Expanding Healthcare Access Within Impoverished Communities Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 211 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) An non-partisan organization of medical professionals shall be created to supervise and manage the training of rural Kentucky residents and will be constructed in a way that administers impoverished areas with proper medical care. (2) The organization shall focus on providing proper medical educational aid to areas which do not have the facilities to do so. (3) Medical professionals with degrees in various forms shall be hired and paid to provide proper training at one of the facilities.

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

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KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill

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Referred to Committee: House | 2

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Sponsors: Meredith Rouse, Anderson Kim, Rowan Bailey, Phanisree Murty

School: Sayre School HS

Action on the Bill

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Senate

An Act Relating To Public Health and Safety Education for Assault Weapon Buyers

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

Section 1: SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 237 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) For the purposes of this act, an assault weapon is defined as a lethal firearm with semiautomatic or automatic capabilities and a detachable and exchangeable magazine. (2) A committee by the name of this bill shall be formed by the Kentucky National Guard to address the contents of this section when necessary. (3) The committee shall keep a private list of all buyers of assault weapons, for the sole use of selecting trainees for the program: (a) The committee shall produce an application downloadable to all smartphones that can reliably and securely image a face for the sole purpose of identification by the State of Kentucky, and develop an alternative device for that purpose if needed. (b) The application or imaging device shall be distributed freely by the committee to all sellers of firearms in the state. (c) All firearm merchants are required to submit to the committee the total number of assault weapons sold annually. (d) When a firearm is sold, an image of the buyer must be captured by the National Guard-issued application or imaging device and sent to the committee. Failure to comply with this regulation is punishable as a Class D felony. (e) The committee shall identify all buyers of assault weapons using the images provided and approved and reliable software. (4) Through lottery, nine hundred ninety-nine (999) people the age of 17 or over shall be selected at the beginning of each year from the list compiled by the committee to participate in an educational program run by the Kentucky National Guard: (a) There shall be one (1) two (2)-hour afternoon session on the first Friday of each month at appropriate public facilities in the cities of Paducah, Bowling Green, Lexington, Pikeville, and Louisville. (b) Four (4) sessions must be attended during the calendar year after selection. Each session missed is punishable as a class B misdemeanor. (c) A recompense of forty (40) dollars is payable to attendees at each of their four (4) sessions. (d) At the educational sessions, the following categories shall be taught: firearm safety, firearm storage, first aid, and mental health education. (e) Exceptions may be made for disability, capability to travel, and other factors that may render a person ineligible or on leave from the Kentucky National Guard. (f) Non-selected persons may participate in the training shall be charged a fee determined by the committee for the use of program funding, and shall not receive recompense for sessions attended. (5) Once a person has completed the program or is a trained Kentucky National Guardsman they shall be permanently removed from the list of assault weapon buyers. (6) At their will, a person who completes all training required by the program may enlist to provide natural disaster aid under the jurisdiction of the Kentucky National Guard.

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

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue BG13	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Referred to Sena	_
Sponsors: J.D. Berry, M	lakenzie Markley, Aiden Samudio	Action o	n the Bill
School: St. Patrick Scho	pol	House	Senate
		Desired	□ Passed
City: Maysville		Defeated	L Defeated

An Act Relating To the Preservation of Historic and Cultural Sites in Kentucky **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: The purpose of this Act is to designate federal and state funds in the form of scholarships available to applicants of state post–secondary education programs with a focus in historic preservation, with the intent to drive economic development in the state by training and retaining competent and motivated individuals capable of advocating for and actively engaging in the preservation of Kentucky historic and culturally significant sites.

Section 2: Scholarships designated by this bill will be awarded and monies administered by the Kentucky Heritage Council.

₽	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue BG14		
the	the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY		Referred to Committee: Senate 1	
Sponsors: Ksenia Mil	ler	Action c	n the Bill	
School: Villa Madonna	a Academy HS	House	Senate	
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City: Villa Hills		Defeated	Defeated	

An Act Relating To the Requirement of Tobacco Retail Licensing (TRL) in Kentucky **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) All retailers in Kentucky who currently sell tobacco products must apply for and receive a tobacco retail license in order to continue selling tobacco products. (2) If tobacco products are sold to those under the age of 21, the sale will result in a fine of \$500 for the first offense, \$1,000 for a second offense, and revocation of the retailer?s business license for more than three repeated offenses.

Section 2: The current minimum for age for purchasing tobacco products in Kentucky is 21. However, many retailers do not comply with this law which leads to the persistent use of tobacco products among Kentucky?s youth.

Section 3: Kentucky is currently one of 10 states in the United States that does not require retailers to obtain a tobacco retail license. Kentucky and other states who do not require TRL are also among the states with the highest smoking and vaping rates in the United States.

Section 4: The goal of tobacco retail licensing is to ensure that retailers do not sell tobacco products to underage buyers through regular compliance checks and monitoring, which currently does not happen in Kentucky.

Section 5: This bill will be funded by each individual retailer. This will not cost the state of Kentucky any money.

Section 6: This bill will go into effect on January 1st, 2024. Retailers will have two months to obtain a license after this bill is passed.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Bluegrass Bill	Blue BG15	
the		Referred to Sen a	Committee: te 3
Sponsors: Ellie Koloms,	Caroline Keith, Kate Tyler, Catherine Herzig	Action o	n the Bill
School: Walden School	HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	Passed Defeated

An Act Relating To Background Checks When Purchasing a Firearm. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

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) In order to purchase a firearm from a public vendor, a background check must be assessed to evaluate past criminal history.

Section 2: (2) Any individual who has been charged and convicted of a violent crime will not be permitted to

Section 2: (2) Any individual who has been charged and convicted of a violent crime will not be permitted to purchase a firearm.



COMMONWEALTH BILLS

KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY

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the		Referred to	
Sponsors: Lauren Kup	orion, Melania Douglass	Action o	n the Bill
School: Assumption F	IS	House	Senate
Citv: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed

An Act Relating To Mandatory Counseling in Public 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) Requiring all school counselors to have mandatory meetings with their students at least once a year. (2) Requiring all schools to provide two counselors per every 250 students, a change from one every 250 students per KRS Chapter KRS 158.4416(3)(a).

Section 2: Kentucky ranks 37th in child well-being due to many students struggling with mental health. Students are unable to get the quality education that is being provided due to struggles with disorders such as depression, anxiety and eating disorders. Enforcing the meetings with counselors and having more counselors present inside of the school building will allow for students to feel as though they are not just a number and help them to feel safe with someone to talk too.

Section 3: The enactment of putting these counselors inside of the school buildings and monitoring the mandated meetings will be overseen by the Kentucky School Board, they will be enforced by each counties Board of Education. The main goal of the mandatory counselors and meetings is to ensure that each student has an opportunity for a full evaluation each month to aid in removing the stigmas associated with mental health as well as to aid them in achieving the best education they possibly can.

Section 4: To ensure that these meetings are taking place, counselors will have a form that is filled out for each student to describe how the meetings went and if a further checkup should take place, these will then be sent to both the Kentucky School Board and the counties Board of Education. If these forms are not filled out for each child at the school by a counselor, the school will be fined \$200 and will be assessed by the Kentucky School Board to help decide how to fix the issue.

Section 5: The funding will be provided by the Kentucky Tax dollars, that fund the public education, raising the tax from 76 cents per 100 dollars, to 76.3 cents per 100 dollars is a slight increase to provide training as well as funding for the new counselor?s salary.

Section 6 This Act takes effect August 1, 2025.



•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue CW2	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Sena	Committee: te 4
Sponsors: Aden Edwar	ds, Becket Johnson, Joe Randolph, Parker Wright	Action o	n the Bill
School: DeSales HS		House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Natural Disaster Mitigation and Recovery Efforts

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

Section 1: Kentucky has been affected by increasingly damaging natural disasters. In 2022 alone, tornadoes, flash flooding, and mudslides have devastated our communities, and this trend is projected to worsen due to the effects of climate change. In towns, such as Mayfield, and in counties Pike, Floyd, and Perry, nearly one

Section 2: A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 147 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: Increased funding shall be directed towards green infrastructure projects within areas that are particularly susceptible to natural disasters. Such projects shall be funded through grants from the Clean–Water Act, FEMA, and the Team Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief Fund. Such projects shall be created in cooperation with local governments.

billion dollars in damages have been incurred and dozens of lives have been lost.

Section 3: Local and regional committees formed to create the above infrastructure may apply for funding as outlined by FEMA, the Clean–Water Act, or other such departments. All committees using state and/or federal funds for the above purposes must submit their proposals to the Governor?s Cabinet. The Kentucky Emergency Management division of the Kentucky Department of Military Affairs will be responsible for regulating this bill.

Section 4: This Act takes effect February 14, 2024.

•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW3	
the			Committee: se 3
Sponsors: Isabella Key	yzer, Julia Shoemaker, Maddie Schulte, sydney Carnes	Action o	n the Bill
School: Eastern HS		House	Senate
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City: Middletown		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To the increase compensation while serving on jury duty in the state of Kentucky

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

Section 1: Providing jurors an increased pay of \$30 (\$17.50 raise) a day whether the juror is selected for court or not. Being a juror is a civic duty which should be fair to all levels of citizens. The current compensation does not adequately reflect the time and effort required of the jurors. Taking into account the increased living cost, transportation expenses and financial burden which jury duty places on several citizens, it is detrimental to our society that the compensation for jury duty includes fair pay to all eligible citizens who can participate.

Section 2: The daily pay for jury service shall be updated to provide those with a payment of \$30 per day in place of the current \$12.50 pay in place. Compensation for jury duty shall be subject to annual adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) to take into account inflation and changes in the cost of living.

Section 3: Both the state's judiciary and Kentucky Department of Finance shall work in a joint effort to implement administrative procedures necessary along with budgetary adjustments to help ensure accurate revised compensation of jurors.

Section 4: Necessary funds to implement the increased compensation for jury service shall be allocated from the state budget, and any additional funding requirements shall be considered during the annual budgetary process.

	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue CW4	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to	Committee: se 1
Sponsors: Jack Scantla	nd, Mae Wilson, Jude Sleadd, Eliza Frazier	Action o	n the Bill
School: Francis Parker	HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating to the Establishment of an Extreme Risk Law Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Currently in Kentucky, there is no legislation pertaining to the seizure of firearms belonging to individuals identified as ?dangerous? by law enforcement or persons deemed credible. This act would allow for quick intervention when an individual is at serious risk of harming themselves or others with a firearm.

Section 2: For the purposes of this bill, an individual is "dangerous" if: (1) the individual presents an imminent risk of personal injury to themselves or to another individual; or (2) the individual may present a risk of personal injury to themselves or to another individual in the future and the individual: (A) has a mental illness (as defined in KRS Section 202A.011) that may be controlled by medication, but the individual has not demonstrated a pattern of voluntarily and consistently taking the individual's medication while not under supervision; or (B) is the subject of documented evidence that would give rise to a reasonable belief that the individual has a tendency for violent or emotionally unstable conduct. (3) for purposes of Section 2 of this bill, the fact that an individual has been released from a mental health facility or has a mental illness that is currently controlled by medication does not establish that the individual is dangerous for the purposes of this bill.

Section 3: A circuit court of competent jurisdiction may issue a warrant to search for and seize a firearm in the possession of an individual who is dangerous if: (1) a law enforcement officer provides the court a sworn affidavit that: (A) states why the law enforcement officer believes that the individual is dangerous and in possession of a firearm; and (B) describes the law enforcement officer's interactions and conversations with: (i) the individual who is alleged to be dangerous; or (ii) another individual, if the law enforcement officer believes that information obtained from this individual is credible and reliable, leading the law enforcement officer to believe that the individual is dangerous and in possession of a firearm; (2) the affidavit specifically describes the location of the firearm; and (3) the circuit court determines that probable cause exists to believe that the individual is: (A) ?dangerous?; and (B) is in possession or control of a firearm.

Section 4: If a court issued a warrant to seize a firearm under this bill, the law enforcement officer who served the warrant shall, no later than forty-eight (48) hours after the warrant was served, file a return with the court that: (1) states that the warrant was served; and (2) sets forth: (A) the time and date on which the warrant was served; (B) the name and address of the individual named in the warrant; and (C) the quantity and identity of any firearms seized by the law enforcement officer.

Section 5: Not later than fourteen (14) days after a return is filed under section 4 of this bill, the court shall conduct a hearing to determine whether the seized firearm should be: (1) returned to the individual from whom the firearm was seized; or (2) retained by the law enforcement agency having custody of the firearm.

- **Section 6:** The court shall set the hearing date as soon as possible after the return is filed under section 4 of this bill.

 The court shall inform: (1) the prosecuting attorney; and (2) the individual from whom the firearm was seized; of the
- 34 date, time, and location of the hearing.

	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue	CW5
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Cooper Kol	ehmainen, Kway Smith, Harvey Cahill	Action o	n the Bill
School: Louisville Colle	giate HS	House	Senate
		Passed	Passed
City: Louisville		Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To School Safety Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: KRS 158.4414 is amended as follows: In addition to school resource officers (SRO), eligible teachers and school personnel shall be permitted to be armed with a firearm, notwithstanding any provision of local board policy, local school council policy, or memorandum of agreement.

Section 2: A new section of KRS 158.4414 is created to read as follows: The teachers and other school personnel shall maintain one of the following levels of certification as outlined in subsection 6 of the above-mentioned act: School Resource Officer Training I (SRO I), School Resource Officer Training II (SRO II), and School Resource Officer Training III (SRO III). Each level shall consist of forty (40) hours of training, with SRO I to be completed within one (1) year of the date of the officer's employment and SRO II and SRO III within the subsequent two (2) years.

Section 3: A new section of KRS 158.4414 is created to read as follows: The personnel mentioned above shall have the authority to act alongside school resource officers on campus pursuant to KRS 158.473. Local boards of education shall adopt the policies and procedures that specifically state the purpose of the armed faculty and staff as defined in Section 1 of this act. These employees shall have no authority to act as peace officers outside of the property of their school of employment. Local boards of education shall be required to issue appropriate identification for armed faculty and staff, which must be carried with the individual at all times while on the campus of which they have jurisdiction. Failure to carry appropriate identification will result in loss of certification. Local and state boards of education may call accreditation into question should policies fail to be properly written or enforced. School boards are not required to issue weapons. Each individual teacher is permitted to bring their own firearm as long as it meets the proper requirements of peace officer weaponry protocol. The staff members may only wield a firearm if the School Resource Officer approves of its model and caliber.

Section 4: A new section of KRS 158.4414 is created to read as follows: All firearms shall remain concealed on the person of the authorized faculty at all times on campus during school hours.



•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW6	
the		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Isabella Field	ls, Bailey Breitrick	Action o	n the Bill
School: Lyon Co. HS		House	Senate
City: Eddyville		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Using KEES Money While In High School Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: This bill will allow students in grades 11 and 12 to use their Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES) money to pay for higher education expenses.

Section 2: Currently, the KEES program provides scholarships to students who earn at least a 2.5 GPA each year of attendance at a certified Kentucky high school. The better you do in high school, the more you earn toward college. You may also earn awards for ACT/SAT scores and Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Cambridge Advanced International (CAI) test scores. Home school and GED graduates may earn awards based on their ACT scores. After high school graduation, students may use their KEES money on in-state tuition only. KEES money can not be used on tuition for out-of-state colleges or universities. A student has 5 years of eligibility to use KEES money after high school graduation, and it can only be applied for 4 years (8 semesters).

Section 3: This bill proposes that Kentucky high school students in grades 11 and 12 should be able to use their KEES money on higher education costs while still in high school. Higher education costs consist of any class or program offered through a college/university that would get a student college credit. When a student enrolls in a college program or class while in 11th or 12th grade, the college/university will notify the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA) that a student wishes to begin their 5 year eligibility window. The KHEAA will then send payment directly to the institution. Once the 5 year eligibility window begins, it can not be paused.

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

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the			Committee: se 3
Sponsors: Charley Tho	omas, Macy Kate Whaley, Aubrey Daniels	Action o	n the Bill
School: Montgomery (Co. HS	House	Senate
City: Mt. Sterling		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the education of high school students on workers rights, safety, and unionization

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) Programs to teach students in secondary education about child labor laws, the rights of workers, workplace safety and responsibilities, rights against discrimination, and rights to unionize. (2) The Purpose of this Bill is to help reduce the number of violations of child labor laws, the exploitation of child workers in the workplace, and help prepare students for there entrance into the workforce. (3) The content of this program shall be determined by the Department of Education and the cabinet of Labor in collaboration. (4) This program shall be given to students in every school district once a school year, within the first week of September as to coincide with Labor day.

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

Section 3: This Act takes effect May 31, 2024 as to coincide with the ending of the 2023–2024 Academic year.



•	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue CW8	
the	KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill		Committee:
Sponsors: Andrew Ph	am	Action o	n the Bill
School: North Laurel H	I S	House	Senate
City: London		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Allowing Educators Rights to Strike and or Otherwise Peacefully Assemble

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

Section 1: Section 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 336.010 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (3) "Public Educator" means any ?Teacher? as defined in KRS 157.320 (13) Teacher, professor, lecturer or personnel highered for the purpose of aiding in the instruction of students while working in the ?postsecondary education system? as defined in KRS 164.001 (17)

Section 2: Section 2. Amend KRS 336.130 section 1 to read as follows Employees may, free from restraint or coercion by the employers or their agents, associate collectively for self-organization and designate collectively representatives of their own choosing to negotiate the terms and conditions of their employment to effectively promote their own rights and general welfare. Employees, collectively and individually, may strike, engage in peaceful picketing, and assemble collectively for peaceful purposes, except that no public employee, collectively or individually besides public educators, collectively, may engage in a strike or a work stoppage. Nothing in this statute and KRS 65.015, 67A.6904, 67C.406, 70.262, 78.470, 78.480, 336.132, 336.134, 336.180, 336.990, and 345.050 shall be construed as altering, amending, granting, or removing the rights of public employees to associate collectively for self-organization and designate collectively representatives of their own choosing to negotiate the terms and conditions of their employment to effectively promote their own rights and general welfare.

Section 3: Section 3: This statute requires no appropriations.

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



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW9	
			Committee:
Sponsors: Kaelyn Har	vey	Action on the Bill	
School: North Laurel H	I S	House	Senate
City: London		— □ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To the Expansion of Absentee Voting Windows Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

 Section 1: Section 1: Amend KRS 117.076 section 1 to read as follows: Any voter who is qualified to vote on election day in the county of his or her residence may choose to cast a no-excuse in-person absentee ballot on the six (6) days immediately preceding the day of an election. The available hours from which a voter may cast his or her vote during these three (3) days shall be no less than eight (8) hours between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. prevailing time, as determined by the county board of elections of each county.

Section 2: Section 2 Amend KRS 117.076 section 2 to read as follows: Any voter who is qualified to vote on election day in the county of his or her residence may make application to cast an excused in-person absentee ballot during normal business hours during the seven (7) days immediately preceding the seven (7) days of no-excuse in-person absentee voting under subsection (1) of this section. The voter who makes an application under this subsection shall meet one (1) of the following requirements in order to cast his or her excused in-person absentee ballot.



KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue CW10	
the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY	eferred to Committee: Senate 3	
Sponsors: Kathryn Sturgeon, Gracie Underwood, Mary Steiner, Briley Cline	Action on the Bill	
SCHOOL: Paris no	louse Senate	
	Passed \(\square\) Passed \(\square\) Defeated \(\square\) Defeated	

An Act Relating To Create Voting Positions for Student Board Members in all Public Schools

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

Section 1: Each public school board in Kentucky will be required to add at least 1 seat which shall be filled or reserved for a current 9th–12th grade student enrolled within the district. This student board member shall enjoy voting privileges in any and all voting matters. To qualify for the position prospective students; must be a 9th–12th grader who has been actively enrolled in the district for 2 consecutive years. In the case that no student elects to hold the position the district must reserve the seat until a willing candidate petitions the school board for the position. Student school board members must be elected by the student population. Elections shall be headed by the school?s guidance counselor. Free and open elections shall be held every November with one-year-long terms to begin on January 1st of the following year. The term of any one student school board member shall not exceed 2 years or 2 terms.

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

Section 3: This bill shall go into effect by May 1st, 2024, to coincide with the 2024-2025 school year

the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW11	
		Referred to Hous	Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Jenny Hu, Vi	ctoria Le	Action on the Bill	
School: Pikeville HS		House	Senate
City: Pikeville		Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Child Beauty Pageants Be It Enacted By The Youth Assembly Of Kentucky 1 2 Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky 3 4 Section 1: Currently pageants are open to minors. Without proper regulation, these pageants put children 5 into dangerous and inappropriate situations. 6 7 Section 2: No pageants shall be held under Kentucky state law that judges contestants under the age of 13. No contestants under the age of 18 shall be allowed to participate if they have had elective surgeries. 8 9 Pageants for the contestants under the age of 18 shall be ?Natural Pageants". A committee will determine specific regulations and compliance. 10 11 12 Section 3: A beauty pageant regulation committee shall be appointed by relevant government offices. This legislative committee to determine compliance with wording or clarify wording of this bill. All pageants with 13 contestants under the age of 18 must have a license administered by this committee. 14 15 16 Section 4: Any pageant not found in adherence with this bill will be shut down, have their licenses suspended, 17 and be placed under review. Pageant networks will be forced to reimburse the participants. 18 19 Section 5: Any statute contrary to this Act shall be amended or repealed. 20

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

* KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION	Blue CW12	
the KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Referred to Sen a	Committee: te 4
Sponsors: Mindy Kien, alexis knockwafel, Alyssa Deitchman	Action on the Bill	
School: Presentation Academy HS	House	Senate
City: Louisville	□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Gender Identity in Schools Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: KRS 158.191 is amended to read as follows: (5)(b). ?The Kentucky Board of Education or the Kentucky Department of Education shall require procedures to solicit the preferred pronoun of the registering student during yearly registration. If the use of pronouns does not conform to a student's biological sex as indicated on the student's original, unedited birth certificate issued at the time of birth pursuant to KRS 156.070(2)(g)2, it must be documented in school records.?

Section 2: KRS 158.191 is amended to read as follows: (5)(c). ?A local school district shall not require school personnel or students to use pronouns for students that do not conform to the current documentation for a student?s pronouns on record.?

Section 3: KRS 158.1415 is amended to read as follows: (1)(d)2: ?Children in grade five (5) and below do not receive any instruction or presentation that has a goal or purpose of students studying or exploring gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation; and?

Section 4: No additional funding will be required.

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

22 Section 6 This bill will go into effect July 1, 2024.



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the			Committee:
Sponsors: Danni Yang, Preston Trout, Harper Monohan, Cynclair Dicken		Action on the Bill	
School: Sayre School	HS	House	Senate
City: Lexinaton		□ Passed □ Defeated	Defeated

An Act Relating To The Protection of First Amendment Rights of Student Journalists **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) For the purposes of this act, a student journalist is defined as an individual who compiles, reports, writes, edits, or otherwise publishes information under the sponsorship of a public or private academic institution. (2) Student journalists shall be able to exercise their First Amendment rights: (a) Retaining the freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of expression as written in the United States Constitution within school-sponsored press and media. (b) Advisors shall be present only to provide guidance and educational support for the student journalists. (c) Students shall face no torment or disciplinary action based solely on the content published in the school?s media. (3) Students wishing to pursue this participation in the school?s publications and other media sources will be trained on ethical approaches to publishing and journalistic integrity to ensure students treat all participants with the utmost respect. Students who do not abide by these guidelines concerning their publications will be subject to reprimand and possible removal from the student publication for some time or indefinitely.

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



TO °	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW14	
the		Referred to	Committee: se 2
Sponsors: Haley Walds	ors: Haley Waldschmidt, Madelyn Steinberg, Gray Swan, Dan Calzini Action on the		n the Bill
Scriooi: Sayre Scriooi IIS		Senate	
City: Lexington		Defeated	Defeated
City: Lexington			

An Act Relating To The Restriction of Generative Al in Schools **Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky**

Section 1: SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 158 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS: (1) Kentucky public schools shall ban access to generative AI websites on school servers. (2) This bill shall apply solely to generative AI functions, defined as deep-learning models that can generate high-quality text, images, and other content based on the data they were trained on. (3) All Kentucky public schools shall incorporate website-blocking software in their systems to prevent generative AI websites from being accessed on campus. (4) All Kentucky public schools shall implement AI detection software in order to scan for AI usage in student work. (5) All teachers shall undergo training through the school?s chosen software during at least one professional development day.

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



the	KENTUCKY YMCA YOUTH ASSOCIATION KENTUCKY YOUTH ASSEMBLY Commonwealth Bill	Blue CW15	
		Referred to Sena	Committee: te 1
Sponsors: Gia Colvin, J	lack Beck	Action on the Bill	
School: Villa Madonna Academy HS		House	Senate
City: Villa Hills		□ Passed □ Defeated	□ Passed □ Defeated

An Act Relating To Banning Conversion Therapy in Kentucky. Be it enacted by the Youth Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Section 1: Section 1: For all those age 18 and under in Kentucky, this bill will prohibit the use of sexual orientation, gender identity change efforts, or ?conversion therapy? by healthcare providers. For purposes of this bill: ?Conversion Therapy? is defined as any counseling, practice, or treatment that seeks to change a person?s sexual orientation or gender expression, or reduce or eliminate sexual or romantic attraction or feelings toward a person of the same gender; Conversion Therapy may be synonymous with other terms currently used such as ?reparative therapy?, ?aversion therapy?, and ?reorientation therapy?; and ?Healthcare Provider? is defined as a person licensed, certified, or registered to provide professional counseling by any state or federal licensing agency or professional association.

Section 2: Section 2: This makes it unlawful for any Healthcare Provider to use Conversion Therapy to a person under 18 through a provider's professional conduct. A. If a Healthcare Provider engages in Conversion Therapy with any person under age 18, the Healthcare Provider will face disciplinary actions resulting in the loss or suspension of their medical license.

Section 3: Section 3: Public funds shall not be directed or indirectly used, granted, paid or distributed to any entirety, organization or individual that provides Conversion Therapy to any person under 18.

Section 4: Section 4: This bill will go into effect upon passing.